

The Millers In KENYA 2021

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TENWEK HOSPITAL

In July 2021 I went with my husband and son to Tenwek Hospital. With each trip I bring necessary equipment to build up the clinic and OR supplies. This year I brought an office microscope so that I could perform small office procedures like ear tubes, removal of wax without having to go to the operating suite. We now have all we need to begin otologic surgeries at Tenwek. And as God so often does when I bring equipment he brings the patients.



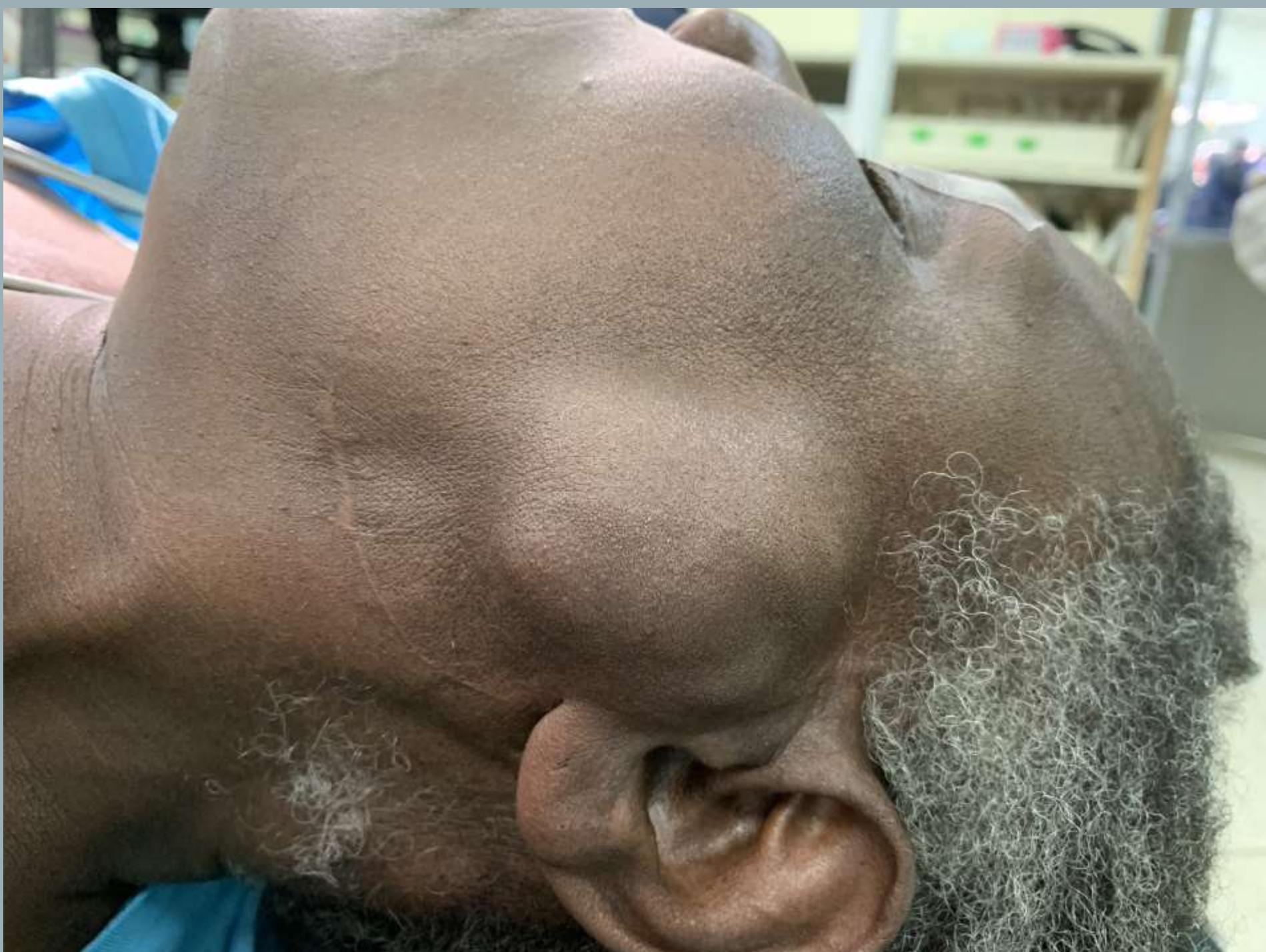
1.5 year old boy with acute mastoiditis. Sick for 3 weeks. Family had been traveling from hospital to hospital looking for a surgeon to take this on.



The Lord has also been growing the hearing aid business. I have been using donated used hearing aids and purchasing some aids for moderate to severe loss. My son was a huge help. He took audiograms, made ear molds and helped fit 30 patients with significant hearing loss. We supply them with the aids, and a year of batteries. Many patients need extensive counseling on how to use and take care of the aids. This is very time consuming and Isaiah was a huge help.



As usual I saw a number of large tumors. This woman had a parotidectomy at an outlying hospital and had return of the mass within 1 month. She had a low grade malignant tumor of the parotid gland.





Large ameloblastoma of the mandible. Typical soap bubble appearance on Panorex film. This is a locally aggressive tumor that rarely metastasizes.



I am always amazed at how God uses every encounter. I have made a resolution to talk about Christ and pray with every patient that is open to this. It is easy to turn to prayer when the patients have life threatening diseases but what about when they come in with hoarseness or allergies.

These patients presented my first clinic day in July with mild complaints. On the left had allergy symptoms. At the end of the encounter he admitted that he did not know God. But by the time he left he had committed his life to Christ.

The chaplains at Tenwek are great. They will present patients that have given their lives to Christ with a Bible in their native tribal language and will follow up with them to connect them with a church. I had another family that same day where the teenage daughter was having issues with her voice. The father did not know the Lord but also gave his life to Christ that day.

Lack of care for simple issues can be life threatening. This 1 year old child had a large ranula in the floor of the mouth. This most commonly arises from the sublingual gland and in the states is picked up early when it is small. This child had airway obstruction from a large ranula in the floor of the mouth.



An apparent suicide attempt with a blunt poker. Patient was found beside the road and brought in.

His trachea was penetrated but was able to be repaired surgically and patient survived. He was very grateful to have his life given back to him again!



KIJABE

Kijabe hospital- kijabe Kenya. Means wind. Large referral hospital. Many of the patients come from Nairobi as it is located 45-60 mins outside of Nairobi. The majority of the patients speak English so communication is easier. This hospital is larger and has a stronger infrastructure than Tenwek. The hospitals have stark differences.





COLIN MAKINI DAVIS

FEB. 10-FEB. 13 2006

NAKED I CAME FROM MY MOTHER'S WOMB

AND NAKED I WILL DEPART

THE LORD GAVE

AND THE LORD HAS TAKEN AWAY

MAY THE NAME OF THE LORD

BE PRAISED. JOB 1:21

IN 3 DAYS HE CHANGED THE WORLD

In October I went to Kijabe Hospital for 2 weeks. I was helping a mission doc with some relief. His waiting list for surgeries had peaked at 180 patients. Kijabe hospital – *kijabe* means wind. The local tribe is the Kikoru tribe but the hospital receives referrals from many areas in Kenya. It is larger and has a better infrastructure than Tenwek.

There is a cemetery just outside the hospital. Rumor has it that when the first missionaries arrived at Kijabe were preparing to leave the States they did 2 things: bring a casket with them and have all their teeth extracted (for fear of dental infection). This tombstone stands in the center of the cemetery. Notice the date of birth and life.

A wonderful team
to work with!



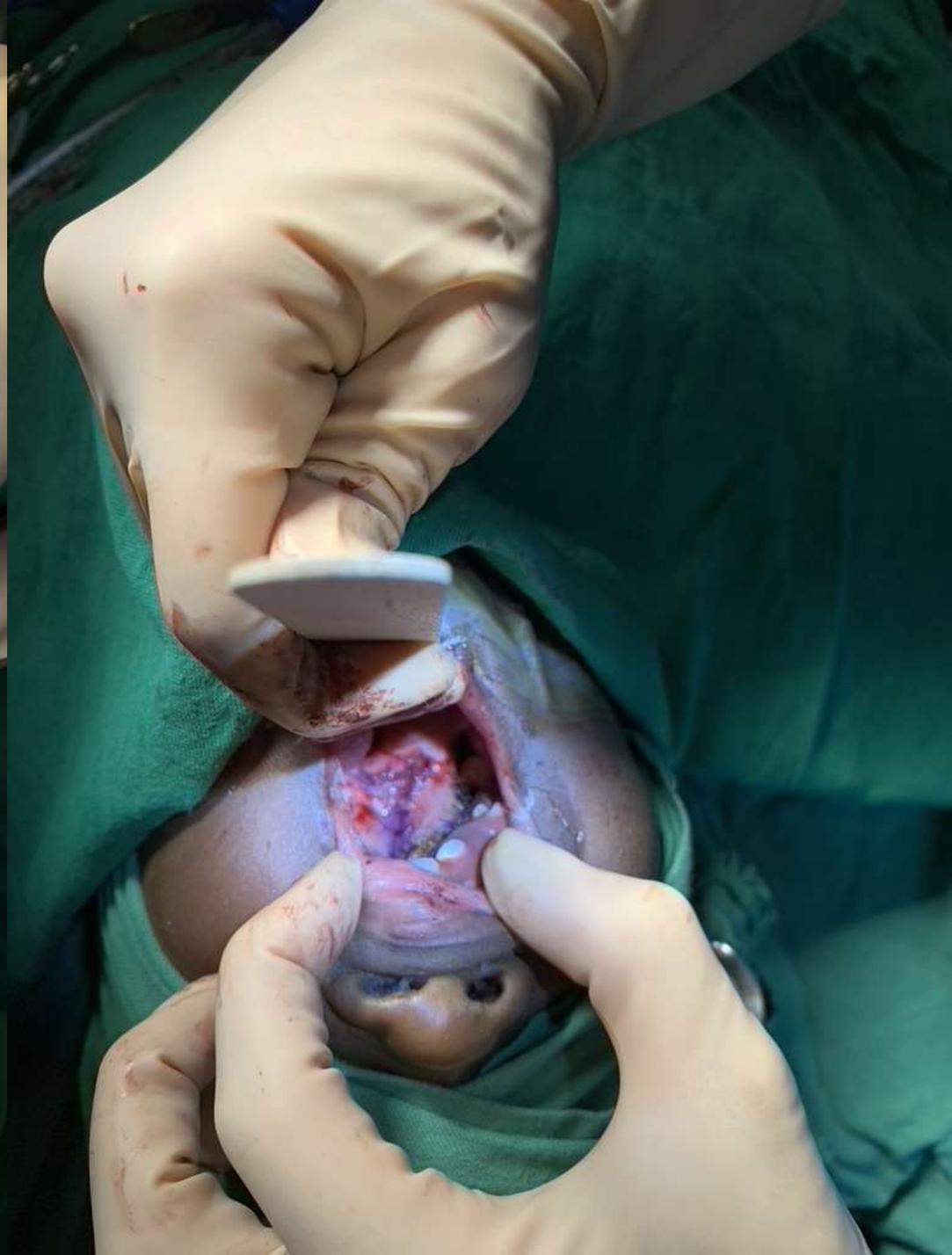
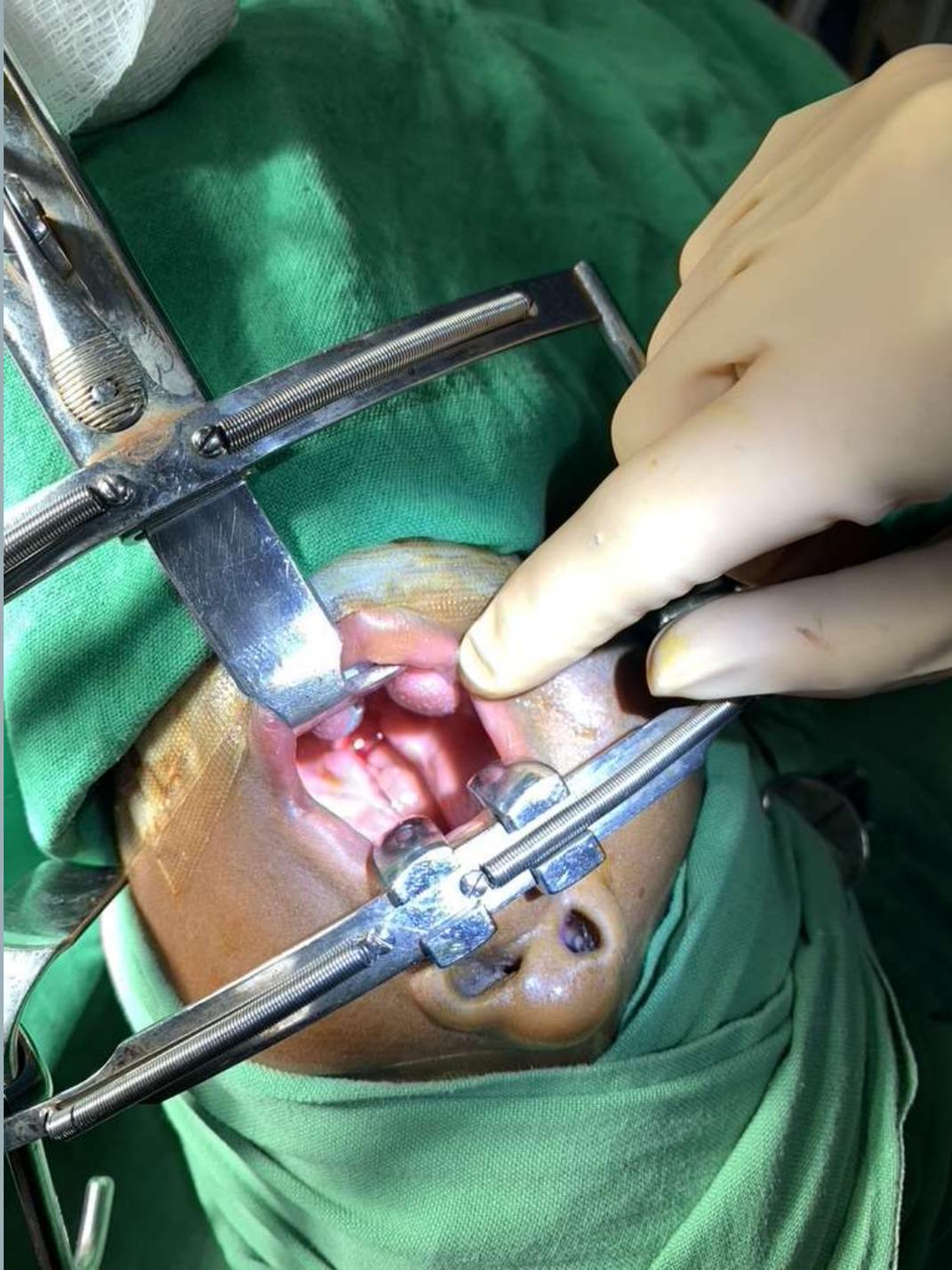
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Modern equipment



A delightfully
wide-eyed
patient!



*My grace is sufficient for my power is
made perfect in your weakness.*

2 Corinthian's 12:9

I learned a lot on this trip. I went to help unload David Nolan's surgery schedule but I probably learned more than I relieved his schedule. It was refreshing to rub up next to another ENT who has learned how to care for ENT problems in this kind of setting.

I took home with me skills that I will use elsewhere. But even more than that I learned that I am who God created me to be. I don't have to be perfect. He is calling for obedience - to go and do what He puts before me. That it is OK to not know everything and to even stumble.

We don't reflect His power when we do it all in our own strength with our natural abilities. We reflect his goodness and power when we walk in His Grace and allow Him to do the work and bring us all the help we need.