



*Training and empowering Christian dental professionals to create sustainability through gospel impact and excellent care.*



**2023 Impact So Far!**

**Approximately 1900** Clinic Patients Served

**1** Educational Conference

**9** Community Outreaches

**2** Staff Retreats

## A Message From Dr. Tom & Lita

Dear Friends,

Muraho from Rwanda! We pray you are well and thank you for your continued support of us and our team. Our hearts are so full as we report what the Lord is doing here in Rwanda, and we hope you too are encouraged as you continue to read about the happenings with HHOA.

Many details are still to be decided, but we have signed an agreement to purchase a building for the future home of the Hope Dental Center! For those of you who have been with us since the beginning, you know how long we have waited for the Lord's timing. Please stay tuned for more information to come. Also, some of you may know, during our trip back from the United States to Rwanda we carried unusual luggage – four corneas! You can read more about that adventure below. As we end our Kairos Discipleship Training, we are reminded how plentiful the harvest is which burdens our hearts and fuels our mission. Thank you for your prayers as we pursue some upcoming opportunities. Please pray for Dr. Roger Joe and Keith Gosselin who will be managing the HHOA booth at the Christian Medical & Dental Association (CMDA) National Convention. Continue to pray for the Lord's wisdom and protection, and please share with us how our [Prayer Team](#) can pray for you.



**We are conducting another Run for the 1 event in Kigali, Rwanda on May 21st! Click [here](#) to see how you can support us!**

And we thank you! Your faithful support means everything to us. You remain in our hearts and

prayers always.

In Christ,  
Thomas and Lita Lee



## Mission Work and Outreach!



### Kairos Discipleship Training

Thomas, Lita and the entire team recently completed their Kairos Discipleship training to be better equipped in sharing God's love to the people of Rwanda and beyond. Some of the topics focused on in the curriculum were global missions and reaching the unreached people of the world. They are prayerfully planning and preparing to take the team on a short term dental mission to an unreached people group to share dental care and the love of Jesus.

### Team HHOA Outreach

On March 16-19, Thomas, Lita and our Rwandan team had their first HHOA only outreach! While HHOA is so honored to be a part of other outreach opportunities, to do a completely independent outreach with the entire HHOA staff, some of whom have never done an outreach before, was an amazing experience!

In two days, our team treated over 200 people, shared almost 100 Bibles and 32 people received Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Please see our [post](#) on Facebook to read Lita's account of a little girl receiving her first Bible and how impactful the outreach was!



## Homefront Operations and Updates!

### Fishing for Missionaries at the CMDA Conference

Our Executive Director, Keith, will be attending the 2023 Christian Medical & Dental Association



(CMDA) National Convention in Kentucky along with our board member, Dr. Roger Joe. At the [CMDA](#) National Convention, Keith & Roger will be meeting with Christian dental professionals, spreading the word about His Hands On Africa, recruiting dental missionaries and attracting future donors. Please be in prayer for their travel to and from home and for the event to be a success. As HHOA expands, we hope for this to be the first of many conference opportunities. If you are a dental professional, make sure to visit our new [Dental](#) webpage or if you know of any dental professional events that you would like to share, please email us at [info@hishandsonafrica.org](mailto:info@hishandsonafrica.org).



## Pastoral Direction for the Board

We are thrilled to welcome our newest HHOA Board Member, Clayton Coates! Currently, Clayton serves as the Chief Ministry Officer for the Rescue Mission Alliance in Ventura, CA and is a graduate of Midwestern State University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (MDiv). He and his wife Allison have been married for 22 years. Together, they have 6 children and strive to raise them in the Hope of the Lord. [Read more](#)

Like Clayton's [Post](#) on our Instagram!

## Introducing our Newest Disciple: Becca Larson

A graduate of The Master's University in Valencia, Becca has now joined HHOA as our new Marketing Assistant and will be responsible for development of our new donor stewardship program, as well as acting as the main point of contact for donors. After earning her degree in Communications, Becca has worked in the film industry and in office administration. Please [email](#) Becca regarding the methods of communication that work best for you.

## Live & In-Person: HHOA Gala 2023

Save the date for November 11th! His Hands On Africa's 2023 Gala will be IN-PERSON! Click [here](#) more details!

## Partnerships & Research!

### Dr. Lee brings sight to Rwanda

On Dr. Thomas and Lita Lee's return to Rwanda in January, one specific piece of luggage had some unusual cargo--four corneas! These were to be used for surgery to restore the eyesight of one of the organization's dental interns working in Rwanda. Packed on ice in one of Dr. Lee's bags, the hope was that the corneas would survive the trip back to Rwanda from Los Angeles.

Read the rest of the story on our [website](#).

### Henry Schein Awards HHOA 2023 Grant

Mr. Dan Florczykowski is one of the top sales people of Henry Schein, one of the largest dental supply companies in the world. After serving together with HHOA in a dental outreach last year, he was moved and was compelled to action. He personally helped facilitate HHOA's awarding of the 2023 Henry Schein Grant Award. HHOA will receive approximately \$4,000 worth of dental supplies. Join us in celebrating and praising our Lord for His continued grace and provision for our mission to serve the people of Rwanda. For more information about Henry Schein, click [here](#).

Heard of a grant HHOA would be perfect for? Please email us at [info@hishandsonafrica.org](mailto:info@hishandsonafrica.org) to let us know!

## Partnership Leads to Further Research

Recently, the Ministry of Health declared oral healthcare as one of the “highest priorities” for Rwanda. While we at HHOA are already aware of this truth, Dr. Lee and our Rwandan team's hearts were burdened to enlarge our impact. Thomas and Blaise, Country Director of HHOA Rwanda, will be doing a nationwide data collection, assessment, and site visit of all the dental clinics in the district hospitals. The research will give HHOA accurate and up-to-date information on each clinic's equipment, available dental materials, and offered treatments to better formulate a strategic plan to upgrade the dental delivery system for the entire country.

During our time in Rwanda, Dr. Thomas and the team has established a close relationship with a dental supply company in Rwanda that is doing similar research regarding dental equipment utilization. This dental supply company has received a grant from The Bill Gates Foundation to fund this research and has partnered with HHOA. By doubling our efforts in collaboration with this dental supply company, our goals are to present our joint research to the Ministry of Health to aid with policy making regarding dental care in Rwanda and to earn future grants to upgrade surrounding clinics. The results of our research will detail the kind of dental equipment and infrastructure needed to upgrade all over the thirty dental clinics in the public hospital network and the budget needed to complete the upgrade project.

If you would like to receive updates regarding the development of this report, please email us at [info@hishandsonafrica.org](mailto:info@hishandsonafrica.org).

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