



Laparoscopic surgery was conducted at MCM for the first time in Ethiopia



On November 9th 2017, the first ever laparoscopic surgery was performed at MCM hospital in Ethiopia. Dr. Hyung Chul Kim, who specializes in colo-rectal surgery, performed a successful laparoscopic colostomy. Afterwards, the MCM hospital staff gathered and learned proper post-op management in the recovery room. The patient's family also came to learn how to clean the wound and replace the colostomy bag for proper management of the colostomy site.



The interview with Dr. Hyung Chul Kim.

(General and Colo-rectal surgeon, MCM)

I graduated from Yeon-Sei Medical University in 1973, completed residency from 1976 to 1981, and then completed Colo-Rectal Fellowship in 1981 in Philadelphia. I worked from 1982 to 2017 at the Hospital and I came to MCM hospital in Ethiopia in October, 2017.

This surgery was to treat rectal cancer that was not yet metastasized but was spreading. I decided to perform colostomy rather than colectomy because the condition was serious. I am glad I was able to perform the laparotomy at MCM in Africa, and am proud of the MCM staff. Laparotomy has not been performed in Africa because of the lack of trained surgeons and equipment. However I thought it was necessary to perform the operation laparoscopically rather than open.

Thankfully, I could perform the surgery with the cooperation

of the patient and his family. I was especially happy that I treated him because he is a pastor at a local church. I hope to be a good influence on medical environments in Ethiopia and Africa through this surgery. I have a special relationship with laparoscopic surgery. When I performed it for the first time in 1992 in the USA, I thought it was a good surgical method. Other doctors didn't think this way, but I had a vision of wisdom from God, so I became a pioneer in the field of laparoscopic surgery.

In fact, I performed proctectomy with laparoscopy for the first time in the world. Laparoscopy was proven to be better than open surgery by the study that was conducted from 1994 to 2001, and then laparoscopy was performed throughout the world. Even though I have a lot of experience in the USA with laparoscopic surgery, I never thought that I would perform it in Ethiopia. Therefore, I am certain that God prepared and planned everything.

When I first visited MCM 2 years ago, I began preparing my way here, and have now been here for 3 months. Ethiopia compassionately aided Korea during the Korean War so I am glad and happy to dedicate my life to Ethiopia. Therefore, I have put my best foot forward to improve the medical environments in Ethiopia through the talents that God has given to me. Please keep Ethiopia in your prayers.

The operations for Burn patients who were seen through the mobile clinic.



(왼쪽부터) Bereket (F/5 오른발 화상), Shegitu (F/15 목, 가슴 화상), Dunebo (M/12 왼손 화상)

The ten patients were chosen through the mobile clinic that was held last October by the medical team from Myung Sung church and MCM, three of whom are pediatric burn patients that were operated on by Dr. Einar Eriksen. The day before the surgery, Pastor Song shared the gospel and prayed for them with Korean volunteers. Bereket (5 y/o F, burn right lower leg), who can't wear shoes and couldn't go to school because other people would see her deformed foot, shyly answered, "My dream is to become a teacher," when asked. Shegitu (15 y/o F, burn neck and chest) and Denebo (12 y/o M, burn left) have lived by covering their wounds. Their parents hope they will study at school after the operations. They have been operated on multiple times because one surgery is usually not enough. Please pray that they recover quickly and go through the remaining surgeries well.

MCM's 14th Anniversary Service



On the 25th of November, 14th anniversary of the opening of MCM, CEO Chul Soo Kim gave a congratulatory message and Rev. Kim Sungjung(Vice Dean of MMC) conducted the worship service. Prior to the service, MCM Choir team and Korean young volunteers learned and practiced each other's language together for celebratory song. We had a meaningful time when the staff gave a memorial service to celebrate the foundation with one heart. In the meantime, with the medical treatment of the Ethiopians, MCM, who shared the gospel of the Lord, will continue to heal people and hope to become a hospital to heal this land.

MMC water(well) opening ceremony



On Oct. 29, the third well of the MCM compound was completed successfully. This well started with the purpose of transferring new technology with the support of the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea, led by Cha-yong Ji, MCW's first volunteer. At first, there were difficulties due to a lot of different local circumstances from Korea, but the work could be completed with God's help. As we listened to the process of construction and the method of construction, we once again realized that clean water can be a valuable channel for the preaching of the gospel of God on this land. We hope there will be no more Ethiopians who are suffering from water shortages as clean groundwater has been developed more quickly. Also, We pray that God's good plan for Ethiopia will be fully completed through the well mission.

MCW First well construction work



For the first well of the MCW well team in 2017, we headed for the Wama hagallu area, about 306 km west of Addis Ababa in the capital. On October 23rd. The construction of the 18 projects under the Oromia government is under worse conditions than last year. From the beginning, we had to return to Addis Ababa 2 or 3 times due to equipment failure. Since then, the work has been done several times and the construction speed has been slowed down due to equipment failure. However, with the grace of God, the equipment was repaired and started again on site. Six of the 18 wells have been successfully completed. We pray that God's grace will be with the remaining eleven wells, and the new water supply to Ethiopians who are suffering from water shortage.

GMIC Thanksgiving day Service



It was the most abundant season of the year, the Thanksgiving day service on October 29th. By this time in Korea, there was no hot Gukbab(Korean Soup) that We always eaten, but We had a good day with many people than that. In worship, We gave thanks to God for many dedication and many kinds of programs and a year of thanksgiving. In the second part, the food market and games were prepared by the young people. In particular, the proceeds from the market were donated to MMC as scholarships, all of which had a good time and shared the joy of Thanksgiving. We thank God for sending us to the land of Ethiopia this year and with the abundant grace, and We hope to be a land full of thanksgivings to God all the time.

GMIC Gonjebo Church and Sheno Church Baptism



On November 10, 2017, the person in charge of the Gonjebo Church inquired whether Rev. Yoon-Ki Kim could baptize the church members of Gonjebo Church. According to Christian culture in Ethiopia, baptism should be baptized in the water, but near the church of Gonjebo there is no lake or river, so we decided to baptise at Ziway Lake, south of Gonjebo Church. On Nov. 18, 2017, Pastor Yoon-Ki Kim and two local ministers met with nine ministers who participated in the baptism ceremony at the Ziway Lake. A pastor of Gonjebo Church said, "I am glad for all who participated in this baptism on this day, and thank Pastor Yoon-Ki Kim for coming to this place."



On December 4, 2017, a paster of Sheno Church requested Pastor Yoon-Ki Kim for baptism. So we participated in the worship and baptism of the locals for one night and two days, December 14-15. Worship began at 6 pm on the 14th, and about 600 people came and praised together, preached by Nathaniel. On the morning of the 15th, we prepared the baptismal ceremony, where the choir continued to praise and celebrate the baptism until before the baptism. Pastor Yoon Ki Kim briefly gave a brief answer to the 50 church members in the Sheno Church and then moved to the place of baptism and baptized.



Visiting the Gere church and delivering building offering.



On November 14th and 15th, 2017, Pastor Kim Yoon-ki and three other Koreans visited the Shone Gere Church to deliver a building offering. Pastor Yoon-Ki Kim told the minister and church members of the Shone Gere Church that he saw the two sites where would build the church, "When the church is built, we should pray constantly to make sure there are no problems." After that, We went to the house of the minister and delivered the church building donations prepared by the short-term mission team of Myungsung Church and Somang Church Elder Hong-ryang Moon, Hye-Sook Lee. The minister in charge said, "I am so grateful to those who have prepared the offerings, and I will build the church beautifully so that many people can come." He promised and gave thanks.

GMIC Christmas Service



On December 24, 2017, the GMIC gave a day early Christmas service.

Because Ethiopia is Christmas on January 7, 2018, we decided on December 25 that it was hard to worship, so we had a Christmas service on Sunday, December 24th. Pastor Yoon Ki Kim delivered the message with the title of 'grace and obedience' during Sunday worship service. In the second part of the event, the Ethiopians and the Koreans came together to play around with the compound, and delivered gifts to the first team. We also invited locals (Ethiopian) to dinner at the barbeque party and had a great time together. We hope to be one of the GMIC church members in 2018.



View of MCM Compound



171124 Water(well) opening ceremony



171215 Sheno Church Worship & Baptism



171204 Dentistry Education



171206 Visiting dentist Elder Han-Ki Son



171207 Follow up patients mobile clinic



171224 GMIC Christmas service



171224 GMIC Winter Olympic games



171231 EMCC Christmas concert



171111 MID Manager workshop



171208 GMIC Supporting staff living expenses



171112 MMC Visiting professor Yang-seng Park



171213 Visiting professor Angio Ho-jung Chun



171125 MCM 14th Anniversary Service



171107 Follow up patients mobile clinic(Ophthalmology)



171220 GMIC Christmas memorial photo



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