



Beyond the Crisis
Making the *Pivot*



When Compassion is the Only Medicine

Sometimes there are no medical solutions. This Swazi lady came to a TLC outreach, devastated that a visiting ophthalmologist diagnosed her with glaucoma. Her parents had gone blind from the disease. She said she would rather die than go blind, because she had no children or anyone to care for her. Siphos Mabuza drew the distraught lady away from the crowds, counseled and prayed with her. Sometimes spiritual hope is the only hope, but delivered with compassion it's the best Hope.



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Beyond the Crisis, Making the Pivot

International health experts are calling it the PIVOT. Therefore, in this magazine we will call it the PIVOT, also.

To the Swazis treated medically and spiritually by The Luke Commission for 10 years, desperation is becoming hopefulness, dire extinction predictions are being replaced with a country's future, and death is springing anew with life.

It's the HIV/AIDS story. Swaziland style. Deep in the heart of the pandemic attacking people in sub-Saharan Africa.

But according to the United Nations and the United States government, the tide is turning.

In an ambitious aspiration, UNAIDS has rolled out the 90-90-90 program to end the AIDS epidemic by 2020.

Simply, 90-90-90 means that within five years 90% of all people living with HIV will know their status, 90% of all people with diagnosed HIV infection will receive regular anti-retroviral therapy, and 90% of all people receiving antiretroviral drugs will have lasting viral suppression.

The Luke Commission is right in the middle of this amazing PIVOT, providing comprehensive point-of-care health services to rural patients right in their communities.

One of seven "high-burden countries" mentioned by the UN, Swaziland could reach the 90-90-90 mark. It's feasible. It's happening before our eyes.

And what's working in these countries to achieve the 2020 target? Just what The Luke Commission has been offering – "multicomponent programs, including use of community-centered, multi-disease campaigns to provide HIV testing and line HIV-positive individuals to immediate initiation of antiretroviral therapy." (Quoted from July, 2015, conference of global scientific leaders implementing 90-90-90) TLC partners with donors from several countries, as well as the Swazi and U.S. governments.

"Innovative service models," such as the one developed by TLC through trial and error and prayer and God's favor, are credited with making the life-sustaining PIVOT.

We invite you to travel with us through this magazine, as we look BEYOND THE CRISIS.



Mission: To deliver compassionate, comprehensive healthcare to the most isolated and under-served of southern Africa in collaboration with rural communities, government, corporate and non-profit partners.



Doubling Our Efforts Because of Yours

Here we are, ten years after we started TLC medical outreaches writing to our faithful supporters again, as well as to people who until now have never heard of The Luke Commission.

This magazine is dedicated especially to those behind the scenes who keep praying and who keep giving. We can assure you that God keeps moving, too, ahead of us and often in spite of us, blessing a country many had thought was headed for extinction.

The HIV/AIDS tide has turned, making the pivot from HIV/AIDS heartbreak to hopefulness.

However, our work – your work – has just begun in Swaziland. The Luke Commission in 2016 will replicate itself, sending out two medical outreach teams, instead of one. Meanwhile, the Miracle Campus will continue to grow in buildings, in efficiency and most importantly in services.

Replication is a huge undertaking: double the staff, double the vehicles, double the medical equipment, double everything. But most Swazis still live in rural areas and have little or no access to healthcare. Many patients are still waiting for TLC mobile hospital outreaches to come to their communities.

Personally, we are a blessed family. After a delicate surgery, baby Gilead is a normal 1-year-old beloved by his four brothers and sister Hosanna. The triplets are 14 years old and starting high school. Zion, at age 11, is both the little brother and the big brother of two youngest.

We thank Jesus for allowing us to live a dream beyond what we could ever dream. We thank our partners who have come alongside TLC to offer new and expanded health services. We thank you all for loving us.

Love, Harry and Echo



“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” The second is this: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no commandment greater than these. - Mark 12:30&31



This elderly man thanks TLC for coming to him, coming to the rural people of Swaziland who have few if any viable, medical options.

Obviously, TLC Needs to Go to the People

For years, we have maintained that Swazis in rural communities do not have access to medical diagnosis and treatment, because they do not have the money to take public transportation to the cities. That's why The Luke Commission travels all over Swaziland, going close to the people.

Recently, we heard this story first-hand. An elderly man waiting to see Dr. Harry told us he received 600 emalangeni (less than \$60) every three months. That's E200 (\$20) a month for food and necessities.

Feeling so poorly last year, he "saved" his pension and traveled to a Mbabane hospital. It cost him E30 to get to Manzini plus E28 to take a second kombi to Mbabane. He saw a doctor there, but only received a little Tylenol. The rides home cost another E58.

More than half this man's monthly income (E116) was spent trying to get medical assistance. For just one trip. A trip without lasting benefit.

When The Luke Commission came to his community several months later, he was one of the first in line to receive treatment. Obviously, this man treasured TLC's commitment to rural patients.

Is it any wonder more than 800 patients are treated at almost every TLC mobile hospital outreach? Is it any wonder that Swazis value prayer as highly as physical assistance?

Sometimes the obvious hits us in the face, and renews our vigor and determination to "stay the course."

Campus from Above...Miracles Continue Below



The VanderWal boys Jacob, Luke Zebadiah and Zion photographed the Miracle Campus at sunset with a drone. These photos highlight the industrial triangle.

Not shown are the Swazi staff housing, the staff breakroom, the electrical substation and the all-purpose "temporary operations building" (a remodeled dairy barn) where it all started in 2013. A surgical building is being planned in the triangle.

Note the new pharmacy storeroom with controlled

temperatures and security for medications and medical supplies.

Construction continues almost daily, bathed in prayer and thanksgiving.

"Remember when we see the land and the new buildings and listen to testimonies that all the glory goes to God," says Frans Pienaar, Inyatsi Construction and TLC Swaziland board chairman.

We remember! We rejoice!





Jadelle Increases Family Planning Options

Family planning and sexual reproductive health is not new to Luke Commission outreaches, but it does have a new component called "Jadelle."

Jadelle is a device implanted under the skin of the upper inner arm of a woman, which slowly releases hormones to prevent pregnancy. The device lasts for five years, before it is no longer effective.

Listening to the grapevine, hearing from friends, talking among themselves – that's what Swazi ladies are doing. And more and more of them are requesting the Jadelle.

Said one 37-year-old mother of five children: "I've wanted to do this for a long time but didn't have the money to go to Manzini. Then I heard The Luke Commission was coming..."

Zanele Mamba was one of the first in line that day, asking for a Jadelle. After registration and triage, Zanele was taken to a private cubicle in Room 8, where TLC's trained medical personnel performed the procedure.

Zanele's children are ages 14, 11, 9, 4, and 2. Her oldest is an epileptic and not in school. Her husband is a miner in South Africa and lives in Johannesburg.

"It hurts a little," Zanele noted, "as she received local anesthesia in her upper left arm, "but I will be still. My friend came to The Luke Commission

in May, and she now has this."

A large bore needle inserts two Jadelle rods. The patient wears a bandage over the area and is instructed not to lift heavy objects for one week. The whole procedure takes about 15 minutes.

The family planning device is "not visible, and she doesn't have to get or remember to take pills," noted nurse Melody Miller.

Melody has heard many stories, through translators, from patients.

One grandmother brought in her mentally-disabled granddaughter "who had been taken advantage of" and already had one child. The gogo was taking care of that baby, since her granddaughter could not.

Another young woman took money from her boyfriend to pay for a Jadelle to be performed in the city. But the girl spent that money to buy food for her family. Then she heard about The Luke Commission.

One lady came to an outreach especially to get a Jadelle. When she was given a pregnancy test and the results were positive, she cried...she wept inconsolably. With an infant on her back and two toddlers close by, she was overwhelmed with the thought of having another baby.

She was gently counseled by a longtime TLC Swazi staff member.

Head Teacher Sends Message to His Boys

The compassionate part of this medical team, that seeks to treat the whole person, surfaced recently when a 57-year-old head teacher came to be circumcised.

Ernest Mazibuko has been head teacher (or principal) for 32 years. He knows his students and their families.

"I tell everyone about the services The Luke Commission provides to our communities, especially to the poor who can't afford any medical treatment," he said.

It was the fourth time TLC had come to Mazibuko's school. Why was he getting circumcised now? "I want to send a message to my boys here that this is the way to reduce STIs and other diseases."

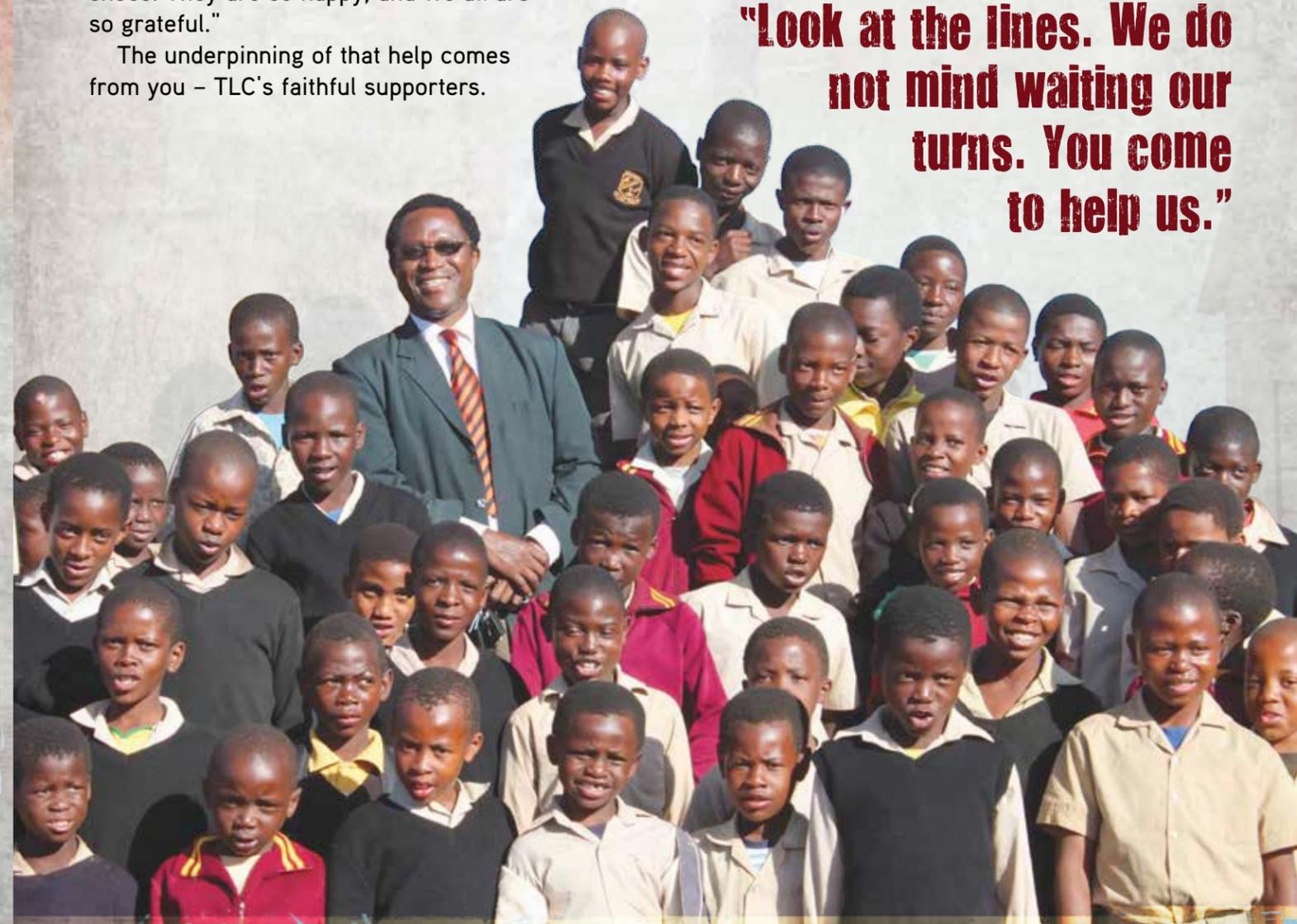
Was he nervous? "Yes, I do not like pain. But the lady who tested my blood was kind, and I did not feel a thing."

After surgery, he said: "I had a wonderful experience. It was well carried out."

Mazibuko added, "Now I can watch the kids getting shoes. They are so happy, and we all are so grateful."

The underpinning of that help comes from you – TLC's faithful supporters.

Glancing around at the crowds, Mazibuko said, "Look at the lines. We do not mind waiting our turns. You come to help us."



"I ran from my home to be first in line to be circumcised today. I will cut down my chances to get HIV." - 10-year-old Mfunda at 6 am on TLC outreach day

Eye Care Branch Just Keeps Growing

It's a branch that just keeps growing, sprouting new partnerships to bring compassionate healthcare to more and more Swazis.

One new partnership is with cbm Canada (Christian Blind Mission Canada). The other is with eye doctors from Dean McGee Eye Institute in Oklahoma City, USA.

Both are coming together to work with The Luke Commission, as part of Comprehensive and Restorative Eyecare Services (CARES).

"Vision is so important. People cry when they can't see what their grandchildren look like," said Dr. Jacquelyn Jetton O'Banion. "A pair of glasses or a 15-minute surgery can fix that."

Improving, "fixing" vision of thousands of Swazis is TLC's goal with these two new partners.

"We have prayed and laid ground work for improved eyecare for years," noted Echo VanderWal,

the partnership with cbm Canada and TLC is an answer to prayer, "a revelation by God on what God intends for this world."

The large Canadian non-profit organization saw the unmet need for eye and disability care in Swaziland, but not how to provide that care. Enter TLC.

"I remember my first visit to the Miracle Campus," said Epp. "I was blown away by the realization that right there God gave us the second part of our mission. God had already thought of the solution and was preparing that solution before we even felt the burden of the need."

As a financial partner for the new CARES program, Epp considers the future of the new relationship.

"God has plans that we do not yet know. Like the past when I first met TLC and realized what God was planning, I believe we will do more together that will make our first work seem small in comparison."

existing comprehensive mobile hospital platform," said Dr. Hildebrand.

Colleagues Dr. Annie Moreau and Dr. Janine Collinge visited Swaziland in the summer of 2015. Both declared enthusiastically before leaving: "We will be back!" While here, they concentrated on children's eye problems.

TLC nurse Rebekah Sartori, under the tutelage of Dr. Hildebrand, has been researching and ordering equipment for the new CARES program.

"None of us at TLC understand exactly how this worked. We're new at this expanded eyecare. God gets all the credit, because there's no way we could have done this in our own strength," said Rebekah.

It's another part of the sprouting branch.

"We do have the perfect combination," Rebekah noted, "with great resources from cbm Canada and medical expertise from DMEI. We're standing on two strong legs" TLC's part? To find the patients. To facilitate the various treatments and surgeries. To provide continuity of care for the patients all year long.

August was Dr. Glenn Strauss, an ophthalmologist who has worked with Mercy Ships and is now CEO of Help Me See in Texas. His wife Kim accompanied him.

Dr. Alex Cohen, until recently on staff at Dean McGee Eye Institute, came to the Miracle Campus in early September to perform cataract surgeries. He recently moved to Iowa to practice.

An optometrist from California, Dr. Woody Hopper, who worked with Dr. Strauss on Mercy Ships, volunteered several weeks with The Luke Commission.

"We're thankful for all the pieces that have come together from donors to technical experts to staff on the ground and their dedicated hard work," said Dr. Harry VanderWal, TLC chief medical officer/executive director.

"As we continue to screen for cataracts and other causes of vision loss throughout rural Swaziland, we look forward to further rounds of eye surgeries," continued Dr. Harry. "This now is an ongoing addition to TLC services."



TLC staff and Ed Epp, executive director of cbm Canada (center in blue), surround the first group of patients to receive improved eyesight. In a three-week Miracle Campus eye marathon, 275 cataracts were surgically removed.



Dr. Lloyd Hildebrand (right), shares a life-changing moment with a patient as he trains Dr. Harry (with Hosanna) how to do post-op exams. Dr. Lloyd was a visionary for the expanded National Vision Services and has worked behind the scenes as TLC's chief technical adviser/expert. Even when not in Swaziland, he is constantly available electronically as TLC grows an eye team.



Ed and TLC staff greet patients as they arrive on Miracle Campus, faraway from their rural homesteads.

TLC managing executive director. "Now we see it coming to fruition with the help of many. We rejoice."

Indeed, in the last 18 months, 12,000 pairs of eyeglasses have been fitted; 1,500 cataracts identified at TLC outreaches; 8,000 school children screened for visual impairment; and 284 eye surgical procedures performed at the Miracle Campus.

"Because nobody should be forgotten" is cbm Canada's motto.

Executive director for cbm Canada Ed Epp said

Much of the technical expertise, teachers of TLC staff, and ophthalmic surgeons will come from doctors volunteering from the Dean McGee Eye Institute.

Preliminary studies and evaluations have been underway in Swaziland at TLC outreaches since early in 2014, when eye specialist Dr. Lloyd Hildebrand came to Swaziland to work with The Luke Commission.

"TLC is designing and building a robust eye program, one that would be a bolt-on service to their

Rebekah looks to her mentor Dr. Hildebrand, a highly-respected U.S. oculoplastic surgeon, to help determine "what we need to buy" and then to recruit ophthalmic surgeons to volunteer in Swaziland. "He's great at training, capacitating, and then stepping back."

Through mid-July, 2015, at rural outreaches throughout the country, The Luke Commission has identified more than 1,500 cataracts.

Volunteering for the first week of surgeries in late

This year TLC's surgical center was located in the Logistics Nerve Center. But that's only the beginning.

In the near future, cbm Canada plans to assist TLC in building a specialized care and surgical center.

"I'm so excited," said Echo. "The sky is the limit when we have a large surgery center on the Miracle Campus."

May the Comprehensive Eyecare and Restorative Services (CARES) take root!



Children with a severe allergic inflammation of the eyes, called vernal keratoconjunctivitis, receive treatment, also. Injections given every couple months will improve their eyesight until age 18, when usually the condition will disappear.

George Nthathwa, a 48-year-old primary school teacher, has not seen well since 1989 "when I got some glasses that didn't work." All that has changed. "I knew my turn would come," George says, as he waits in TLC's outdoor pre-op for cataract surgery. One eye today and another eye in a couple of days. "I'm ready. I'm excited."

They came from rural areas all over Swaziland, guided by TLC staff and a desire to see better.

Dr. Alex Cohen (left) operates with TLC's new state-of-the-art ophthalmic equipment. Notice the monitor on the wall that shows the procedure. Assisting is Dr. Lloyd who half-teasingly, half-seriously declares about the 262 cataract surgeries and 22 other procedures completed in two weeks: "This is half crazy, but this whole thing is half crazy."

New TLC staff member Lwazi could not believe his eyes when he saw his grandmother (center) and aunt get off the bus at the Miracle Campus. "I had no idea TLC would help my family." His grandmother needed cataract surgery, as did his aunt. Both arrived leaning on each other and seeing only a few feet in front of them. Both left with bubbling gratitude.

Sometimes eyeglasses are all that needed to see well. These delighted recipients point at this and that in the Miracle Campus, things they hadn't seen just minutes before.



One by One, Dimness Turns to Vivid Sight

They come one by one, with bedding and coats and walking sticks. They move slowly. They come by faith. They come to The Luke Commission's Miracle Campus.

They leave their homesteads and their rural communities. They leave what is familiar. They leave their families, who often must fend for themselves for a time. They hope to leave their poor sight behind, too.

Many have never traveled this far from home their whole lives. Fear accompanies them. Many are elderly. Most are raising their deceased children's children or caring permanently for grandchildren while their parents are employed in the cities. Most have no jobs, although they would like to work, and receive only a minimal government pension given once every three months.

Oh, it's a pilgrimage, to be sure. Those of us who are privileged to receive the "pilgrims" when they

condition and taken home.

The process of diagnosis and treatment may take a couple of days or more. TLC staff members cook for their guests and provide places to sleep.

Generators and large lights glow in the darkness as days start at 3 am for some staff members and end late at night. It's a three-week marathon.

Visiting surgeons from the United States perform dozens of cataract surgeries in one day, assisted by TLC medical and support team who learn on the job with joy and expectation of success.

Even the construction crew on the Miracle Campus witnesses the wonder when patches are removed the day after surgery and fellow Swazis can see! See colors and see people and see Jesus.

Listen to just a few comments, real comments

Observed TLC staff member Kal Tuinstra: "It seems as if God is rewarding the faithfulness of grandparents who have raised their grandchildren after their children died of AIDS. Their service and devotion has not gone unnoticed by the One Who notices all."

arrive and to watch their journeys unfold must cry, "To God be the glory!" Or sometimes we just cry. It's overwhelming to see sight restored to so many before our own eyes.

Buses hired by TLC come and go early mornings and late afternoons. Patients are greeted, covered with Scripture reading and prayer, and then led through eight "stations" to analyze their eye problems.

If eyeglasses will work, they are tested for corrective lenses. If cataracts are severely obscuring vision, they are headed into the line for surgery. If loss of sight is due to glaucoma or other difficult diseases, patients are gently told of their

documented by those on the Miracle Campus where all this is happening:

"Now I will see the thief who is stealing my chickens."

"I see you standing in front of me. I could only hear you before."

"When the sun sets today, I will see it."

"I look at people's shoes."

"My grandchildren need to be taught how to clean the yard and fetch the water and wash the clothes. Before, I holler. Now I will show them."

"Now I will be able to cook again..." "Sew again..." "Plant maize again..." "Work in the forest."

"I met The Luke Commission when they came to my child's school. The people in red shirts told me they would call me when they could help my eyes. They are not dancing with lies; they are dancing with truth. They called Saturday. The bus picked me up Monday."

"I must smile, but please don't take my photo. My teeth are no more smiling teeth."

"Can you fix my other eye now?"

"Who will take care of my grandchildren who are only eight and six years, if I have to stay here long time?" ("You will probably leave tomorrow.") "Oh, siyabonga."

"My child can see the board with her new glasses. She will perform well in school now."

"I crawled when I could not see, because I was afraid to fall. Now that I have these eyeglasses, I can walk tall like a man again."

"It's true only Jesus heals. Then these doctors must come from God."

"I thought they would scoop out my eye. But I was done before I thought the doctor had started."

More, you might say, tell more:

"There was no pain. TLC is taking care of us. We are in warm hands."

"If you could open my heart, you would see it exploding."

"It's not an operation of the eye but a cleaning of the eye. I can see clearly now." (Indeed, cataract surgery is referred to as the "wash.")

"Before, everything looked like a big rain was coming. Cloudy. Now I see a black skirt, a red shirt, and white cars."

"So grateful that God and The Luke Commission has not ruled out patients like me who have diabetes. I was told my disease would make it so I could not see."

"I see trees across the river."

"Where did you come from?" (Said to a person standing right in front of the patient as the surgery patch was removed from his eye.)

Those of us who wear contacts or eyeglasses know how crucial they are to our lives.

Those who have poor eyesight simply lose connection with beauty and colors and facial expressions of loved ones. The Luke Commission finds them by the scores, as they travel throughout the country, offering free hospital outreaches. Often, elderly Swazis come to outreaches with other medical needs and end up in the eye department, which has expanded greatly in 2015.



This is the day! Eye surgeries begin on Miracle Campus with prayer and song.



Sometimes all that is needed is the right pair of eyeglasses, as determined by TLC's refraction team.



RN Tiffany (left) and Dr. Harry (center) check patients' eyes following surgery and patch removal. Ncamisile observes and learns.



From cloudy to brightness all in one dance.

Five Years Later, TLC Still Cares for Him

With all the rural communities The Luke Commission reaches and the vast number of patients treated, do Swazis get continuous care when needed?

The answer is, yes. Follow-up care takes many forms. Here's one story:

Samson Simelane first came to a TLC outreach in 2009. He suffered from a chronic abscess on one leg. TLC sponsored two operations at Raleigh-Fitkin Memorial Hospital, where the infection was scraped and pieces of his dead bone were removed. Then Samson was sent back to his homestead 60 kilometers away.

When the 71-year-old man returned to a recent outreach, Dr. Harry saw that Samson was obviously in pain, and the abscess was discharging again.

"We will put him back on antibiotics and work on another surgical intervention for him," said Harry.

"We lost touch with him when he left the hospital and thought he was doing well. Now we will actively monitor and treat him again."

Divorced and living alone, Samson said, "I didn't know TLC would keep helping me. Now I know. I will be a TLC patient for the rest of my life! I'm very happy."

TLC seeks to reach rural patients that are forgotten or overlooked. It's our job. It's our calling. It's our privilege.



Samson leaves this TLC outreach with a bag of medications, new crutches, and the assurance of continued care.



The Sunset illuminates patients as they wait for free help in Jesus' name.

'Box on Wheels' Transports Apprentice Carpenter



When Nkosinathi Ndluvo's grandmother told him about "a strange-looking box on wheels" she saw at a Luke Commission outreach, Nkosinathi decided to investigate further. The aspiring carpenter enrolled in a two-year program although he cannot walk. But when Jesus came into his life a few years ago, Nkosinathi prayed for strength to do something meaningful.

This PET cart, a remodeled updated version by PET-Demotte affiliate in Wheatfield, Indiana, is just what the 23-year-old Swazi needed to be mobile and self-sufficient. "Please thank those people who made this and all the pieces," said Nkosinathi. Indeed, TLC does thank PET DeMotte volunteers and other American retirees who finance and build Personal Energy Transportation carts for disabled persons worldwide.

And for the record, TLC just happened to have this orange scarf that matches Nkosinathi's new "wheels."

Reaching Out – from Rural School to Mobile Hospital



"I saw free manna come down from heaven today, just like in Moses' time. A boy got a new life free." - Swazi staff member after watching a complicated circumcision surgery to correct a congenital abnormality

Even Downpours Do Not Dampen Gratitude



"Thank you for finally coming to our community," said a patient who patiently waited for treatment at a 2015 TLC outreach.

"We heard you went over there," she said, as she waved her hand north, "and over there," as she waved her hand south, "and even over there," pointing to the east, "but never to us. Today you are here!" She beamed, throwing her arms out in a circle.

At this outreach, 1,172 patients received treatment and medications, more than 1,000 school children walked away with new TOMS shoes, 30 boys and men underwent circumcision surgery, and 26 disabled persons were fitted with wheelchairs, carts, and crutches.

Twenty-six individuals from one rural Swazi community gained improved mobility in one day! We thank PET International and Free Wheelchair Mission for having carts and wheelchairs to give. But none of this would happen, if supporters like you did not provide the means to go to those in need.

That day it poured in mid-afternoon and then again in the evening. Everywhere, the red clay turned to slippery mud.

Some patients stepped inside classrooms which had been converted to a mobile hospital for the day. Some ran for shelter under the eaves of the buildings. Some had umbrellas that helped until the wind picked up sending the rain sideways into a horizontal soaking that few could escape. Wet clothes and babies amplified smells.

Age 29 and So Sick - Now What?

She came to a Luke Commission outreach in 2010, having "a headache all the time, no appetite. My body was dying." She was 29 years old.

To look at Gcebile Ginindza now, no one would ever guess the desperation she felt back then. She's glowing today, glowing in appearance and in speech.

"You were here," she says of The Luke Commission. "I would not have tested or received help."

Continues Gcebile, "You told me I was positive and must go on treatment. I was so scared."

In 2010, TLC was still headquartered in Manzini and had to have other facilities test blood to establish CD4 counts.

Blood is drawn from all patients who test positive for HIV to determine extent of their illnesses.

"I rode the kombi to the TLC home. You wrote me a letter so I could get into treatment," Gcebile explains.

"Now I feel so strong, and I don't get sick easily."

Gcebile takes anti-retroviral two times a day. "I know I cannot leave the treatment. I will live a healthy life, but I must follow the steps you told me.

"I grow a garden now to get more healthy food."

Her life has improved occupationally, too. She is now a pre-school teacher with 19 students. Gcebile brought all her students to an outreach "so they could see the doctor, too." In the pharmacy line, she gently led each child. Her smile stood out in a sea of smiles.

"Jesus is leading me in this way," she says of her pre-school. "I must always bear fruit for Him. He has helped me too much."

Gcebile has two children, one of which is a little girl who recently tested positive for HIV. When asked why she has not had her 11-year-old son tested, she answers: "He wants to test but had to walk his grandma home today. I know he needs to be tested."

Still more work for The Luke Commission in Swaziland's rural areas – that's for sure. Thousands still do not know their HIV status. Thousands still need to test. Thousands still need treatment. Thousands still need hope.

Meanwhile, Gcebile lives her life with purpose and thankfulness.

When she first arrived at the outreach, "I saw you were very busy. But you gave me the real treatment."



Gcebile Ginindza surrounds her pre-school students with care and love, now that her own health glows.

TIC 2015 Stats

60,983 Medical Patients Treated

14% increase



33,943 Blood Pressure & Sugar Tested



159 Surgeries Sponsored



38 Prevention-of-Mother-to-Child HIV Service Provided



1,557 Cataracts Found



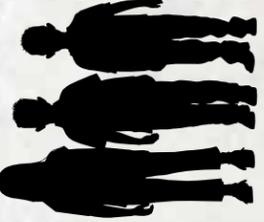
19,396 TB Screenings Completed



43 Chronic Care Patients Treated

168,495 MC/HIV Community Education & Counseling

19% increase



17,657 Patients Tested & Counselled for HIV

60% increase

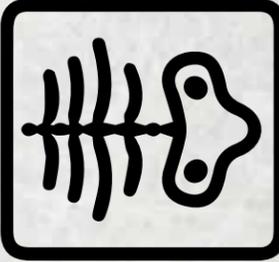


77 Other Surgeries/Procedures Completed



975 X-rays Obtained

64% increase



13,279 Eye Glasses Fitted



127 Patients Counselled. Tested. Serviced at Campus

22% increase



722 HIV ARV Adherence Counseling

623 Wheelchairs/Adaptive Equipment Fitted



866 Laboratory Services Rendered

19% increase



1,134 Bibles Distributed



335,407 Medication Packets Dispensed



822 HIV/TB Referrals Tracked



2,170 Male Circumcisions Performed

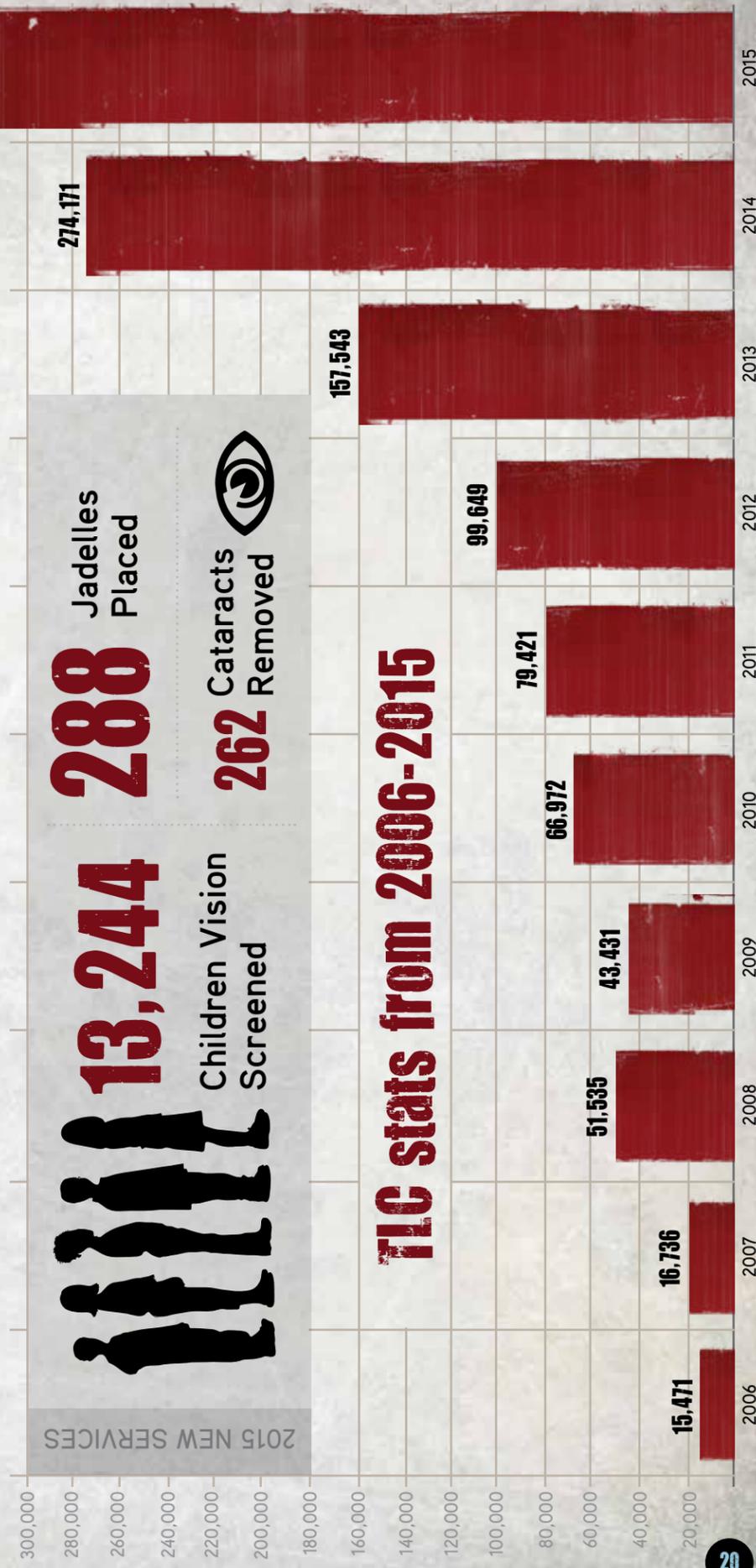


107,512 Orphans & Vulnerable Children Given Clothes/Shoes



62,110 Scripture Booklets/Book of Hope Disbursed

12% increase

X-Rays Now!

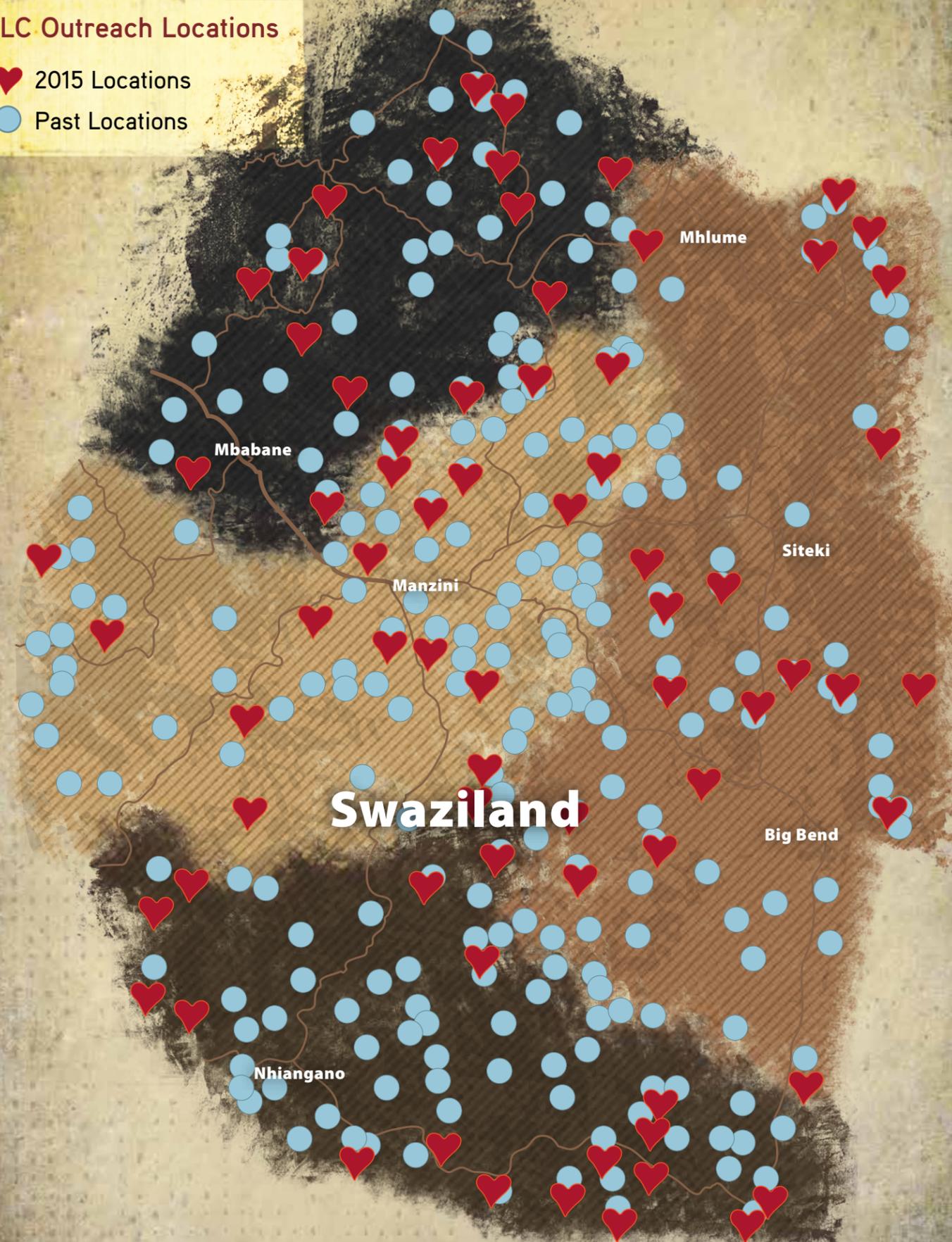
Patients receive immediate x-rays whenever needed at outreach sites. See a displaced limb, an advanced case of tuberculosis, and a youngster thankful for a pink cast on her newly-diagnosed broken arm.



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TLC Steps in to Remove Tumor

"Here" was a Luke Commission mobile hospital outreach – the first one Martha Masuku had ever attended, although she heard about TLC coming last year and the year before.

"I know, now, that when TLC comes, I will come."

The large lipoma on Martha's right shoulder started growing a year ago. It was itchy, not painful, but made her wonder if she was being punished for a misdeed...

TLC's second mid-level practitioner Lelo Dlamini was the surgical clinician that day, mentored by Echo VanderWal.

"It was the biggest tumor I've done," Lelo explained. "I consulted Echo a lot, and that really helped." Minor procedures are routinely accomplished in TLC's mobile surgical unit, anything that can be done under local anesthesia.

"I had to be very careful not to hurt the function of that area," said Lelo. The attractive Swazi lady was grateful, and her shyness disappeared when she realized she no longer had a big lump on her shoulder. "Thank you so much! May God bless you all!"

Martha said God became real to her in 2002, when she heard a Bible story about a donkey that couldn't survive on his own. "That was me. I was that donkey. I didn't know where to go or what to do. I needed Jesus to help me."

Today Martha lives with some of her children in a dry area of Swaziland that gets little rain. She does not grow a garden, because "no water is close."

One daughter works at the Manzini hospital and supports her mother, as well as other siblings and their children. "She's the breadwinner," Martha said proudly.



"I wanted the tumor gone, but had no money to go to the hospital. I came HERE," said a 60-year-old widow and mother of six children.



Beyond the Crisis...But not beyond the Cries...

The cries of *adults* seeking health with HIV

The cries of the *young* seeking to avoid HIV

The cries of *children* left orphaned

The cries of *elderly* who can't see

The cries of *disabled* wanting assistance

The cries of *babies* needing a doctor

The cries of the *human heart* seeking the Creator

Most Swazis still live in rural areas, still need medical treatment, still need compassion. The Luke Commission is committed to staying the course, to spreading out, to serving Beyond the Crisis.

Samkelo Motsa is pictured here with his father, Duma, more than two years after Samkelo was given an HIV test at a TLC outreach, while being videotaped for a full-length documentary "Never a Neverland." His father was HIV+ and feared the same diagnosis for his son. But, thankfully, Samkelo was negative. Father and son returned to another outreach to say "thank you." The boy is still healthy, for which his father is happy.

