

MEDIA ALERT:

Tanzanian Medical Director to Discuss Impact of Northeast Ohio's Medical Surplus Recovery on Increasing Standard of Care in Developing World

WHO

Dr. Damian Mpundu, medical superintendent at St. Raphael's Hospital in Korogwe, Tanzania, along with leaders from MedWish International and the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio will speak.

WHAT

Dr. Mpundu will be discussing the impact of donations of usable medical surplus from Northeast Ohio health systems on his 68-bed hospital, including the founding of a nursing school, the major upgrading of an operating theater and the acquisition of the only electrocardiogram machine in the district.

WHERE

The discussion will be held among medical equipment in Warehouse B at MedWish International, in the rear section of the Cleveland Clinic Parker Building at 17325 Euclid Avenue. Photos from St. Raphael's Hospital will be displayed among MedWish's inventory of medical equipment reserved for future shipments. Directions and parking information are available at www.medwish.org/contact

WHEN

Saturday, March 23: Light refreshments will be served at 11:30. The presentation will begin promptly at noon. Dr. Mpundu along with representatives from MedWish and the Episcopal Diocese will be available for interviews beginning at about 12:30 p.m.

WHY

In 2012, nearly 70 local hospitals and clinics donated usable medical supplies and equipment to MedWish. This surplus fulfills the requests of hospitals all over the developing world. Dr. Mpundu's visit is a rare opportunity for the local health workers who donate surplus to hear why their efforts matter to people like Dr. Mpundu and his patients.

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ABOUT MEDWISH INTERNATIONAL

MedWish International is a Cleveland-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that recovers usable medical surplus from health care systems and distributes these vital supplies to doctors, nurses and humanitarians to improve health care around the world. Since its founding in 1993, MedWish has kept millions of pounds of medical surplus out of landfills and has sent much-needed supplies to 90 countries all over the world. For more information about MedWish, please visit www.medwish.org or call (216) 692-1685.

ABOUT THE TANGA PROJECT

The Tanga Project is a collaboration between the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio and the Anglican Diocese of Tanga, Tanzania, with a goal of improving the quality of health care for the Tanga Region. Through support from MedWish International, the project has shipped multiple containers of surplus medical supplies and equipment, utilizing medical and engineering professionals from Northeast and Northwest Ohio to provide training and support. Follow their story at www.tangaohioconnection.wordpress.com.