



Will and Alisa Copeland

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Biography

"Who am I that I should go?" Moses asked God as he stood before the burning bush. Will and Alisa asked themselves the same question when God asked them if they were willing to move their family to [Kenya](#). As Will completed his neurosurgery training at one of the top programs in the country, he found himself at a fork in the road. Accept his dream job with the prestige and salary he had worked for, or move to Kenya and join [Tenwek Hospital](#), which had never had a full-time neurosurgeon? It was not a question of one choice being better than the other. The question God was asking them was, "Are you willing to say yes to what I ask of you, no matter how great the cost may seem?"

Will and Alisa, along with their 6 children, have lived at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya, East Africa since 2016. Will is the only neurosurgeon at Tenwek. Alisa is their kids' only mom. One of their favorite parts of life and ministry in Kenya is mentoring the surgical residents and their wives. Will trains and disciples the residents in the Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS) training program. Although it's not brain surgery, Alisa leads an outreach ministry for medical wives called Side By Side that encourages women in their faith and medical marriages.

In the book of Philippians, Paul says, "I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."

This is why they go. Because Jesus is more valuable than anything this world can offer. They want to show Him to the people of Kenya, while serving the poor and the suffering as Jesus did.