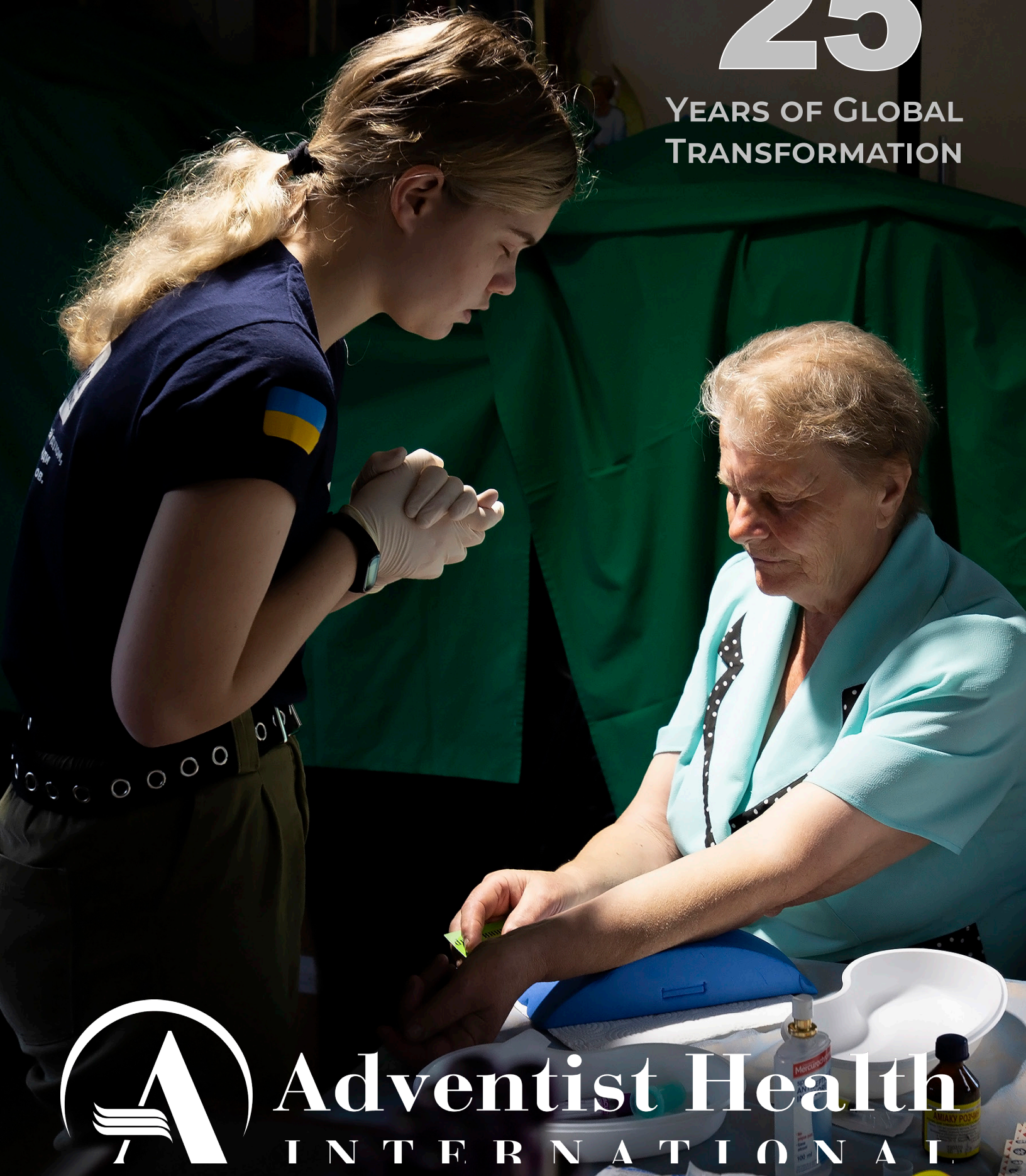


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A WORKER PRAYS WITH A PATIENT AT ANGELIA ADVENTIST MEDICAL CENTER IN UKRAINE.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT **25** YEARS OF AHI

**2022** marks the 25th anniversary of Adventist Health International. The past 25 years have seen many changes throughout the world. It has experienced national earthquakes, regional epidemics, and a global pandemic. The difference that AHI made in each of these crucial situations was immense, largely because we were already present in the affected countries! Hopital Adventiste d'Haiti served its earthquake victims; first in 2010 and again in 2021. Cooper SDA Hospital in Liberia stepped up when the Ebola crisis came in 2013. And our network of hospitals around the world saved many lives during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

But AHI is doing more than simply responding to emergencies. Our commitment is to develop a solid infrastructure in each institution, from clinical laboratories to pharmacies, imaging to accounting, and certainly in both governance and management. This past year we have invested in training, continuing our Biomed strengthening throughout Africa, starting our Diploma in Healthcare Administration, and providing consulting expertise around the world.

With the success of Malamulo Adventist Hospital in Malawi as a Global Campus of Loma Linda University Health (LLUH), we are now working on establishing three more LLUH global campus institutions – Bere Adventist Hospital in West Africa, Hopital Adventiste d'Haiti in the Americas, and Scheer Memorial Adventist Hospital in Asia.

AHI is now involved with 45 hospitals and over 100 clinics in 30 countries. And they keep coming. We have recently added Uganda and Zambia (again) and are in discussions with several other countries.

We are not primarily a donor organization, but rather focus on reorganizing and strengthening board governance, developing quality management with established goals, and working on various infrastructure needs determined after a careful analysis.

AHI remains almost entirely a volunteer team, largely based at Loma Linda. I am deeply grateful for the growing number of committed young professionals who are willing to sacrifice personal time, travel to remote locations, and engage with tricky political situations around the world.

Our growing list of donors are the final critical part of the AHI team. Donating well over \$3 million in each of the last three years, you have given us the tools to bring about major change. From the organizations supporting AHI to the individual person giving their biblical mite, we are applying each dollar for maximum impact.

Thank you for believing in this organization and giving it the means to literally bring healing to thousands. You indeed make a huge difference in the lives of mothers, fathers, and children that our institutions care for each day.

Cordially,

Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH  
President  
ADVENTIST HEALTH INTERNATIONAL



# What is AHI?

by Dustin Jones, MA

What had once begun as a dream 25 years ago — an idea of a few volunteers who wanted to try a different approach in managing international hospitals — is now operating in 30 countries throughout the world and partnering with 45 hospitals and over 100 clinics. Adventist Health International (AHI) continues to exceed expectations and reinvigorate the health, wellness, and wholeness in the communities it serves.

“Adventist Health International fills a huge need in the Adventist Church’s worldwide healthcare ministry,” says Lowell Cooper, retired general vice

president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Cooper served as AHI board chair for 15 years, overseeing a period of tremendous growth and success for the organization.

“AHI marks its 25th anniversary with a record of outstanding accomplishments and a continuing agenda to advance governance practices and service excellence as distinguishing marks of Seventh-day Adventist healthcare worldwide.”

It all started with one request — from Ethiopia.



After breaking ground for the new Gimbie Adventist Hospital (GAH) in 1998, construction was completed in 2003.

The facility featured two operating theatres, male and female wards, and a 20-bed private wing.

“Everywhere Steen turned he saw opportunities, both for growth of the hospital, and also for spiritual growth among the villagers.”

When Claude Steen Jr. arrived in western Ethiopia, he was exhausted. After three months of travel and 80 miles in a U.S. Army Studebaker truck he had finally arrived at the clinic. The year was 1947 and, as it turned out, the clinic was located in an old cow barn.

By 1948, Steen had established Gimbie Adventist Hospital (GAH) and began seeing patients. Everywhere Steen turned he saw opportunities, both for growth of the hospital, and also for spiritual growth among the villagers.

The needs were great. The hospital grew significantly, both in services and in patients served. When the Steens left twelve years later, Gimbie was established

as a solid health care community with an active Adventist church.

However, in the 1990s, the hospital began to deteriorate rapidly. It was not surprising when, in 1997, the local government gave the Adventist Church in Ethiopia 12 months to upgrade GAH or the hospital would be shut down.

A request soon came to Loma Linda University (LLU) from both the national and international Seventh-day Adventist Church. As the flagship healthcare system and medical school in the Adventist Church, it wasn't surprising that the request came to LLU.



A small group of volunteers started to meet regularly in the LLU School of Public Health to strategize and explore what could be done in response to this request from Gimbie and the many other requests that were coming in from hospitals around the world. The group felt that LLU could serve as a solid foundation from which to help these hospitals.

Exactly what would it take to save these hospitals? What kind of financial resources would be needed? Could LLU provide medical personnel? The logistics were overwhelming. It wasn't just a lack of financial support or even lack of doctors and nurses, the real issues were developing leaders, solid accounting practices, and a steady stream of volunteers.

"None of us really knew in the beginning where this idea would end up," says Richard Hart, MD, DrPH, then serving as dean of the LLU School of Public Health. "We just felt that we could no longer stand by while some of our most storied mission hospitals began to fade from existence."

In 1997, Adventist Health International began operations in Loma Linda with Hart as its first president. The organization began with two hospitals — Gimbie Adventist Hospital in Ethiopia and Davis Memorial Hospital in Guyana.

Ethiopia, however, was a pressing need. If AHI didn't respond quickly, the Ethiopian government would take control of the hospital. After a preliminary visit, AHI agreed to take on the challenge of building a new hospital facility at Gimbie. A team of volunteers from Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Netherlands

began construction of the new hospital in March of 1998, supplemented by a group of students and faculty from Loma Linda University.

The new hospital at Gimbie was completed in 2003. However, work didn't stop there. The construction team now set their sights on repairing and upgrading the rural health centers throughout Ethiopia. This upgrade to the hospital and surrounding clinics satisfied the requirements of the Ethiopian government and patients were moved into the new facility.

"Building the new hospital became a symbol of AHI's commitment and belief that donors and volunteers could be found who were willing to move beyond the status quo and work for something better," says Hart. "But perhaps an even more difficult task was revitalizing the staff and morale at Gimbie and the outlying clinics in Ethiopia."

Local staff were gradually assembled, and relationships with patients and the government were healed. Gimbie was now on the long road back to respect and service.



A lab technician at Davis Memorial Hospital

"The initial premise of AHI was that good governance and management could make a mission hospital both financially stable and able to provide Christian service in its community once again," says Hart. Both Gimbie and Davis Memorial were able to pay off all of their old debts and began operating with a small profit.

It became clear to the small group of volunteers at AHI that even in the poorest countries, good management can make a hospital self-sufficient for operating expenses. Solid governing boards and strong

management can lead these hospitals to operational solvency and the ability to control their own destiny.

"From its inception, AHI sought to leverage the expertise of healthcare professionals and administrators in a manner that could benefit healthcare institutions, particularly those located in economically challenged environments," says Cooper. "Services and skills provided largely by volunteers, along with resources from private and institutional donors, have been game changers for many healthcare facilities." What started with two hospitals,

Gimbie in Ethiopia and David Memorial in Guyana, soon expanded across Africa and into the Americas. Requests began pouring in from all across the globe. AHI continued to grow, both in countries and hospitals served, but also in its donor base and skills available.

The story of AHI is an amazing one that captures the heart of international mission work. From the small band of Loma Linda University employees who volunteered their time to get it started to the rough and tumble Australian, Kelvin Sawyer, who drove hundreds of thousands of miles back and forth across Africa breathing life into old equipment.



Physicians with a patient at Davis Memorial Hospital in Guyana



There are also people like Ben Siapco, a retired microbiologist from Loma Linda University, who travels to various locations setting up and upgrading medical labs. Or Ken Breyer, retired assistant vice president for construction at Loma Linda University, who provides facility inspections and helps review plans for new hospital constructions.

The volunteers that have worked tirelessly for 25 years on behalf of hospitals and communities halfway around the world are too many to list. Their dedication, however, is legendary.

“From our board members to the individual staff and volunteers who make it possible, God has woven a tapestry of love for serving others,” says Hart, who also serves as president of Loma Linda University Health. “I want to personally thank the Board of Trustees of Loma Linda University Health, and later the AHI board, for their willingness to support a new idea and approach.”

Developing a steady stream of financial support proved to be a critical piece in assisting these hospitals with their turn-around plans. In its first year of operations, AHI brought in just over \$7,000. The next year, 1998, AHI brought in more than \$230,000. In 2022, AHI raised more than \$3.6 million.

“AHI donors hold up the organization’s work; it could not do what it does in 45 hospitals and more than 100 clinics around world without this support,” says Albin Grohar, PhD. Grohar has been part of AHI since its inception and previously led the office of philanthropy at Loma Linda University. “Their philanthropic dollars support building and renovating hospitals’ infrastructure, meeting emergency needs such as the cholera outbreak in Malawi, renovating operating rooms and water supply systems, strengthening accounting

systems and relevant financial training of accounting staff, and strengthening governance systems that prompt integrated healthcare operations.”

As the footprint of AHI continued to grow, so did the involvement of other Adventist health care systems in North America. From providing leadership on governing boards and committees to providing financial resources and consultation, Adventist hospitals from across America have stepped up to ensure AHI’s success.

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Another area that AHI has impacted is the expansion of the Deferred Mission Appointee (DMA) program at Loma Linda University. The DMA program is a partnership program with LLU and the Adventist Church that provides a pipeline of medical professionals with a desire for mission service to mission hospitals. Students throughout Loma Linda became passionate about international mission service again.

“One of the most gratifying impacts of AHI has been its impact here at Loma Linda University,” says Hart. “Young professionals hear about what is happening and want to be involved. This may include short-term mission trips, raising money for projects, finding equipment, and planning for long-term service. There is nothing like infectious enthusiasm for doing good.”

As with all other healthcare systems in the world, AHI has faced challenges in recent years working through COVID-19, global recessions, inflation, and even natural disasters.

The 7.0 earthquake in 2010 brought tremendous destruction and pain to the Adventist hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti but it also brought tremendous opportunity for healthcare development in the country. Today, Hopital Adventiste d’Haiti is has one of the top facilities in the nation, with an advanced orthopedic and orthotic team.

Also in 2010, Hurricane Tomas hit Antillean Adventist Hospital in Curaçao, in the south Caribbean Sea. An earthen dam broke near the hospital and suddenly flooded the entire facility with three to four feet of water. Both patients and staff were evacuated safely, but the electrical equipment, which is so critical in a modern hospital, was essentially all destroyed. AHI raised more than \$1 million to replace what had been lost.

Whether it is helping set up medical labs, nursing schools, upgrading electronic health records, or providing support during a global pandemic, Adventist Health International continues to answer the call from Adventist mission hospitals worldwide.

Many of these hospitals that were once facing very threatening circumstances have now been placed on a sustainable footing. Some of these hospitals have reached financial sustainability and now make their way on their own.


Loma Linda University Health is now focusing on developing global campuses in strategic locations throughout the world. The first campus was developed at Malamulo Hospital in Malawi, an AHI institution and one of the oldest Adventist mission hospitals. New global campuses are being developed at Béré Adventist Hospital in the country of Tchad to serve French-speaking African countries; Hopital Adventist d’Haiti as a teaching hospital serving



**Dr. Scott Nelson with patients after the Haiti Earthquake in 2010.**



the Americas; and Scheer Memorial Adventist Hospital in Nepal to serve Asia.

These campuses will serve as training sites for both locals and international students. It is the hope that these campuses will develop into major teaching hospitals, providing a variety of academic programs, research options, and modeling of improved clinical practices. God has truly blessed the work that Adventist Health International has started throughout the world and continued on for the past 25 years. What began as a single request from a struggling hospital in a far-off land is now truly changing communities across the globe. 





# The Value of Nursing Leadership

by Qualyn Robinson

**N**urses are the backbone of our 45 AHI hospitals around the globe. As the profession that spends the most time in direct patient care, patients are influenced by each nursing professional's compassion, skill, and dedication. As hospitals and clinics have joined Adventist Health International (AHI) through the years, the need for unwavering nursing leadership has grown significantly. Over the years, volunteers, professionals, and nurses have risen to the occasion in providing nursing leadership and assistance to hospitals in need.

In 2005, the Loma Linda University School of Nursing began offering an off-campus master's degree program in nursing education. The program focused on the critical international need for Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) nursing educators to obtain an advanced degree.

Many global SDA nurses struggled with the requirement to attend classes and complete exams on Saturdays at their national universities, along with a general lack of access to higher education. The off-campus master's degree program provided an opportunity for a learning environment that cultivated our global SDA nurses' organizational, clinical, and spiritual growth.

The School of Nursing launched its fifth cohort in 2020, with 46 nurses accepted into the program – the largest cohort yet. Jan M. Nick, PhD, RN, Director, along with Anne Berit Peterson, PhD, RN and Dolores Wright, PhD, RN are the current leaders of the program. Starting during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the program was largely online and certainly not free of challenges.

“Many institutions struggled with stable internet,” says Nick. “We had three students in Cameroon without internet on campus for three days, making online classes very difficult. We also tried electronic books, but that option did not result in a successful outcome either.”

Teachers had to adjust to overcome a lack of resources and the difficulty of teaching international classes through Zoom, including offering extra sessions, staying up late or waking up early to accommodate students in different time zones, and sending adequate computers to institutions with the help of committed donors that have been of great support since the off-campus program was established.

When we start class, we open with worship and prayer. Not only does this bond us as a group, but it also strengthens their faith, strengthening the institution. I can only imagine a higher glory to God when these institutions provide excellent healthcare to their community.”

The off-campus master's degree program is not the only initiative for building global nursing leadership. A collaboration between Adventist Health International and Kendu Adventist Hospital (KAH) began in 2021 after the nursing staff at KAH identified nursing inadequacies that limited the quality of healthcare that they could provide.



Dr. Anne Berit Peterson with nurses at Blantyre Adventist Hospital

However, the efforts and adjustments of these teachers did not go unnoticed.

“It has just been so amazing to see how appreciative the students are and how much effort they put into the program,” says Nick. “Their efforts strengthen the Adventist church as much as it strengthens our hospitals or clinics.

A team of KAH, Loma Linda University School of Nursing representatives, and AHI personnel worked together to develop quality continuing education for the KAH nursing community. This initiative will be an online network for nurse educators and leaders among the diaspora to contribute videos and training to a broader community of global SDA nurses.



The program continues today with many other Adventist institutions looking to enrich their international partnerships and share their unique resources. For example, Blantyre Adventist Hospital (BAH) in Malawi lacked an oxygen plant until January 2023. Beforehand, nurses had to transport very heavy oxygen cylinders to their designated patients across the hospital despite the cylinders being dangerous to handle.


After a recent visit to BAH, Anne Berit Peterson, director of global nursing at LLUSN, described

the joy amongst the nurses after the hospital invested and installed an oxygen plant. “They were dying to show me the plant and were just thrilled about how these investments will likely decrease any accidents and make a difference in the care of their patients. It’s tangential, but it’s an example of how nursing in our global institutions is impacted by the investments of AHI in infrastructure, supplies, equipment and more,” says Peterson.

Now, BAH has the ability to ship cylinders to sister institutions like Malamulo Adventist Hospital, allowing them to have a better oxygen supply than previously.

Through networking and initiatives, such as these, there is a newfound opportunity for our global clinics and hospitals to begin empower and support each other.

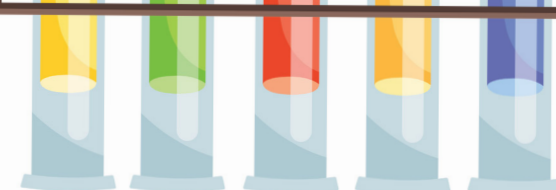
“We are creating and linking institutions with one another,” says Peterson. “My goal is to link nurses within the same regions together. Each region has its own standards that they must follow. The needs of an institution should be contextualized. They have needs that are similar and relevant to one another, and they understand and use each other as a sounding board to achieve their goals.”

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), 59% of healthcare is provided by nurses. “It is the nurses who are the ones in those small community clinics that are picking up where there’s a hole in the health-care system,” says Nick. “So, nurses must be leaders, if they’re going to impact their community, institution, and church, and they need those advanced skills. They need knowledge of clinical content, but also knowledge of research and questioning, and then knowing where to go to find the answers in this new healthcare system. That is why nursing leadership is truly critical.” 



Dr. Anne Berit Peterson with nurses and administrators at Blantyre Adventist Hospital





# The Global Clinical Lab Consultant

by Qualyn Robinson

Throughout the years, one of the most critical needs of any of our hospitals or clinics is having fully functioning laboratories. With the help and leadership of one man, AHI continues to improve clinical laboratories around the globe.

After retiring in 2012 as a microbiologist from Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC), Ben Siapco, MS, still had a mission in his heart to be engaged in developing successful hospital laboratories. When Siapco was approached with the opportunity to oversee AHI's laboratories in 2013, it was an opportunity he was eager to engage with. With many years of experience at LLUMC, Siapco was prepared for this upcoming endeavor, with his only complaint being that he wished he had started sooner.

"My retirement felt like a short vacation really," says Siapco. "But that did not bother me because I knew I was retiring into something big and I only wish I had started working on AHI clinical laboratory projects when I was younger because there is so much work that can be done."

One of Siapco's first projects was at Hopital Adventiste d'Haiti. "I still remember very clearly my mandate by the local administrator was to fire all nine clinical lab technicians and start over," Siapco says. "But I couldn't do it. Instead, I showed them a labor of love by being patient and thoughtful when training them, and I knew that if they could pass my exam by the end, I'd keep them in the lab. I saw each lab technician work their hardest during training and thankfully, they all passed the tests."

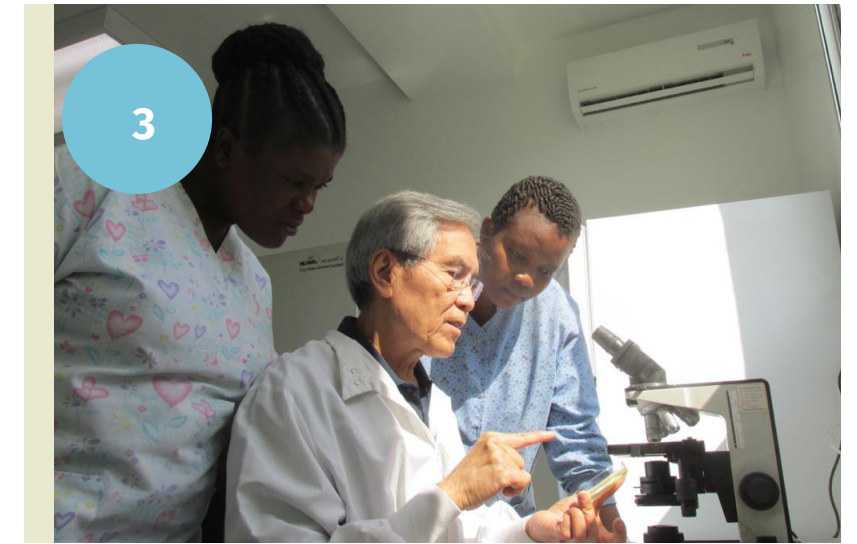
Since then, Siapco has traveled to Belize, Ghana, Guyana, Honduras, Malawi, Nigeria, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Zambia and more. Once he arrives, Siapco works to restore equipment, train technicians, maintain the quality of tests and bring labs to their fullest potential, but the process is not always easy.

"My most recent trip in Nigeria was one of the hardest," says Siapco. I was severely dehydrated and felt like my body was giving up. It felt like my organs were rebelling against me. Fortunately for me, this body continues by the Lord's grace."




Ben Siapco works with clinical lab technicians at Hopital Adventiste d'Haiti





Despite being 80 years old, COVID-19 outbreaks, travel restrictions, and the impact continual international travel has on his body, Siapco was still able to travel to eight different countries in 2022. His endeavors were diverse and unique at every hospital and clinic he visited — from repairing and calibrating a hematology analyzer at Bongo Hospital in Angola to conducting a two-day workshop on laboratory test utilization and interpretation at Namasalima Clinic in Malawi. Siapco could not be more appreciative of the work he can still achieve.

“I once bargained with God when I was a full-time working student in the Philippines,” says Siapco. “I said, Lord, if you show me the light at the end of the tunnel, I will serve you, until the very end. And so, I’m caught by that promise and now I am never discouraged from going out and continuing healthcare work worldwide.” 

1. Ben Siapco teaches chemistry at Hopital Adventiste d’Haiti in 2017

3. Ben Siapco conducts microbiology training

5. Ben Siapco provides education training courses

2. Frederico Aldovino and Ben Siapco repair a Mindray BS-120 in 2022

4. Ben Siapco visits Ishaka Adventist Hospital for a laboratory assessment

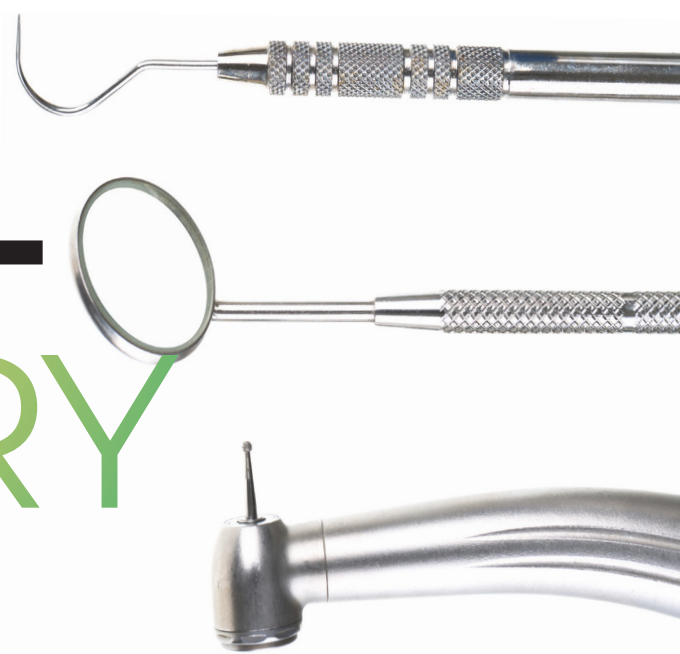
6. Ben Siapco and lab technicians assess an automated mindray chemistry analyzer



# DENTAL MINISTRY

## THE ESSENCE OF WHAT WE DO

by Doyle Nick, DDS



Years ago, a knock on my office door revealed a mature gentleman with a confident air. He had driven past the Loma Linda sign many times in his life and always intended to stop by. And on that day, he did.

He told this story: "I was born and raised on the island of Trinidad. When I was about 12 years old, I was a patient in the dental clinic at Community Hospital (the Adventist Hospital in Trinidad). As an adult, I moved to the United States and made a career in the military. I am now retired, but my experience at the Community Hospital in Trinidad is among the top five experiences of my life. Can you lead me to the dentists who worked in Trinidad then so I can write and thank them?" I was then able to find and pass on the name of the only living dentist who had practiced in Trinidad.

Meeting this gentleman enlightened me on the potential impact of the personal, compassionate, and skillful care that we in the medical field provide to patients. At Loma Linda University Health, Dentistry is incredibly impactful because of the close personal, ongoing, and trustworthy relationships that evolve from how we practice the profession.

Often, we talk about numbers, statistics, growth, and progress but the essence of what we do consists of outstanding care, treatment, and encouragement that results in the healing and wholeness of our patients. Through our collaborative efforts, Adventist Health International (AHI) is integrally involved with the Adventist dental ministry and its teachings of healing and wholeness. Of the 125 Adventist dental clinics worldwide, more than 60 are in areas that collaborate with AHI. If the right mix of local enthusiasm and commitment is paired with the resources and expertise that AHI provides, there is incredible potential for dental clinics that are self-sustaining and effective for God's work.

The dental clinic in Blantyre, Malawi is a notable example. The hospital administration had the vision to rebuild the clinic, which had fallen into disrepair. The Hospital purchased a nearby building and AHI collaborated to recruit a dentist/builder who oversaw the remodel. The resulting clinic was modern, functional, attractive, highly effective, productive, and ready for service with three skillful and dedicated dentists.

Waterloo Hospital, a small mission institute on the outskirts of Freetown, Sierra Leone, had the vision to establish a dental clinic in the city that could be productive and profitable for the hospital, and eventually, expand to become a polyclinic.

A building was located, and the rent was paid to a landlord. The same skilled and resourceful dentist-builder traveled to Freetown to help oversee the remodeling project and install systems that were needed to produce a quality dental office and an attendant dentist's family's apartment.

Although numerous challenges were encountered, including the COVID-19 pandemic, the clinic was completed, equipped, and ready to provide service in 1 ½ years. An expatriate dentist and family were in residence and began to see patients. Indeed, the dental clinic was the best in the country. Several embassies confidently referred their communities for dental care, and large international organizations took



Dr. Shana Jardine and staff at St. Vincent Dental Clinic

notice and negotiated contract services for their expatriate employees. Then, tragedy struck.

Unknown to the hospital and AHI, a legal battle as to the rightful ownership of the building had been ongoing for years, eventually resulting in the property being awarded in favor of another party.

Early one morning, a group of individuals gathered to evict the dental practice. People streamed into the clinic and began to drag everything out into the street, including the dental equipment, dental materials, and personal possessions of the dentist and family. The clinic was destroyed and the result was catastrophic for the dental practice and dentist. The future of Adventist dental work in Sierra Leone remains unknown.


We can be reminded that God does not forsake us and continues His faithful leading in all circumstances. It is awe-inspiring to see God's plan as He reveals it. Dr. Shana Jardine, a dentist at St. Vincent Seventh-day Adventist Dental Clinic in Kingstown, Saint Vincent, shares a transformative experience with a patient.

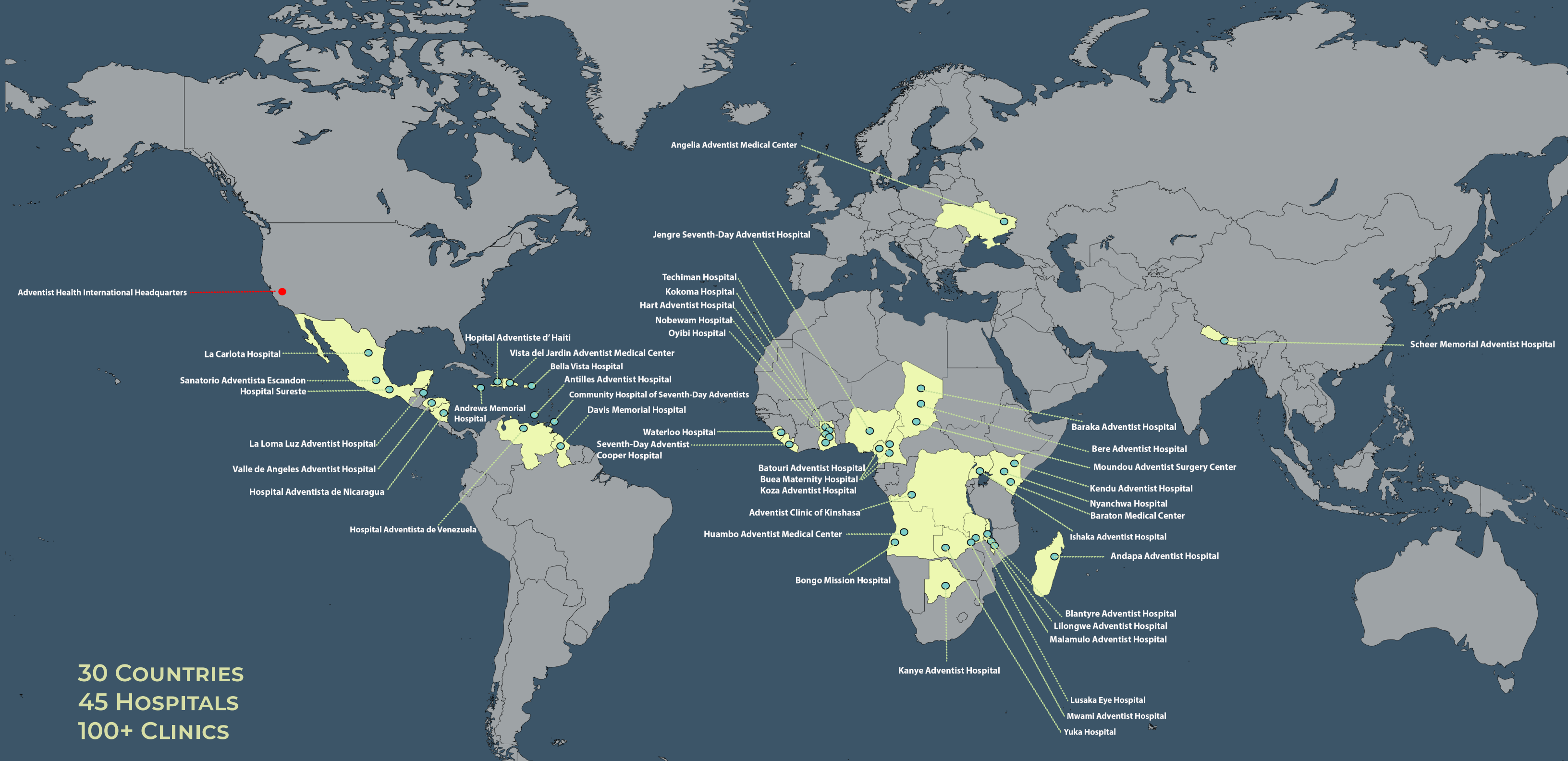
"This story begins not in a dental clinic but in my garden. I was bitten by a centipede, and the infection eventually worsened until the site needed to be incised, drained, and tended until it finally healed. Fast forward a few months when a frail, 87-year-old patient checked in to the clinic. The patient had a swollen face and an unpleasant boil on her cheek.



Dr. Doyle Nick with the Freetown Dental Clinic team

I began to look for the cause of the infection and discovered a root tip, buried in the bone of her mandible. She had a draining fistula, which needed to be incised, drained, and tended to; the same treatment that healed the centipede bite on my leg.

Two weeks later, an energetic, smiling lady came to the clinic and asked me to remove some sutures. I realized that this was the same lady I had treated. I was so amazed at her physical and mental metamorphosis. How fascinating it is that the treatment that I experienced was the same that was able to heal this patient. How wonderful to be entrusted with the responsibility to collaborate with God in such healing!" 



**30 COUNTRIES**  
**45 HOSPITALS**  
**100+ CLINICS**

# COUNTRY Reports





## BOTSWANA

### *Kanye Adventist Hospital*

Since its inception in 1921, Kanye Adventist Hospital (KAH) has sought to transform lives in the surrounding community. This is encapsulated in the hospital's vision, which is to be a "Model of excellence in health services, 100% satisfaction, uplifting Christ's ministry."

Baylor College of Medicine and the Botswana Government partnered to open the nearby Botswana-Baylor Children's Clinical Centre of Excellence. Kanye Village has the highest number of hemophilia patients in Botswana and KAH's service to these patients has been strengthened by Botswana Baylor Clinic providing education to staff. In addition to this, Baylor Clinic ensures a constant supply of Factor VIII for patients. The significance of KAH in hemophilia care in Botswana was such that the hospital was requested to host and organize the national commemoration of World Hemophilia Day on April 22, 2022.

Since 2016, KAH has partnered with Operation Hernia, a not-for-profit organization based in Plymouth, United Kingdom. The partnership aims to provide free hernia correction surgeries to patients in Kanye and throughout Botswana. Operation Hernia provides free services of a highly qualified colorectal surgeon, as well as equipment and consumables donations. In 2022, from August 8 to 12, Dr. Chris Oppong of Operation Hernia performed 50 surgeries on 49 patients, assisting people from all over Botswana who came to KAH for care.

KAH has received training and instruction in quality improvement from Loma Linda University Health and Adventist Health International staff. This culminated in Kanye Adventist Hospital being awarded the best overall Quality Improvement Outcome for the project "Retention of Lost to Follow-Up People Living with HIV" at the 2022 Global Healthcare Conference. Implementing a quality improvement program has directly and positively impacted patient care.







Bere's new operating room suite



## Bere Adventist Hospital

**D**irt is being moved. A well has been dug. Structures are going up. This is all due to the fact that people gave their time, talents, finances, and resources, which then inspired others to give and to keep on giving.

As of 2022, Dr. Staci Davenport has filled the role of CEO at Bere Adventist Hospital (BAH). She is set to lead the hospital during this new phase focused on establishing BAH as a training center with a new operating room suite, remodel of infrastructure, electrical upgrades, water and septic upgrades, building remodels, and solar power (Green Energy).

The growth in BAH is also reflected in the continued growing in the other two AHI medical centers in Chad.

## Moundou Adventist Surgery Center

Moundou Adventist Surgery Center is located in Moundou, the second largest city in Chad. Under current leadership of Elder Mbuano Orock Nso, the lab has been upgraded and work is progressing on officially transforming the center into a full hospital.

## Baraka Hospital

This small but active hospital is located about 45 minutes out of Abéché, the fourth largest city in Chad and in the northeastern part of the country. Growth here has been primarily focused on increasing the quality of care provided, such as lab services. The hospital will also be starting a library this coming year. Recently, the government recognized Baraka Hospital for excellence in malaria care.

## Adventist Clinic of Kinshasa

**A**dventist Clinic of Kinshasa (ACK), has provided vital healthcare services to the people of Kinshasa since 1993. The clinic was opened with the help of funding from the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and since then, it has grown significantly to offer a range of essential medical services to the community.

Initially, the clinic only had dentistry services, but in 2005, general medicine was added and today it is able to serve both inpatients and outpatients with the following services: general medicine, dentistry, ophthalmology, labor and delivery, surgery, pharmacy, laboratory, and a blood bank. This is a testament to the dedication and hard work of the ACK team led by Dr. Kazadi Pascal.

The Adventist Clinic of Kinshasa is stepping in to work with the West Congo Union to build capacity in the different healthcare institutions of the region and share knowledge and training with the participants in the healthcare system in Congo.



Adventist Clinic of Kinshasa

## Kendu Adventist Hospital

**K**endu Adventist Hospital (KAH) is a 170-bed level 4 teaching and referral hospital with several outpatient divisions serving the western region of Kenya.

With the help of Evelyn Thomas and AHI, KAH has purchased and installed curtains and railings throughout the hospital, helping maintain patient privacy and decreasing transmission of infection and other infectious diseases.



New curtains in the pediatrics ward



# LIBERIA

## Seventh-day Adventist Cooper Hospital

The Seventh-day Adventist Cooper Hospital is in a significant transition period with the retirement of long-time Ophthalmologist, Dr. Sonii, and the arrival of Dr. Roger Muhemi, a new Ophthalmologist trained by AHI at the Pan African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS) program in Gabon. The hospital has started a major renovation program to turn what was the Eye Hospital into a new Trauma and Surgery Center to maximize the existing infrastructures and make a more efficient healthcare facility. A new lab has been inaugurated, opening up space for renovation starting on the new ophthalmologic operating room and offices. Dr. James and Sarah Appel also joined the team in October 2022.

The hospital's mission is to follow the example of Jesus as expressed in the lyrics of the song "He's Able." *Jesus made the lame to walk again, and caused the blind to see.* As a result of this change in vision, the hospital is mainly caring for eye patients and patients with orthopedic deformities, whether congenital or as a result of inadequate fracture care.



Dr. Sonii and Dr. Appel at the old Eye Hospital

# MADAGASCAR

## Andapa Adventist Hospital

Andapa Adventist Hospital (AAH) is a 64-bed mission hospital located in northern Madagascar. A growing institution, AAH continues to implement new projects including constructing a new operating room, building two guest houses, and upgrading the resuscitation room.

With the assistance of AHI's Ben Siapco, the laboratory clinicians received upgrading on the use of lab equipment. Hospital administration is working to ensure that these projects and training will help them fully prepare the hospital to be able to respond to community health care needs.



# MALAWI

## Blantyre Adventist Hospital

Blantyre Adventist Hospital (BAH) makes it part of their mission to reach out to surrounding communities. The hospital specialists conducted a medical outreach event in the Namwera district, completing 44 examinations and helping a total of 510 patients.

BAH is extensively upgrading its institution, installing a new oxygen plant to save on future costs, and ensuring that the equipment needed for the best patient care is readily available. This includes renovating the clinical lab, resulting in a 2022 assessment lab score of 90%, an increase from the 67% scored during a baseline survey. The hospital also engaged the Atomic Energy Regulatory Authority (AERA) to observe deficiencies in radiology equipment and structural aspects relating to the building.

After having cases of burns and infected wounds with no proper and efficient management system, BAH acquired a Hyperbaric Chamber to address the challenge. Meanwhile, BAH's ICU continues to be highly rated in Malawi. During a baseline survey conducted by the Quality Management Directorate of the Ministry of Health, BAH's ICU scored 97%, the highest of all its departments.



Attendees at the medical outreach event in Namwera



BAH's recently acquired hyperbaric chamber



The newly installed oxygen plant





# NIGERIA

## Jengre Seventh-day Adventist Hospital

Jengre Seventh-day Adventist Hospital began as a dispensary in 1934, after the establishment of the first missionary station in northern Nigeria. Over the years, Jengre developed a 14-bed maternity ward. Including the maternity ward, the medical center operates as a 50-bed hospital.

Jengre is renovating part of its facility to provide for a future nursing school. A government grant provided funds to renovate one of its buildings into classrooms and education facilities for training nurses.

Jengre is also developing a new pharmaceutical distribution system that enables the hospital to provide medication to its clinics and communities.

Currently, Jengre serves clinics in seven surrounding regions. There is a lot of potential to further grow and impact the community.



Jengre's School of Nursing during renovations



AHI liaisons Peter Baker and Danjuma Daniel with hospital leaders and members of the governing board

# RWANDA

## Kigali Adventist Medical Center

Kigali Adventist Medical Center (KAMC) has recently renovated its admission building, built a new clinical laboratory, and constructed a gate for the center's entrance.

With a patient increase from 5,378 in 2021 to 5,867 in 2022, KAMC continues to praise God for the continual flow of patients to the clinic despite competing polyclinics in Kigali.



KAMC's newly renovated entrance and parking lot

# AMERICAS



# BELIZE

## La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital

La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital (LLLAH) in Santa Elena, Belize started its journey 50 years ago in 1972 when Dr. Raymond Mundall, his wife Evelyn, and their family moved to Belize. The hospital became the country's premier medical institution as the Mundall's and their team provided quality healthcare and spiritual support to their patients and community.

The hospital has endured significant challenges in recent years, but 2022 marked an inflection point in the history of La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital. New mission, vision, and value statements were crafted. For the first time, the Ministry of Health granted the hospital a license for the dialysis center and pharmacy.

LLLAH staff and leadership have a commitment and daily practice to worship and pray together, preparing the way for abundant blessings from the Lord.

The assignment of Dr. Jeffrey (family and preventive medicine), Michelle Cho (architect), and their two daughters have added significant value in service, spiritual inspiration, and an exciting future as a master plan is being developed for the hospital and campus.

The answers to prayers are felt and seen onsite everyday and through the generosity of God's people worldwide. Three vehicles were donated by Mission Projects, Inc (MPI). A portable digital X-ray machine was donated to the hospital and funding for a 64-slice CT scanner was made possible through a development fund loan through AHI. As a result of these blessings and many more, LLLAH is looking forward to a bright future and plans are being made for significant building upgrades, starting with the imaging department.

In an effort to share with the community and keeping in line with the hospitals values, a weekly live online educational program was launched featuring physicians working at the institution to bring awareness of surrounding health issues affecting community members.

By God's grace, the light on the hill which began 50 years ago will continue as hearts and hands are joined to do His work together.



# CURACAO

## Antillean Adventist Hospital

At Antillean Adventist Hospital (AAH) employees are the driving force to provide patient care and transform opinions and lives. Unified by a shared mission, "To Reflect Christ," employees are encouraged to serve with dedication and compassion. Daily, with their work of love, lives are touched, and hearts are changed.

AAH is developing a strategy to play a more prominent role in supporting the advancement of its community.

This year AAH started a TV program with information on various topics, ranging from health to spirituality. The program focuses on educating the community, especially those who mostly communicate in Papiamentu, the local language in Curacao.

The reach of these monthly programs is seen in the feedback from Curacao's citizens desire to learn more about the topics presented as they strive to make changes to live a balanced life.



The launch of the Community Diabetic Clinic Support Group at Davis Memorial Hospital

# GUYANA

## Davis Memorial Hospital

The year 2022 was indeed a "rebound" year for Davis Memorial Hospital (DMH), where the institution was propelled from a place of barrenness to a place of abundance. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, DMH had a terrific bounce back that came with the successful collaboration with Caribbean Surgery Inc., specifically for the management of COVID-19 positive patients.

This very successful undertaking yielded the much-needed finances which enabled DMH to venture out in a massive upgrade of the entire hospital, both internally and externally.

Necessary modern equipment was acquired, such as autoclave, x-ray, and ultrasound machines, along with the renovation of the staff houses and roadways to prioritize the best care for patients.

On July 1, 2022, Dr. Yonnette Semple-Domer, president of GUYMETRO, declared the opening of a Community Diabetic Clinic Support Group at Davis Memorial Hospital. The support group was launched with the assistance of the Guyana Metropolitan Association USA. This group meets monthly with an average attendance of 60 people, including children and young adults.

# NICARAGUA

## Hospital Adventista de Nicaragua

Hospital Adventista de Nicaragua (HANIC), located in north-central Nicaragua in the city of Estelí. It is one of the few private, faith-based hospitals in the country. Ten years ago, HANIC operated in a small house that was ill-fitted for healthcare delivery.

It has since seen tremendous development under the futuristic and ambitious leadership of Dr. Socorro Ubeda, the hospital's administrator and medical director. In an 18-month span, a beautiful, three-story facility was successfully built and has the architectural envy of many in the city of 220,000.



# VENEZUELA

In Venezuela, the last two decades have seen the country's population severely impacted by hyperinflation and the consequent devaluation of its currency, decayed infrastructure, and lack of food and pharmaceuticals.

At the hospital in Barquisimeto, in the country's north-central region, the impact of the central government's importation and commercial restrictions have eroded its capacity to serve the many patients that clamor for its services. Yet the hospital continues its service mission, navigating ponderous operating balances, while still striving to build a new facility. Its 50+ employees keep forging forward to fulfill a service obligation they take seriously. General conditions in the country seem to have improved a bit recently. We hope this will benefit our Barquisimeto colleagues as they continue on with courage and dedication.





A patient is seen in the upgraded dental clinic



Faculty with first year nursing students



Faculty with nursing graduates



Angelia Adventist Medical Center's mobile clinics

## NEPAL

### *Scheer Memorial Adventist Hospital*

**S**cheer Memorial Adventist Hospital (SMAH), established in 1960 has served all manner of people in Nepal by transforming lives, bringing back joy to the community and ministering to the sick SMAH is guided by its corporate mission “to provide compassionate, patient-centered care of international standards to all people regardless of their ability to pay.”

AHI has provided clinical and administrative expertise to SMAH, including assisting in establishing the College of Nursing at the hospital, which transforms the lives of young Nepalese people with a high-quality education in nursing.

AHI has also been instrumental in upgrading the medical equipment and facilities of the hospital. The latest was the assistance in procuring an ultrasound machine to cater to the increasing patronage of patients. Likewise, the upgrade of the dental clinic was a massive transformation to the services provided.

Lastly, AHI provided funds for reopening the hospital’s ophthalmologic services. The hospital can now treat patients with ophthalmologic illnesses and concerns. Patients do not have to be referred to another center because of the new services that are now provided.

## UKRAINE

### *Angelia Adventist Medical Center*

**A**ngelia Clinic, located in Kyiv, Ukraine, was founded in 2013 by psychiatrist Yury Bondarenko, MD, MPH as a outpatient lifestyle and public health center. In 2016 the center obtained a medical license and proceeded with its mission to spread the ministry of healing of Jesus Christ by providing inpatient care in the areas of mental health, internal medicine, and neurology.

In 2017, Angelia Clinic joined Adventist Health International (AHI), becoming AHI’s first partner institution in Europe. That same year, the Clinic began its mobile clinic outreach with three trips to the Chernivtsi and Kyiv regions.

The mobile clinic initiative expanded dramatically in 2022, as war destroyed the health care system in Ukraine. Mobile clinics were dispatched to reach people who needed healthcare the most, including in rural and reclaimed areas, and to support the Church’s outreach mission throughout the country.

“Mobile clinics are a sign of freedom of movement. Its independence from the frontlines of war and its creativity is powerful,” Bondarenko said. “We travel to where we are needed the most. This unity kept the team together, tied by a common goal of helping Ukrainians in need.”



## GC CONGRATULATES AHI FOR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

As Adventist Health International celebrates its 25th Anniversary, the General Conference Adventist Health Ministries extends hearty congratulations on the achievement of this historic milestone. We are deeply grateful for the partnership between the General Conference and AHI that makes the difference in more than fifty Adventist hospitals around the world.

It is gratifying to see innovative and needed initiatives transforming institutional governance, staffing, facilities, and equipment. The week-by-week AHI AdCom meetings and thoughtful, enthusiastic participation by the AHI Team bear testimony to tireless dedication, yielding fruit in the field. We have seen processes streamlined, hospitals transformed, and new ventures started.

We thank God for His blessings and look forward to ongoing collaboration and sharing of mission as we partner in extending the healing ministry of Jesus to all the world until He comes.

Maranatha!

Peter N. Landless, MB, BCh, MMed.  
Director, Adventist Health Ministries  
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists



Peter Landless, MB, BCh, MMed (top right), director of Adventist Health Ministries, and Thomas Lemon, MDiv (bottom), general vice president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and AHI's board chair, join Dr. Hart in welcoming attendees to the 2022 virtual Global Healthcare Conference

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

#### ASSETS

	2022 Unaudited	2021 Audited
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$7,242,698	\$7,282,762
Accounts Receivables	\$139,691	\$169,089
Other Assests	\$217, 866	\$245, 526
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$7,600,255</b>	<b>\$7,697,377</b>

#### LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	\$142,039	\$374,282
Deferred Grant Income	\$949,106	\$940,220
Other Current Liabilities	\$908,609	\$1,380,654
<b>Total Liabilites</b>	<b>\$1,999,754</b>	<b>\$2,695,156</b>

#### NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions	\$855,250	\$935,554
With Donor Restrictions	\$4,745,251	\$4,066,667
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$5,600,501</b>	<b>\$5,002,221</b>
<b>Total Liabilites and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$7,600,255</b>	<b>\$7,697,377</b>

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

#### SUPPORT & REVENUE

	2022 Total	2021 Total
Contributions	\$3,557,641	\$3,350,172
Investment Income	\$81,821	\$38,062
Other Income	\$108,016	\$107,667
<b>Total Support &amp; Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,747,478</b>	<b>\$3,495,901</b>

#### EXPENSES

International Programs	\$2,862,794	\$2,470,124
General & Administrative	\$220, 836	\$224,604
Fundraising	\$65,568	\$22,151
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,149,198</b>	<b>\$2,716,879</b>

Change in Net Assets	\$598,280	\$779,022
Beginning Net Assets	\$5,002,221	\$4,223,199
<b>Ending Net Assets</b>	<b>\$5,600,501</b>	<b>\$5,002,221</b>



# AN EXTRODINARY PHILANTHROPIC YEAR

by Albin Grohar


In 2022, AHI donors contributed **\$3,657,481** to further the organization's work, and through it, the health and healing work that health care professionals and support workers do at 45 hospitals and over 100 clinics around the world. Again, donors made for a fantastic philanthropic year!

In AHI's founding year of 1997, donations received totaled about \$7,200. Over the next 25 years, donors have contributed close to \$37 million to AHI, as the appended giving charts show. AHI's existence and the work done at our global hospitals truly are enabled by our donors' unrelenting generosity. In the past quarter century, AHI donors have not only fostered the day-to-day work at AHI hospitals, but also helped to mitigate several of the world's crises such as Ebola, two earthquakes in Haiti, the COVID-19 pandemic, and more recently, a Cholera outbreak in Malawi. There are no adequate words to express our gratitude.

Each year, donors' financial gifts allow overseas hospital staff to serve about **1,000,000** patients. The year 2022 saw some extraordinary gifts and grants to support this service. We note a few of these:

- For the first time, the Hilton Foundation made a grant, **\$10,000**.
- AdventHealth, of Florida, granted nearly **\$100,000**.
- We are grateful to the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Its headquarters provided **\$177,000** during the year. The Church's organization has always responded to AHI's needs, especially during crises.
- In past annual reports, we have featured a particular individual donor, Dick Noble. He continued his dedicated philanthropy through the work of patient charity funds he has established at a half dozen AHI hospitals in Africa.

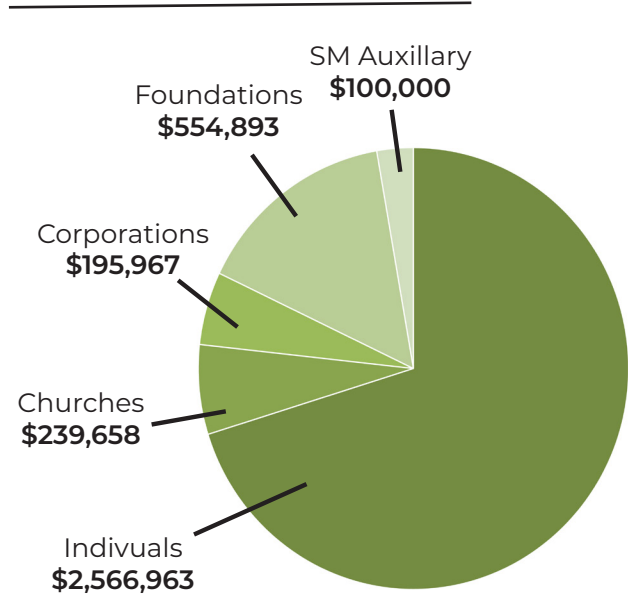
- Noble's funds provide low-cost or no-cost direct patient care at these places. This has helped thousands of patients each year, allowing them to access the care they could not otherwise afford. Dick Noble continued his work in 2022 through financial gifts totaling **\$140,000**.
- The Loma Linda University Medical Auxiliary supports AHI hospitals that host Loma Linda University medical alumni. In 2022, the Auxiliary contributed **\$100,000**. In the past 10 years, the Auxiliary's support has totaled close to **\$1,000,000**.
- Versacare, a private foundation in Riverside, California, made grants totaling **\$350,000**. This total comprised a **\$200,000** grant for 2022 and an early **\$150,000** grant payment for 2023. These grants are indispensable as they further the AHI healthcare work around the globe.
- The Winifred L. Stevens Foundation assisted in renovating operating rooms and infrastructure modernization at Bere Hospital in Chad.

Over the past 25 years, individual and organizational donors have gifted AHI almost **\$40,00,000** to support healthcare around the globe. It is your support that allows our overseas clinics and hospitals to operate and serve. **Again, to all AHI donors, thank you.** 





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Number of Gifts	1,547
Number of Donors	701
Average Gift	\$2,364
Average Gift per Donor	\$5,217
Largest Gift	\$300,000
Smallest Gift	\$5

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ANGOLA	\$29,992
BELIZE	\$63,888
CAAP	\$35,510
CAMEROON	\$4,900
CHAD	\$383,969
GENERAL	\$989,556
GHANA	\$420
GUYANA	\$1,000
HAITI	\$241,135
HONDURAS	\$41,000
KENYA	\$123,487
LIBERIA	\$662,937
MALAWI	\$300,000
M M CC	\$21,200
NEPAL	\$5,000
MOZAMBIQUE	\$13,800
NIGERIA	\$29,250
RWANDA	\$237,356
SIERRA LEONE	\$10,000
TRINIDAD	\$1,000
UGANDA	\$340,823
UKRAINE	\$65,000
VENEZUELA	\$44,000
ZAMBIA	\$3,657,481
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,657,481</b>

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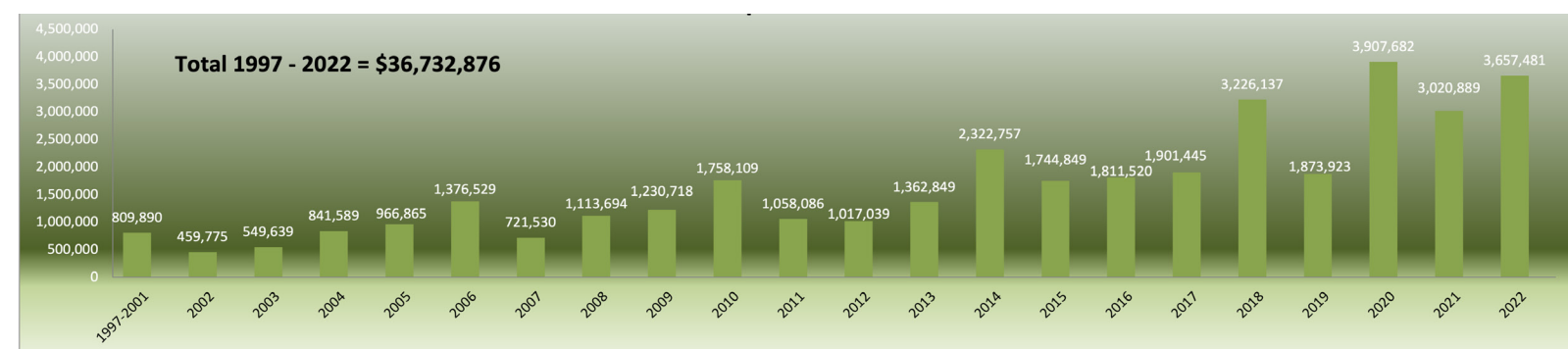
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