



Bill and Joy Draper Irwin

ID: 05113 Country: [Kenya](#) Region: Africa

Biography

Bill: I grew up in a Christian home and committed my life to Christ as a teen at a Young Life Camp. I am an attorney who, when in the United States, practices law in Virginia. I first visited Africa with Joy on a short-term missions trip in 2006 and was told that God can use anyone on the mission field—except perhaps a lawyer! But God had a different idea. I work in grant writing and hospital development at Tenwek and support my family as we minister together as “Team Irwin.”

Joy: I accepted Christ as my Savior in childhood and was called into missions as a teenager. I first went to Africa as an obstetrician/gynecologist resident in 2002 and worked at Tenwek as a volunteer through Samaritan’s Purse. In 2012, we moved to Kenya, where I serve as a missionary wife and mom and as an obstetrician/gynecologist at Tenwek Hospital. My ministry is focused on caring for my patients and their babies; teaching and discipling African medical students, interns, and residents in the hospital; and developing Tenwek’s obstetrics/gynecology service to better care for the medical, surgical, and spiritual needs of the girls and women who come to [Tenwek](#).

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