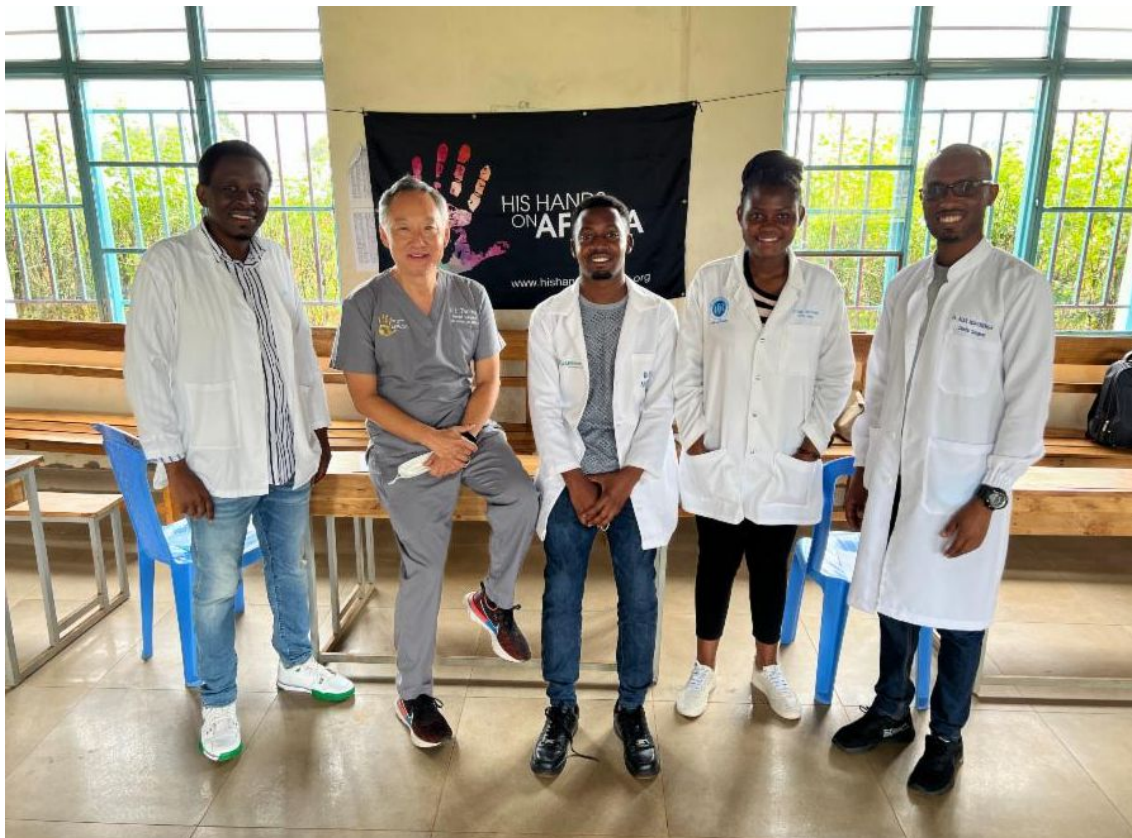


MURAHO MUSINGS

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Dear Friends,

We have much to report! Having spent the end of 2021 with family and HHOA supporters and volunteers, Tom and Lita are back in Rwanda. As usual, they hit the ground running only to stop for a brief surprise birthday celebration for Tom, and then on they went to fulfill the mission of HHOA. Let's get started!

HHOA Clinic named a teaching clinic by the Ministry of Health

Just before the Lees left for the USA, the Ministry of Health (MOH) assigned two full-time dental surgeons to HHOA. One of them is Dr. Alex, a dental

surgeon at HHOA Rwanda. Then, at the Lee's return to Rwanda, the Nyamata clinic was named as a teaching clinic by the MOH! Three interns (who graduated from school and are fulfilling a one-year internship for licensure) will be with us through September 2022.



Tom has been working closely with Dr. Alex since his return to Rwanda! Dr. Alex and Tom's relationship is beneficial to both, as is evident in this photo!



DR. TOM'S CORNER

Daily Staff Devotions

Proposed by Dr. Alex, we began morning staff devotions which include scripture reading, sharing, and prayer as we start our workday. I've wanted to do this for a long time, but I refrained and waited patiently for this to happen organically. All praise to God for this! I believe many amazing things will flow out of hearing God's word and praying together as a team.



World Oral Health Day Outreach

To commemorate World Oral Health Day (March 20), we went on our first outreach since pre-COVID. We visited the Vineyard Christian School, which was established by one of our friends. It felt wonderful to be out in the community sharing God's abundant love.



The entire team was blessed by this activity. We screened about 550 children. The ones needing urgent treatment came to our clinic on Saturday the 19th. The treatment was free, and our entire team was present to care for the needs of these children. We'll share more details in our next newsletter.

Growing HHOA Team

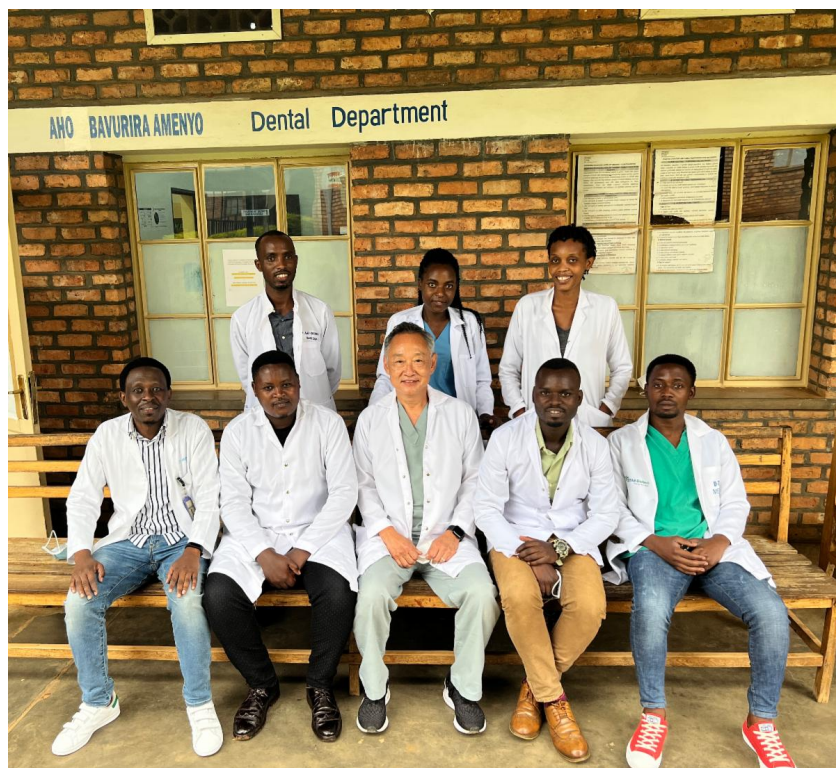
It's exciting to witness HHOA's mission making an immediate impact— training and empowering dental professionals and creating sustainable transformation through loving dental care and the powerful gospel of Jesus!



*Rwandan dental surgeon (Alex) teaching a Rwandan intern, assisted by a Rwandan dental student, and treating a Rwandan patient. **NOTE: I am not in this picture!***

This is our goal and our future. Exciting things are developing at HHOA.

We are overjoyed at what the Lord has been doing for the people of Rwanda through HHOA. Having the two dental surgeons aboard has allowed me to teach, mentor, and disciple them, which is a huge blessing to me.



*From the Left
Front: Jonathan, Jean Marie, Thomas, Fabrice, Jean Marie
Back: Alex, Grace, Pauline*

Two weeks ago, the dental school sent two fourth-year students to do rotations at our clinic. So in total, we have three dental surgeons, three dental interns, two dental students, two dental therapists, two receptionists, and one assistant—a "baker's dozen" (13) people who now work at the clinic.

Before HHOA came on board, the clinic was staffed by three dental therapists who mainly did extractions. The people are being served for dental problems that weren't viable to treat until HHOA opened.

These days, I spend time at the clinic treating patients, teaching, and sharing my experience and faith with our staff. Growing as disciples of Jesus, Lita and I provide love and care to the Rwandan people through dentistry and sharing of the Word. We believe that God will continue to show His abundant grace in this so-needed work.

As you support this effort, please continue to pray for the Lord to provide the hearts, provision, and path for HHOA's work this year. Your prayers are critical for our success, and we thank you for them. To learn more about the HHOA mission, visit www.hishandsonafrica.org.

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed." - Proverbs 16:3

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" - Matthew 6:33



MAMA LITA'S CORNER

International Women's Day is celebrated throughout the world, and one of the events that took place at our new church - New Life Bible Church - was Renew Women's Conference. I worshipped with hundreds of ladies crying out with hunger for God to renew their hearts and spirits. I fully believe that God will use these faithful women to rebuild this beautiful country.

As HHOA carries out different projects, we believe that our most important project is to build relationships in which we can share God's love and hope in a tangible way. This is intentional and prayerful; sometimes, it's simply giving a ride to a staff member on a rainy day. At other times, it's listening to a crying man whose wife left him and their children, taking everything while he was at work—praying with him and offering support and help where possible. Often, it's encouraging and helping other missionaries carry out the calling in their lives.

In so many ways, God reminds us that He loves and cares for people all around the world. He calls us to be His hands and feet to bring His pure goodness to them. What brings me the most joy is when God surprisingly opens an opportunity to share how to be intimate with Jesus and to grow in a relationship with Him, just like He did in our recent outreach to Vineyard Christian School.

As God continues to open opportunities to mentor and disciple women and become more involved in healing ministry, I pray to remain close to Jesus, sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit, and obedient to what God calls me to be.



A Day of Fun

Tom and Lita had a play day with their sponsored children – they are growing up so quickly. They spent the day together with love and laughter abounding! What a blessing to see them healthy and happy and thriving under God's blessings!



1000 Hills Circle

Become one of the 1,000!

Rwanda is known as "*the land of a thousand hills*" because of its rolling hills and majestic landscape. Since the 1994 Rwandan genocide, in which almost one million people were murdered in 100 days, Rwanda has recovered to become one of the fastest growing economies in the world.

If you can support our work here in Rwanda, please consider joining the 1,000 Hills membership. 1,000 Hills Circle Members make a monthly donation, which makes it possible for us to plan HHOA's growth and assures us of making those plans a reality.

[Become a Member Today!](#)

SPECIAL DAYS IN RWANDA

NATIONAL HEROES DAY

As we become more involved with the people of Rwanda, we are seeing a great country become stronger and more vital.



The theme for this year's National Heroes Day was "Our Heroism, Our Dignity" to pay tribute to people who have sacrificed for their country and its citizens in different ways.

As a part of this celebration, leaders like President Kagame will lay wreaths at the National Heroes' Mausoleum in honor of national heroes.

"Heroism is achieved through different ways including the demonstration of patriotism, defending and protecting the country, economic development, welfare and good relations, good leadership, science and technology, security and peace among others."



Michel Nkurunziza, "Rwanda: Heroes Day,"
<https://allafrica.com/stories/202202010076.html>

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

"The International Women's Day is an occasion to reflect and celebrate great achievements accomplished by Rwandan women." Rwanda's First Lady, Mrs. Jeannette Kagame made this statement at the National Women's Day celebrations in Shyira Sector in Nyabihu District. The First Lady reiterated the value of women in the Rwandan culture, and how they lost it to the point of being denied most of their rights including education and economic growth. She also stressed the role of women in rebuilding the country devastated by the genocide, when women suddenly found themselves widows and heads of families.



