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A Story from 2022 PTC Tanzania - Dr. Grace Bai



Dr. Grace Bai (center) with fellow doctors and trainees

Dr. Bai's Testimony

This past May, the VISION CARE team made its first mission trip since the shutdown by the Covid -19 Pandemic in March 2020. The team was headed by surgeon and founder of VISION CARE and joined by nursing and the administrative crew from Korea and two US surgeons- one from Portland, OR and myself from Chicago, IL. We traveled to Tanzania to complete the Phase 4 Phacoemulsification Training Course (PTC-4) in person. Since the shutdown, we have been training the local surgeons via ZOOM prior to the trip.

During the training, we utilized two operating tables --one for each surgeon-- and trained the four local surgeons while performing surgeries on 10-15 patients each day. The founding surgeon offered assistance as was needed. At the same time, the nursing staff too were training the local nurses as part of the Surgical Ophthalmic Nurse Training Course (SONTC) while assisting our surgeries. Initially, we tried to have the local surgeons start each case from the beginning but we soon learned that they still needed more practice and guidance. So we refocused our approach with more

direction and demonstration. By the end of the training, local surgeons became more skilled and confident and most were able to successfully complete varying steps of the procedure.



This was my second trip to Tanzania and it was particularly special for me as I was able to continue working with some of the familiar surgeons and nurses with whom I had met back in 2019. There was something comforting about visiting the second time. The frantic morning setups, the unexpected breakdown of the microscope, sudden loss of power, and having to find ways to adjust the seat to the unadjustable table were all chaos that was familiar. And like the first time, God was present everywhere. He was present during our morning QT (quiet time). He was present during our prayers over each patient before starting the case. He was present throughout every procedure– from routine to most challenging. He was present during our conversations with local surgeons, nurses, patients, and among our team members. I am truly thankful to have been a part of this training team. I made wonderful friendships not only from Tanzania but also from Korea and Portland.

Before VISION CARE, I searched for an organization with the mission to serve with the sole purpose of serving. I wanted to be a part of an organization that served selflessly with our hands and our feet as Jesus did during his life on earth. And now I have found that organization. I look forward to continuing to serve for many years to come.

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” –Eph 2:10

Thank you Dr. Bai for thoughtfully sharing your experience with Vision Care!

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