



**A Jewish-Christian Partnership
to Strengthen Mission
Teaching Hospitals in Africa**

\$1 Million Matching Challenge Grant
from Rabbi Erica and Mark Gerson





Summary

Christian Missionaries provide 1/3 of all healthcare in sub-Saharan Africa.

Financial support for Christian mission hospitals has declined (i.e., the decline of Protestants, lack of ties between churches and hospitals, rise of short-term missions).

African Mission Healthcare Foundation aims to help fund the resource gap, support exceptional healthcare training, infrastructure and direct clinical care.

Summary, continued

The Gershons have offered a \$1 million challenge grant to Christian Broadcasting Network leaders and supporters to match 1:1.

The resulting \$2 million will be distributed to 8 medical missionaries and their mission teaching hospitals throughout Africa.







Co-Founded in 2010 by Mark Gershon and Dr. John Fielder.

Has awarded more than \$14 million to 30 hospitals in dozens of countries (e.g., HIV treatment, primary care, infectious diseases, maternal-child health, and surgery).

Funded 11,000 surgical cases.

Provided scholarship to over 100 health workers.

Helped establish pediatric rehab facility in Tanzania.





African Mission Healthcare Foundation

Assisted in creation of a surgical theater in Uganda.

Helped create a surgical ward in Burundi.

Worked to provide housing at several hospitals.

Procured x-ray equipment and ambulances for 7 hospitals.

In 2016 alone – helped support 80,000 patient visits.





\$1 Million Matching Challenge Grant to Support Mission Teaching Hospitals

Challenges:

Health training occurs in old,
crumbling facilities.

Intermittent electric power.

Housing shortage.

Antiquated equipment.

Inadequate funds for basic
patient care.



Where \$2 Million in Matching Funds Goes

Provide approximately \$250,000 to 8 medical missionaries and their affiliated hospitals.

Opportunity: Overcome the barriers, provide high-quality healthcare and training, demonstrate the compassion of Jesus Christ.

Impact: Provide daily care, teach African health professionals, provide mentorship, discipleship, and model Christian compassion.





**Dr. Erik Hansen,
Pediatric Surgeon,
Kijabe Hospital,
Kenya**

By 2025 there will be 350 million school-aged children in Kenya, thousands in need of heart surgery due to congenital surgery.

Funds received will provide training for 2 African pediatric surgeons who would each perform 10,000 – 15,000 surgeries and see 100,000 patients in a lifetime.

**Dr. Mark Jacobson,
Director, Arusha
Lutheran Medical
Center (ALMC),
Tanzania**

Arusha Lutheran Medical Center cares for 150,000 patients annually, trains medical professionals, ministers to HIV population, provides neonatal and pediatric care.

Funds received will subsidize training for 100 nurses (1 nurse cares for 80,000 patients a year) and 150 children with disabilities will receive life-altering surgeries.

**Dr. Rick Sacra,
Director, Family
Medicine Training,
ELWA Hospital,
Liberia**

During the Ebola epidemic, returned to Liberia to deliver babies and operate the hospital. Became infected with Ebola and survived.

Funds received will train 15 family medicine doctoral residents over the next 5 years who perform surgeries, deliver babies, teach nurses, and run hospitals throughout the country. Funds will also support 750 patients with HIV medicine and medical care.

**Dr. Reynier Ter Haar,
Director and Family
physician, Nkhoma
Hospital,
Malawi**

As director of Nkhoma Hospital has helped serve 40,000 people and cut maternal mortality rates by 75% and drive down pediatric malaria infections dramatically.

Funds will construct 3 new houses, necessary for training programs for physicians who will then practice throughout Malawi.

**Dr. Russ White,
Cardiothoracic
Surgeon, Tenwek
Hospital,
Kenya**

He is starting the continent's first ever heart surgery training program outside of South Africa. (Thousands require heart surgery due to childhood infections which have damaged heart valves).

Funds will provide housing for heart surgery trainees and upgrade the intensive care unit at Tenwek Hospital.

**Dr. Tony
Mwenyemali,
Surgeon and
Medical Director,
Maua Methodist
Hospital,
Kenya**

As the only surgeon in at the hospital performs general, pediatric, trauma, plastic, urologic, and orthopedic surgery. Also teaches medical students, interns, and physicians assistants.

Funds will help renovate the outpatient, administrative and laboratory spaces of the hospital and would galvanize U.S. churches to add funding to the rebuilding effort.

**Dr. Jason Fader,
Surgeon, Kibuye
Hope Hospital,
Burundi**

Dr. Fader has led Kibuye Hope Hospital to become a major teaching facility after decades with no missionary or high-quality medical training programs.

Funds will provide a critical new solar power system. (The nation's power grid supplies 4 hours of daily electricity. Generators supply 20 hrs. of power and missionary and staff housing have no lighting.)

**Dr. Zachary
O'Connor, Surgeon,
Bongolo Hospital,
Gabon**

Bongolo Hospital educates eye care professionals and is planning an anesthesia and primary care training program where there are few high-quality and high-level training programs in French-speaking West Africa.

Funds will upgrade the hospitals' electrical system to position the institution as an anchor hospital (Multiple fires have threatened patient care areas due to outdated and faulty wiring, creating a severe fire hazard).

Budget Allocation Summary

Missionary	Country	Project	Budget	KPI
Dr. Erik Hansen	Kenya	Pediatric surgery training	\$200,000	Two pediatric surgeons = 20,000+ lifetime surgeries
Dr. Russ White	Kenya	Cardiac surgery training	\$300,000	Housing for cardiac fellow, ICU equipment
Dr. Mark Jacobson	Tanzania	Pediatric Surgery	\$127,500	150 pediatric surgeries
		Nursing school	\$100,000	Nursing school scholarships (\$50k x 2 years) = 100 students
Dr. Reynier ter Haar	Malawi	Family medicine training	\$105,000	Housing for family medicine residents (3)
Dr. Jason Fader	Burundi	Solar power for teaching hospital	\$355,000	Solar power system for hospital
Dr. Zachary O'Connor	Gabon	Electrical re-wiring, teaching hospital	\$300,000	Electrical re-wiring of hospital
Dr. Rick Saccra	Liberia	Family medicine training	\$200,000	15 family medicine residents trained/in-training
		HIV Care	\$50,000	HIV clinical care x 2 years for 750 patients
Tony Mwenyemali	Kenya	Hospital renovation	\$262,500	Hospital renovation (lab, administration, clinic)
Total			\$2,000,000	

Gift Range Chart

Gift Level	Gifts	Prospects	Total
\$100,000	1	4	\$100,000
\$ 75,000	2	8	\$150,000
\$ 50,000	3	12	\$150,000
\$ 25,000	8	32	\$200,000
\$ 15,000	10	40	\$150,000
\$ 10,000	10	40	\$100,000
\$ 5,000	15	60	\$75,000
<\$ 5,000	Many Gifts		\$75,000
		Total	\$1,000,000

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Christian Missionaries are, “...the unsung and unheralded heroes of humanity—with inconsistent and insufficient support and without the public recognition that would elicit the resources to help them serve the poorest people in the world.” - Rabbi Erica and Mark Gerson

The New York Times



"If evangelical Christians want to engage in activism ... they can support lifesaving organizations like ... African Mission Healthcare Foundation."

- Nicholas Kristof, New York Times



"Their efforts will enable the treatment of people in Africa who would otherwise be without and the training of African medical providers in eight countries — at remarkable mission hospitals curated by the African Mission Healthcare Foundation."

- Kelvin Beachum Jr., NFL New York Jets

THE HUFFINGTON POST



"I will be putting my money where my mouth is and donating through CBN to support this sacred partnership to save lives – in addition to the Jewish causes that I already support. It is a testament to religious pluralism and Jewish values at their best."

- Rabbi Joshua Stanton, Huffington Post

NEW YORK JEWISH LIFE



"These [are] men and women who moved to Africa when they could otherwise be making good salaries in Europe or America, to serve the poor — often in environments without reliable electricity, running water, or anything resembling modern medical supplies. They [are] indispensable — a medical missionary might be the only physician for a population of 40 or 50,000."

- Rabbi Levi Welton, New York Jewish Life



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