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Biography

We both grew up in the southern part of Bujumbura, the capital of Burundi. We met while serving as Sunday school teachers in the same church. Both of us were called at a young age to serve God. I, Boaz, felt called as a child in a refugee camp soon after I lost my father and brother to civil strife. I grew up with a clear calling from God to serve the marginalized and underserved as a medical doctor. God blessed me with a godly wife who shared the same heart, and together we have accepted to serve the Lord as missionaries.

After completing my training as a family physician at Chogoria Hospital in December 2019, we moved to Litein, where I will work at a mission hospital to acquire the two years of experience to be recognized as a fully qualified Family Medicine Consultant. Once I achieve that goal, we plan to return to our homeland of Burundi to serve in a rural hospital.

In Burundi, my vision is to work with other missionaries to help start a Christian family medicine program based in a rural area of the country. The program will produce Christian compassionate specialists willing to work in rural areas where the poorest live. Burundi is the second poorest country in the world, with a population of about 12 million most of whom live in rural areas. Most of the rural people do not have access to quality care due to lack of qualified doctors, as 98% of the few specialized clinicians are located in the capital city. Addressing chronic primary health issues in Burundi requires substantial investment and a response that extends far beyond the public health sector alone. The cornerstone of our work in Burundi will involve healthcare with a wholistic approach. To that end, we will both be involved in the community through spiritual, social, and economic empowerment.