

Four Corneas, a Dentist and Lost Luggage...

His Hands on Africa Founder Delivers Sight

Chatsworth, CA — January 31, 2023 — In early January, Dr. Thomas Lee, founder of His Hands on Africa (HHOA), secured a donation from a medical facility located in the state of Washington for 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. “To say that I was nervous checking-in such an important package, is an under-statement,” declared Dr. Lee, “so, imagine my dismay when the luggage was lost in transit!”.

With time running out quickly, and fear that the ice would not be able to sustain any of the corneas in the luggage, the bag was eventually located; not only that, but all four corneas ended up being usable. As a result, three additional people were able to have the same surgery to restore their eyesight. Typically, people in Rwanda would have to wait 10-15 years for this kind of surgery. “I met one of the other patients who was from the Congo. He was very grateful for all the people who did so much to help someone they have never met.”, expressed Dr. Lee.

His Hands on Africa (HHOA) is a 501c3 non-profit with U.S. headquarters located in Chatsworth and with operations in Rwanda. The organization’s mission is train and empower Christian dental professionals to create sustainability through gospel impact and excellent care. HHOA takes a holistic approach to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ by providing oral healthcare to Rwandans who would not otherwise have access to dental services, building dental clinics, arranging U.S. dental mission trips to Rwanda, training Rwandan dentists and building water wells to provide clean water. For more information about HHOA, please visit www.hishandsonafrica.org.

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Image attached:

Dr. Thomas Lee with two of the cornea recipients