

We are heading back to Tenwek Hospital this month. Despite many obstacles, including a surge of COVID in the region, the door remains open to serve the Kipsigis and Maasai people. We are hearing that the western part of the country is seeing high rates of COVID. Specifically, Bomet County where Tenwek Hospital is located has restricted movement in and out as well as curfews in place. Vaccination rates in Kenya remain <1%. We will be moving back in time as we travel to serve. It feels like there will be many barriers preventing patients from getting care. We have been praying that like Jericho the Lord will tear down the walls.

*When the trumpets sounded, the people shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so every man charged straight in. Joshua 6: 20*

Jimmy, Isaiah and I will be traveling together. Our plan is for Isaiah and I to work in the hospital together. I will be working with a general surgery resident as usual and operating 3 days and clinic 2 days a week. Isaiah will be performing audiograms and helping dispense hearing aids. Jimmy may be restricted from traveling in the regions around Tenwek so he is hoping to rent a Duka in town to dispense water filters.

*In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps. Proverbs 16:9*

Kitoben Children's Home will be a frequent weekend visit. The plague has driven up the cost of food and they struggle monthly to feed the children. We are receiving frequent pleas for assistance. School is in session and teachers need to be paid and fed. We look forward to seeing them and assessing the situation. We are praying for a multiplication!

*He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number who ate was four thousand, besides women and children. Matthew 15:35-38*

As often happens before we leave, I am overwhelmed by my insufficiencies. I feel I am empty handed and do not have what the people need. Their sickness is advanced and their poverty is great.

*His grace is sufficient for His power is made perfect in weakness. 2 Corinthians 12:9. Lord manifest your power!*

*I lift up my eyes to you, to you whose throne is in heaven. As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid look to the hand of her mistress, our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he shows us his mercy. Psalm 123 Lord have mercy on your people!*

Thank you for your support and prayers. You stand beside us and lift my arms in the battle as Aaron and Hur did for Moses.

*Chase, Jimmy and Isaiah*