



Endoscopy Update



URGENT NEED FOR TENWEK ENDOSCOPY EQUIPMENT!

With the CTC nearing completion, the Endoscopy Suite urgently needs to be outfitted with equipment. Because the equipment will be VAT exempt if purchased this Spring, we are attempting to raise \$150,000 by June 1, 2024.

For more details, keep reading.

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LETTER FROM DR. JEFFREY HALLETT AND RONDA FLESCH, RN

Greetings from Tenwek!

We have been at Tenwek during the month of February, assessing the needs of Tenwek Endoscopy Services and Education.

First, ***we greatly value the leadership and staff of the Tenwek Endoscopy Department***, for their commitment to quality patient care, prayer with patients, distribution of bibles to patients, frequent and welcome referrals to hospital chaplains, and their heartfelt weekly devotionals.

We met with Dr. Russ White, Tenwek Director of Surgery and Director of the Cardiothoracic Surgery Center, and Robert Chepwoy, Tenwek Endoscopy Manager. ***Together we see a vision for Tenwek Endoscopy that fits into the greater vision of Tenwek Mission Hospital.***

Russ and Robert asked us to put together an equipment list that will “round out” endoscopy services at Tenwek, and place Tenwek back in a premier position for endoscopy services and education. ***We believe these additions will put endoscopy in a 'revenue positive' position for Tenwek.***

The purchase of this endoscopy equipment is also financially timely while equipment for the CTC is VAT exempt!



NEW EQUIPMENT WILL FACILITATE TEACHING & TRAINING

With this capital acquisition, our short-term goal is having appropriate endoscopy services at both the main hospital and the CTC. ***We are not starting from scratch, as most Endoscopy equipment currently at Tenwek Endoscopy Theater would be moved to the CTC***, except for an endoscopy tower in the OR to serve hospitalized patients. With this approach, all endoscopy outpatients would have their procedures done at the CTC, and all inpatients would have their procedures done in the Tenwek OR. (Tenwek inpatients requiring ERCP/EUS would be transported to the CTC). Endoscopy Staff would take scopes from the CTC to the Tenwek OR to do inpatients, and then bring scopes back to the CTC for processing and storage (very important in sustaining our investment).

These improvements will also facilitate the teaching of ERCP and Endoscopic Ultrasound at Tenwek, a combination that is common in the US, ***but unavailable anywhere else in Kenya***. EUS enhances the ability to stage esophageal, liver and pancreatic cancer. It allows therapeutic treatments that are much less invasive than traditional surgical procedures. As Chair of the PAACS Surgical Endoscopy Task Force, I (Dr. Hallett) am excited that these improvements will allow long and short-term endoscopy-capable faculty to teach PAACS residents their endoscopy curriculum more completely. I also believe these additions will strengthen Tenwek's position to be a site for the anticipated PAACS Surgical Endoscopy Fellowship.

INVESTING IN TENWEK'S FUTURE

Ronda has managed large endoscopy units in the States and is very good at seeing the “big picture.” She knows what equipment Tenwek currently has, and what is needed to make Tenwek Endoscopy work in a sustainable manner. We, along with Dr. Russ White, ***feel confidently that full-service Endoscopy would boost Tenwek’s revenue stream during a very tight time***. In addition, this plan would allow the existing Endoscopy space and storage to be used for other expansions, always a positive for hospital administration.

We plan to keep our purchase costs low by working with [Giving Tree Ministries](#). They have been our partner for three years, obtaining refurbished scopes for purchase in the U.S. Going forward, ***they will also partner with us for maintenance and repair of our endoscopic equipment, to protect our investment***.

Because of its positive benefits to patient care and surgical education in the name of Jesus, we firmly believe this capital initiative is consistent with Friends of Tenwek’s Mission and Vision.

Gratefully,

Dr. Jeffrey Hallett
Mrs. Ronda Flesch, RN
Endoscopy Co-Champions

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NEW ENDOSCOPY SUITE IN CTC

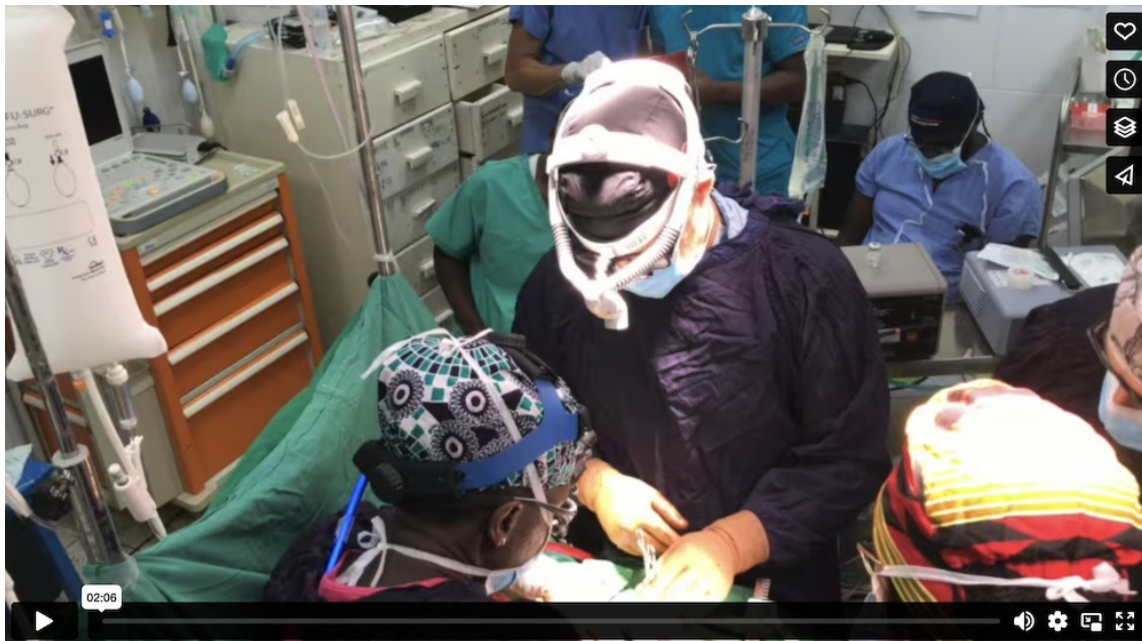




The space is beautiful, but more beautiful when we think of what it is meant to be filled with — people who love Jesus, treating in the name of Jesus.

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