



A Time to Heal Snake bite season lasts for eight months a year in Eswatini. Both young children and adults suffer snake bites, with many victims being bitten while sleeping. With 24-hour emergency response and antivenom in stock, the TLC team intervenes immediately to limit the effect of toxic snake venom. Then the team gently guides each patient back to health. After suffering a snake bite to his ankle, this young man spent several months in TLC's inpatient ward. With consistent care and the challenge of physical therapy, he eventually regained the ability to walk. Following his recovery, he joined TLC as a staff member.



At just the Right Time Without knowing exactly why, several months before the arrival of COVID-19 in Eswatini, TLC's leaders felt an urgency: it was time to complete construction on a new 120-bed inpatient ward on the Miracle Campus. Now it's clear why. Today, COVID-19 patients are housed and treated in private rooms originally designed for TB patients. Other patients receive care in separate male and female wards. It's a bustling place. Over days, weeks, and often months, patients experience physical, emotional, mental and spiritual healing. Many patients recover and return home. Some patients die, leaving behind grieving families and a grieving TLC team. All patients are surrounded by tender loving care.



It's Always a Time to Share "Normal" at The Luke Commission is to share whatever is possible with patients and staff. When Niagara Christian Gleaners became a TLC partner, patients began to receive dried fruits and vegetables. TLC also bought tons of grapefruit and then tons of oranges to give to families to help fight COVID-19. On special giveaway days, staff members receive food, household aids, clothes for family members and neighbors, and building materials for their homes.



Beyond the Daytime Well before sunup, buses depart from the Miracle Campus for mobile hospital outreach locations. The buses carry energized staff members ready to provide comprehensive care. They return in the dark, too, after every patient has been seen and cared for—every last one. Meanwhile, on the Miracle Campus, inpatients are admitted and cared for 24 hours a day by a resilient, committed team.



A Time to Reconcile TLC's counseling team offers safe conversations for both patients and staff. As part of TLC's Base Camp training program, participants are invited to forgive old hurts and embrace new healing. Caring TLC counselors work behind the scenes to arrange in-person reconciliation. "Unforgiveness keeps your life stagnant and your future confused. Reconciliation breaks anger that keeps you from becoming close to other people," shared a TLC counselor. "After reconciling, people become free and able to love others." This Base Camp participant and her father now enjoy that freedom.



Seeing Again for the First Time Several weeks each year, as part of the Comprehensive and Restorative Eye Surgeries (CARES) program, TLC brings eye patients to the Miracle Campus for cataract removal and other eye surgeries. The TLC team welcomes eye specialists who volunteer their services for CARES. Many patients who come to the Miracle Campus nearly blind leave several days later singing, dancing, and seeing.



A TIME TO STEP BACK AND A TIME TO JUMP FORWARD

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Perfect Timing Just days before COVID-19 arrived in Eswatini, TLC opened the Specialty Care and Surgical Centre. Beyond hosting all health services available at mobile hospital outreaches, the new Specialized Care and Surgical Centre also includes a comprehensive laboratory where trained technicians use quality equipment to analyze patients' health. The first building on the Miracle Campus was built in 2013; today 16 buildings serve Eswatini citizens.

It's been an unprecedented year. A beautiful year. A challenging year. And a super glue year.

Through successes and challenges, this year and every year, the prayers and financial support of a diversified team of partners are the glue that empowers TLC to innovate solutions, maximize resources, and bring free, compassionate, comprehensive health care to every patient God brings to us—every last one.

Yes, COVID-19 came to the world this year. Yes, our first son, Luke, married a lovely Liswati woman and we are thrilled to now have two daughters. Yes, we still need your help to continue. Thinking about A Time to Give, we welcome and are grateful for your prayers and partnership.

We appreciate all our supporters who have diligently and generously walked this path in Eswatini in southern Africa with us for the past 15 years. We also welcome those who open this magazine and hear about The Luke Commission Compassionate Medicine for the first time.

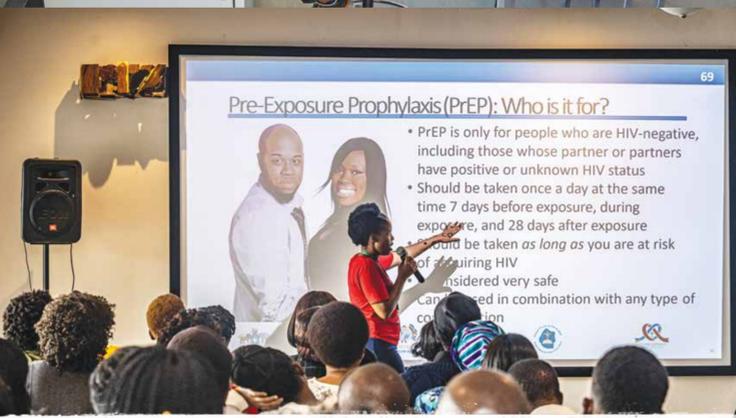
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The Luke Commission's Mission

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Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP): Who is it for?

- PrEP is only for people who are HIV-negative, including those whose partner or partners have positive or unknown HIV status
- Should be taken once a day at the same time 7 days before exposure, during exposure, and 28 days after exposure
- PrEP should be taken as long as you are at risk of acquiring HIV
- PrEP is considered very safe
- PrEP is used in combination with any type of contraception



Step by Step The Luke Commission's response to the unprecedented pandemic of COVID-19? Start with compassion. Learn. Adapt. Train others. TLC cares for patients with severe and critical COVID-19, often receiving patients in the middle of the night. Whether it's changing an oxygen tank, coaching a patient to breathe deeply, or counseling family members, the TLC team uses every available resource to offer supportive and hope-filled care, including the power of compassionate touch.



A Digital Jump High above the Miracle Campus, TLC team members scale an existing radio tower to install new communications equipment. This equipment opens doors, windows, and the skies themselves to many IT improvements. This radio links remote outreach sites in Eswatini directly to the Miracle Campus. With this link, the TLC team tracks every patient's care in real time through a custom-designed electronic medical record (EMR) system. The end result? Patients are treated more quickly and comprehensively.

A Time to Multiply Who understands each other better than neighbors and fellow church members? Enter the Faith and Community Initiative (FCI), a US government program sponsored by the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). As part of FCI, TLC supports nearly 500 faith leaders from across Eswatini to share messages of hope about HIV testing and treatment. In addition, the faith leaders engage people in their own communities who still do not know their HIV status. Community members may be scared or shy or uninterested in testing, HIV continues to claim precious lives. Many Emaswati, especially men and children, need to test and to learn how to stay negative or how to thrive, even with a positive diagnosis. Neighbors helping neighbors, medically and with understanding. That's the Faith and Community Initiative in action.



A Time to Celebrate Several Saturdays each month, TLC hosts young people who are HIV+ at the Miracle Campus for a day of fun, learning, and community. TLC staff offer support and encouragement. They remind each person that faithfully taking medication at the same time every day leads to a long, healthy life. That's something to celebrate!

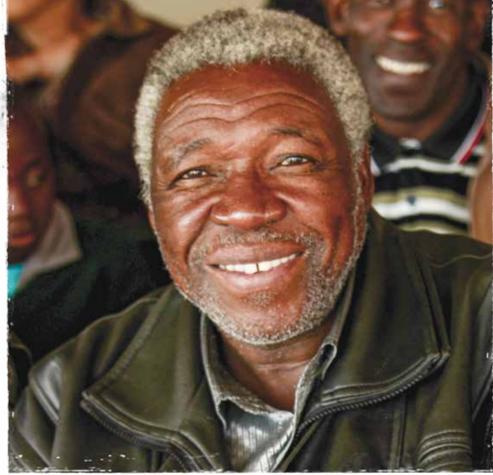


The Right Place at the Right Time Stacked two high on concrete footings between existing warehouses, 26 shipping containers on the Miracle Campus provide new storage. Collectively known as the Container Hub, these containers provide secure, clean storage for beds, wheelchairs, mobility carts, medical supplies, construction materials, tools, and more. Jumping for pure joy at the new storage space is a TLC supply chain logistics senior manager.



In Due Time Looking to the future, TLC will deepen and extend a culture of compassion through the Training and Leadership Centre of Excellence (TLCE). When complete, the TLCE will be the largest building on campus. The facility will host TLC staff, members of community- and faith-based organizations, and others eager to learn about building a culture of compassion. In addition, TLCE will offer nearly a dozen counseling rooms, classroom space, and an auditorium for all-campus celebrations.





A Time to Prepare All prospective TLC team members first train in TLC's culture of compassion with a three-month personal and leadership training program called Base Camp. With classroom content, service opportunities, and on-the-job training, Base Camp invites participants into an intensive growth environment. "In Base Camp you learn about teamwork," said one participant who now serves on the medical team. "Every person in the organization is important." Some Base Camp sessions are delivered via TLC's in-house electronic learning management system. Since September 2018, 521 participants have completed Base Camp.

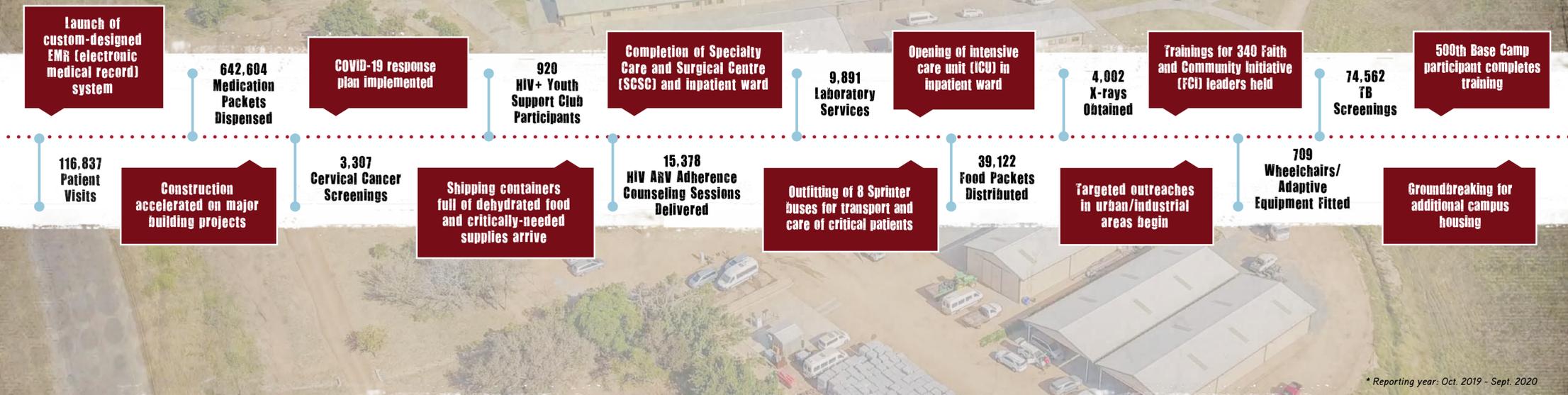


One Life at a Time
At TLC, every patient is a VIP—a Very Important Patient. Their smiles tell it all.

The ever-evolving ways TLC reaches every last one...

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.

Ecclesiastes 3:1



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Partnering to reach every last one...



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A Time to Build Through challenges and expanded services, the Miracle Campus continues to grow. This hub of operations for both on-site and mobile health services helps the team to treat every patient as a father, mother, brother, sister, or child. Every last one.

TLC's 120-bed inpatient facility, opened in March 2020, includes a male ward, a female ward, and 30 private rooms for tuberculosis or COVID-19 patients. The facility also includes on-site laundry and oxygen tank storage.

Opened in March 2020, the Specialty Care and Surgical Centre includes an outpatient department offering 42 health services, an emergency/casualty unit, three operating rooms, and X-ray/ultrasound rooms.

Warehouse 3, the newest warehouse on campus, will include storage for pharmaceuticals, flexible warehouse space, a new kitchen, and a conference room.

