



The Master Plan and the Master's Plan

On June 20th three engineers from Engineers for Ministry Intl. (EMI) came to Tenwek to survey our power, water, and sewage facilities in order to help us with a **Master Plan** for Tenwek's utilities needs in the next decade of ministry at Tenwek Hospital. The steady growth of the hospital and the housing on the station have pushed our hydroelectric generator and our water treatment capabilities close to the max. While we are currently in no crisis for electricity, it is only a matter of time with two more large building projects planned in the next four years (an Eye/Dental Center and a large main hospital expansion). The CT scanner is soon to come on line



and we are told it is a major consumer of electricity during scanning; thus, the need to plan for increasing our capacity for providing utilities for the Tenwek campus.

As I (Mike) prepared for this intensive utilities survey with our maintenance staff, I also began thinking about the **Master's Plan** for Ten-

wek and for our family in Kenya. The Lord's words in Jeremiah have been on my heart ***"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*** (Jer. 29:11) The Lord stated that His plan

would take place after 70 years of ground work for the captives in Babylon. Tenwek is now nearly 75 years old as the first nurse began treating patients on this hillside in January 1937. What plans does our Lord have for Tenwek Hospital in the next 5, 10, 20 years? As Kenyans continue to seek help and healing at Tenwek in ever increasing numbers, our Tenwek leadership team believes that God isn't finished with us yet! Exciting changes are afoot in relationships with Christian organizations and institutions both inside and outside Kenya to help us expand our training and treatment capabilities. For the Chronicles of Narnia fans, I think we can honestly say "Aslan is on the move!" Our Lord has a wonderful plan for Tenwek Hospital and its staff as well as for the Chupp family. Our duty is to have open hearts and eyes and ears to discover that plan and wait for Him to reveal it to us in His time.

CT scan commissioning: Sept 6th and 7th

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Though there have been some small setbacks, progress continues for the installation and use of our donated Toshiba 4-slice CT scanner. Professional installers from South Africa have already visited the site and are ready to return and install the scanner and train our radiology staff in its operation. We have made a heavy investment in providing electrical equipment that

will protect the scanner when the power surges or drops too low.

In faith we have set the dates for officially commissioning the CT scanner above and have invited the donors and many stakeholders for the celebration. We continue to raise funds for the project. An anonymous foundation has pledged and allocated up to \$350,000 in matching funds so that we can reach our target.

To date we lack approximately \$200,000 to reach the \$700,000 target for the project which includes major facility and infrastructure changes in our xray dept to accommodate the new scanner. You can help us with a gift that will be matched dollar for dollar by the anonymous foundation by sending your check to the WGM address to the left and designate the gift for "Tenwek CT scanner project". Thank you!



Above: Drs Green and Mesko with surgical techs Vicki and Meshack: the joint team

Below: Damar, on far left, in colorful African dress after knee replacement and her daughter, Millicent, one of our nursing school tudors, and her granddaughter.



Mike with CEO, Geoffrey Langat (back row with tie) together with a group of former staff who came and volunteered during our recent joint camp.

Joint camp 2011

For about the fourth time in five years, Dr. Wes Mesko from Lansing, MI came to Tenwek and worked non-stop for four days with a chief orthopedic resident, Dr. Charlie Green, and his scrub tech, Vicky. They were assisted by veteran Kenyan OR nurse, Meshack Meliley, of Tenwek in doing 15 total knees and hips during those four days. Patients were so surprised by how quickly they were walking after surgery and big smiles on faces were common in the majority of pa-

tients. The surgeries were offered to patients at a fraction of the usual cost in Nairobi, the capital city.

Many of the patients and their families have written heartfelt letters of thanks and praise to God for the blessing they have received in the form of expertly done joint replacement surgery. There has not been a single incident of infection or serious complication in all 15 of these patients, glory to God!

We are eagerly awaiting the return of Dr. Dan Galat and

his wife Heather and four children as Missionary Disciples with WGM. They are scheduled to return to Tenwek in mid August to join Mike and the orthopedic team. Dan trained at Mayo Clinic in orthopedics and came to Tenwek within months of completing his training in 2008. What a long journey we have walked with our patients over the last 14+ years as God has so faithfully provided, both staff and resources, to meet the needs of orthopedic patients at Tenwek Hospital. Please pray for the Galats as they transition to life and ministry in Kenya again in August.

Friends of Tenwek-Kenya branch

Once in a while a special week comes along and you know you will be remembering that week for a long, long time. In early June over 15 former national staff from Tenwek returned to "home base" and served as volunteers to assist us in making our joint camp a huge success. Providing services like anesthesia, recovery room nursing, extra lab support, and operating room nursing, these staff made the week go better for patients and our current staff alike. These volunteers came back

to help us and referred to themselves as "friends of Tenwek". Many had worked for years at Tenwek before leaving to work elsewhere in Kenya within their professions. One by one they made contact with one another and asked each other: "Wouldn't it be great to go back and work at Tenwek like missionaries and volunteer our services? Tenwek gave us so much and helped us to be the kind of patient care givers we are today." For this missionary surgeon and medical director, I was touched, encouraged, exhilarated, and challenged

by our former staff. They want to do it again later in 2011 when Tenwek offers open heart surgery for two weeks. One of the volunteers, Philip Langat, former anesthesia provider for about 7 years at Tenwek said, "Dr. Chupp, there are many more staff out there just like us who want to show Tenwek how grateful they are for making us the people and professionals we are today." Philip told Mike not to be surprised if the "friends of Tenwek" get very involved in the future and make these contributions on a regular basis. PTL!

An unexpected gift: promoting evangelism

In June we learned that a donor in the US had passed away and had left \$45,000 for Tenwek, Kenya Highlands Evangelical University, and the Africa Gospel Church to be used to promote evangelism and the advancement of the gospel. You might imagine that it has been very exciting to sit down with our

hospital chaplains and administration to come up with a plan to optimally use these funds to advance the gospel and win souls for Christ. **Would you pray that this gift and our plans to use these funds would be used by God to**

win the hearts of hundreds, if not thousands, more Kenyans to Christ and that revival would mark the ministry of our chaplains and staff in the coming months? Your prayers are vital to the Tenwek ministry and to the Chupp family!

For Chupp family news see our blog: kenyachupps.blogspot.com. Steven and Melody are now home for year-end break from Rift Valley Academy. Stay tuned for news from them after their first year at boarding school in Kenya.