



THE KADI HEARTBEAT

PROVIDING SUSTAINABLE HEALTH CARE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH SUDAN

COMMITMENT TO SERVING

By: Joseph Dumba, MD

“It’s okay, I’m here now” is the message displayed on Dr. Treu’s T-shirt as he cared for a young girl whose growth has been stunted by a heart condition not fixable at the nearby hospital or those within the country. I had never paid that much attention until one day the eyes of the little girl on the web connected with mine. It was then that I realized there is something special that our team is doing. One patient at a time and one step at a time we will reach the ultimate goal. Our hearts have been drawn closer, one seeking help and the other seeking to help. For the past 13 years, we have been taking the long journey by plane and then by vehicle through rough roads and terrains. By the end of the journey, you would think the team would be ready to take a long nap and rest for a week. Instead, they appear to have a different kind of attitude as soon as they reach the destination. They are ready to work. Forgotten is the long trip and the millions of bumps they had to endure.

When we reach the Healing Kadi Clinic early in the morning, a multitude of people are already waiting. We try to give our staff a little break when we arrive. Some of our doctors who have been there many times such as Dr. Treu have lifetime connections. They have saved countless number of patients. A few of them with medical conditions that require follow-up are there to say “thank you” when we arrive. Many more others have disappeared into the remote villages only showing up if there is a medical problem to be addressed.

So, we keep going back every 6-12 months. We do this because it is the right thing to do. We have established a lifelong relationship with our patients in South Sudan and Uganda. Another team was getting ready to go in June to continue with our work. This trip, however, has to be suspended due to COVID-19 Pandemic. Most countries including Uganda and South Sudan where we serve are on lockdown. Movement is very limited and medical supplies have quadrupled in prices. Yet we continue to see a large number of patients coming to the clinic for treatment of different ailments. We are running low on essential medicines and supplies such as gloves and masks. Our clinic has to keep its doors open for we not only provide healing but also hope for those without a country such as the South Sudanese refugees.

We have committed ourselves to this cause and will continue to be there for every man, woman, and child, but we cannot do it without the gracious and generous prayers and financial support from people like you. Thank you for being there for us and the patients who depend much on your generosity. It has allowed us to continue to say “It’s okay, we’re here now.”

“While we have the opportunity, let us do good to all people...” Galatians 6:10.



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COVID-19 IMPACT TO THE HEALING KADI FOUNDATION

By: Chuck Tomek, MD

The pandemic has caused charitable donations to dramatically fall throughout the world. The Healing Kadi is not exempt from this fallout. Donations to our nonprofit organization have almost stopped. But our work continues. The number of patients seen daily in the refugee camp in Uganda has not lessened. We still need to purchase medicine, supplies, food, fuel for the vehicles, and other basic necessities to keep the clinic open.

The Healing Kadi board made the difficult decision to cut the salaries of all refugee clinic staff by 50% for the next three months in an effort to stay afloat and save reserves until the crisis is resolved and normal donations resume. This was a very difficult decision by the board but one we knew had to be done. It's our prayer that the crisis will soon be over, and we will raise the funds to pay our hard working staff what they deserve. Please pray for our medical staff as they continue to care for the refugees despite a significant salary reduction.

MEET AND GREET UPDATE

By: Nathalie Hathaway



Thank you to all who attended our Meet and Greet on March 5. It was a huge success and helped The Healing Kadi raise much needed funds for our clinic in Uganda. That evening we held a raffle for two large prize packages.

One of the packages was a Family Game Night prize that included a Huskers corn-hole game and several games that included yard dice and board games. Our winner was Ian Wade. Ian's dad, Dr. Shawn Wade, sits on our Healing Kadi board. Ian celebrated his 11th birthday in February and chose to celebrate in a special way to honor the Healing Kadi Team. Instead of gifts from his friends and family, Ian requested that his guests make a donation to The Healing Kadi Foundation (HKF). Every single friend and family member at Ian's party made a donation to the HKF which in total raised \$150 for the Foundation.



Ian donated the full \$150 to the Healing Kadi by purchasing 15 raffle tickets for the Family Game Night package at the Meet and Greet. Ian was beyond excited to learn that his raffle ticket was pulled for the prize.



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PARTNER TO SUPPORT A RADIOLOGY TECHNICIAN

By: The Healing Kadi Foundation

Moses Duku is a young man that has worked for The Healing Kadi Foundation (HKF) as a clinical volunteer for over a year in our out-patient clinic at the refugee camp in Uganda. He wants to better himself and become The Healing Kadi’s radiology technician but needs to attend medical imaging school for four (4) years. The total cost of his education is \$12,000 (\$3,000 per year). You can help Moses and HKF by donating towards his education expense. If you are interested in sponsoring this young man, please contact Nathalie via email at nhathaway@healingkadi.org or telephone at (951) 315-7070. Thank you for considering an investment in Moses.

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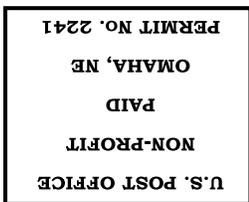
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