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## CHSC Physician Receives Physician of the Year Award

We are excited to share that CHSC missionary surgeon, Dr Warren Cooper, has been awarded the 2019 Physician of the Year by Medical Missions.org. MedicalMissions.org is an organization that connects medical volunteers with organizations that sponsor medical missions work all over the world.

Dr Warren has been on the mission field nearly all of his life! After growing up on the field, he trained as a general surgeon and has since served in over twenty nations.

Dr Warren currently works at Nyankunde Hospital in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). On his initial visit, he performed surgery under a car headlight that had been rigged to a leaky ceiling! The region and hospital were still recovering from years of tribal war and the Congolese were valiantly beginning to resurrect the hospital's services. After a couple of visits, and the construction of an OR/ICU by Samaritan's Purse, Dr Warren made a commitment to stay for two years and provide surgical training.

Those two years have since become seven years.

Warren's wife Dr. Lindsey Cooper is also a CHSC physician specializing in pediatrics. Besides being the inpatient pediatrician, Lindsey oversees the only inpatient referral center for children with severe acute malnutrition in the region.

Read the full "2019 Physician of the Year" article here!

If you would like to learn more about the Coopers or how you can support their work <u>CLICK HERE</u>.



### Nyankunde Hospital, DRC



The Centre Evangélique Medical de Nyankunde - Nyankunde Hospital is located in the NE corner of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

It is a 150-bed acute regional hospital, staffed by Congolese and American professionals, providing surgical, medical, pediatric, and maternity services. It also boasts a new 13-bed intensive care unit and operating/endoscopy suite.

Started over fifty years ago, the Hospital served an immediate population of 150,000, and supported medical services in an area the size of France with an estimated population of 8 million.

In 2002, by which point the Hospital had grown to 350 staff and 250 beds, the war between ten African nations spilled over into Nyankunde with devastating results. Thousands were killed and the hospital was looted and largely destroyed. Over the past 15 years, Nyankunde Hospital has been lovingly rebuilt.

Learn more about Nyankunde Hospital here!

## **CHSC Training Programs**

At CHSC, we are dedicated to helping people prepare for and thrive in healthcare missions.

Due to the Covid-19 global pandemic, we recently transitioned our Summer 2020 New Missionary Orientation online.

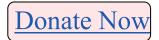
We are continually reevaluating and adjusting all of our training programs as the situation unfolds.

Please check our training web page for the most updated information on all the training programs we offer. https://www.healthservicecorps.org/training/



#### **CHSC COVID Response**

As the effects of the Corona Virus continue globally, would you prayerfully consider a gift to help by contributing to the CHSC COVID Response.



#### New on Medical Missions 101

# Hydroxychloroquine for COVID-19 in Resource-Poor Regions

Greg Seager, RN MSN, Founder CHSC



Finding a way forward in the management of COVID-19 in resource-poor regions

As the founder and leader of an international medical organization with full-time healthcare professionals in

19 countries, COVID-19 has weighed heavy on my heart. If you are not familiar with Christian Health Service Corps, we are like Doctors Without Borders except our US-trained medical staff stay in place for years, not months. We work in poor countries, and the hospitals we serve in have little or no PPE to protect workers. Few have ventilators or even wall oxygen to which a ventilator can be connected. COVID-19 has added onto an already overwhelming workload.

Caring for those in need while protecting healthcare providers

Two questions have dominated our work of late. First: How do we protect our front-line workers serving in resource-poor hospitals of the developing world? Second: Are there viable treatment strategies for the care of COVID-19 patients in resource-poor communities? Where we work, if COVID-19 patients become critically ill, there is little or nothing that can be done for them. Providers caring for patients with severe SARS-CoV-2 in resource-poor countries have been resigned to palliative care.

Click here to read the discussion about the use of Hydroxychloroquine in developing countries.

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