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Tenwek Today

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# Excitement Building as Opening of Tenwek's New Outpatient Clinic Nears

With construction sounds filling the air, the excitement is building in Bomet as residents look forward to the opening of Tenwek Hospital's new outpatient clinic, the Bomet Annex. Conveniently located at the site of a former nursing home, the facility has been completely renovated to meet the area's immediate, emerging, and future outpatient medical needs.

The need for a city-based clinic is urgent. The hospital's outpatient clinic treats, on average, 430 patients each day. It often takes the entire day for patients to be registered and evaluated, undergo tests, receive care, and be discharged. As one nurse explained, "Our work is never done. No matter how many people we see today, tomorrow we will be full again."

A physician at Tenwek concurs, "We continue to be extremely crowded with long queues and long waiting times here in Tenwek Hospital Outpatient. It will be a great blessing for the Bomet Annex to open as soon as possible to serve many of these patients."

When working people in Bomet experience illness or injury, they would like to receive the quality care Tenwek Hospital is known for. But they cannot afford to sacrifice a day's work and pay to visit the main hospital clinic. As a result, they are missing the great opportunity for physical and spiritual healing that Tenwek offers.

The Bomet Annex will provide a full range of outpatient services in a convenient venue, attracting new patients while helping relieve congestion and improve efficiency at the hospital. Just as Tenwek's regional network of dispensaries delivers compassionate care in Christ's name to people where they live, the Bomet Annex will embody Tenwek's mission and work in that city.

FOT Board Secretary-Treasurer Don Hoover (center) visits the Bomet Annex site in July 2017 with Geoffrey Langat, Tenwek Hospital CEO, and Dr. Stephen Burgert, M.D., Tenwek Hospital Medical Superintendent (right).

## Funds Needed to Reach the Finish Line

Since 2014, Friends of Tenwek has already raised and invested $150,433 to help Tenwek Hospital purchase, renovate, and begin to equip the Bomet Annex clinic. This support has included acquisition of the land and facility, extensive renovations, and purchase of x-ray equipment. ***With the end of the project in sight, FOT is dedicated to raising $56,000 before the close of the 2017 calendar year.*** *(See page 2 for fundraising summary and how you can help!)*

After acquiring the property, Tenwek administrators made the strategic decision to conduct extensive repairs and renovations that would allow the facility to expand as needed. Rather than simply occupy the existing space, they developed a construction plan that created numerous examination and treatment rooms for patient privacy, diagnostic and laboratory service spaces, and administrative offices for medical professionals and chaplains. Future phases of the 1.2 acre site will accommodate additional services currently not available in Bomet, including counseling, mortuary, chapel, and community health.

In addition to creating all-new clinical spaces, renovation challenges have included the need to level the structure, which had an eight-inch difference in floor height from end to end, and the removal and replacement of the facility's roof. While the necessary work has caused some unanticipated delays, the finish line is in sight. The construction supervisor reports, "Every day, people are asking, 'when will it be finished? Why is it taking so long? We want it open now!'"

Tenwek CEO Geoffrey Langat is just as eager to open the facility. "The Tenwek Hospital Bomet Annex will provide an opportunity to expand our services closer to where people are living and working," he explains. "They will be able even to walk to get care, which will be comparable to that delivered at the Tenwek Hospital main campus. This meets our mission goal of quality service through healthcare as ministry in Christ's name."

# FOT News & Notes

## With Your Help, We Can Reach the Finish Line

FOT's early support for the Bomet Annex enabled Tenwek Hospital to purchase the facility and order a new X-Ray machine. In a sign of how strategically important the Bomet Annex is to Tenwek, the hospital has dedicated significant funds for the project in its operational budget for construction and renovation costs. Additional funds are required to equip and furnish the laboratory, radiology, and patient care areas.

Our goal is to partner with Tenwek Hospital in this effort – with FOT funds mirroring an equal investment by Tenwek.

Earlier this year, FOT announced its commitment to raise an additional $100,000 so that renovations could be completed and Tenwek could open the clinic. To date, we have received just over $44,000 towards this goal, with gifts received from fourteen individuals and foundations. The inspiring generosity FOT donors have demonstrated over the years persuades us that we can reach this goal by year's end.

**As you consider your year-end philanthropy goals, please make a gift to help complete and open the Bomet Annex today.** Your gift – of any amount – will help! You can make a secure, online gift by bank or credit card at: *friendsoftenwek.org/donate*

**Or mail your gift, designating "Bomet Annex" in the memo line, to:**
**Friends of Tenwek Inc.**
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Indian Land, SC 29707

If you would like to make your gift through an appreciated stock asset, please contact Don Hoover, Secretary-Treasurer of the FOT Board of Directors at: donaldg.hoover@gmail.com

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## How the Bomet Annex will Impact Tenwek's Mission

The Bomet Annex will extend Tenwek Hospital's mission and work to a new area with the following impact:

- Reduce congestion and wait times at Tenwek Hospital's main Outpatient Clinic
- Provide high quality, convenient, and easily accessible health care to Bomet residents
- Offer emergency and urgent care to people unable to travel to a hospital-based clinic
- Serve more people with chronic illness (such as diabetes, heart conditions, etc.)
- Introduce new patients to Tenwek's health and spiritual care capabilities
- Create a solid foundation for expanded services in the future
- Generate new revenue for Tenwek Hospital

## Stay Connected

### FOT's Mission

Friends of Tenwek is committed to fostering communication among U.S. physicians who have served at Tenwek and know first-hand how vital the hospital's medical and spiritual mission is to the people of Kenya and beyond.

### How You Can Help

- **Pray** for the hospital's staff, operations, and specific needs we will bring to your attention.
- **Be an ambassador** for Tenwek to your church's mission and/or service board and leaders.
- **Encourage colleagues** to consider a volunteer service assignment at Tenwek.
- **Return to Tenwek** for a volunteer assignment in your area of medical expertise.
- **Make a financial gift** to meet critical needs at Tenwek Hospital or become a Sustaining Friend – www.friendsoftenwek.org/donate

### Serve at Tenwek

If you want to use your medical skills and specialty training to serve the people of Kenya, it's never too soon (or too late) to visit. Physicians from all specialty areas are needed and welcomed. Short-term service trips to Tenwek Hospital for Christian physicians, dentists, and other medical professionals are arranged through World Medical Mission, a division of Samaritan's Purse. For information about short-term assignments, please visit the World Medical Mission web page at www.samaritanspurse.org/medical/mission-hospitals-tenwek-hospital-bomet-kenya

### Share Your Story!

In our experience, every U.S. physician who serves a short-term medical mission at Tenwek has a deeply personal experience. Your Tenwek experience is important to us – and to your colleagues. Please visit the FOT website to learn how to share your story. We want to hear from you!

### Visit the Friends of Tenwek Website & Facebook Page!

The Friends of Tenwek website (friendsoftenwek.org) brings you the latest news from Tenwek Hospital, and keeps you up-to-date on what the missionary doctors and their families, visiting physicians, and hospital staff are doing in support of Tenwek's unique medical and spiritual mission in Kenya. The site includes links to the blogs maintained by Tenwek staff and offers you the opportunity to share your own Tenwek story.

Visit our Facebook page (facebook.com/FriendsOfTenwek), to join a vibrant online community of Tenwek "alumni" who want to remain in touch with the hospital and with their Tenwek colleagues.

**Tenwek Hospital Mission:** *Tenwek Hospital is a Christian community that seeks to exemplify Christ in all aspects of what we do. Our motto, We Treat – Jesus Heals, is Tenwek's guiding belief and the hope that we offer to each patient.*

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