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THE TEAM

The 2022 Head and neck surgery camp, sponsored by Caris Foundation International, brought together American and Kenyan specialists. A total of 23 American otorhinolaryngologists, residents, anesthesiologists, nurses, speech-language pathologists, and pathologists participated in the surgical camp, which was overseen by Dr. James Netterville. The Kenyan team, on the other hand, included members of the University of Nairobi (UoN), Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH), Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC), and an otolaryngologist from the Malindi sub-County hospital.

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HEAD AND NECK SURGERY CAMP

The two-week surgery camp carried out 54 major operations, 18 lipomas, and 4 keloids. Over 400 people with head and neck conditions underwent screening. Over 5000 people with head and neck growths have benefited from the camp since it began ten years ago.

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Esther Ziro has had facial growth for 5 years. Before coming to the 2022 head and neck surgery camp, the 62 - year- old had undergone 4 surgeries.

Below: After evaluating Esther, Jamie Wiggleton, an adult nurse practitioner in otolaryngology and cancer from Vanderbilt University, took notes (left). Esther's daughter Merycline explains the state of her mother's health (center).

This is one of the ENT clinics held simultaneous during the camp that processed around 400 people.

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At Tawfiq Hospital, Dr. James Netterville, Professor of Otolaryngology and Director of the Division of Head and Neck Surgery at Vanderbilt University, addresses a group of Kenyan team members. The 2022 surgical camp team included Dr. Joyce Aswani, head of the thematic unit for otorhinolaryngology at the University of Nairobi (right).

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Dama Josphat, a Caris Tuajalie Tujisaidie (TTG) participant had had the neck mass for 17 years.

Left: Dr. Netteville performs a preliminary examination on Dama's neck mass.

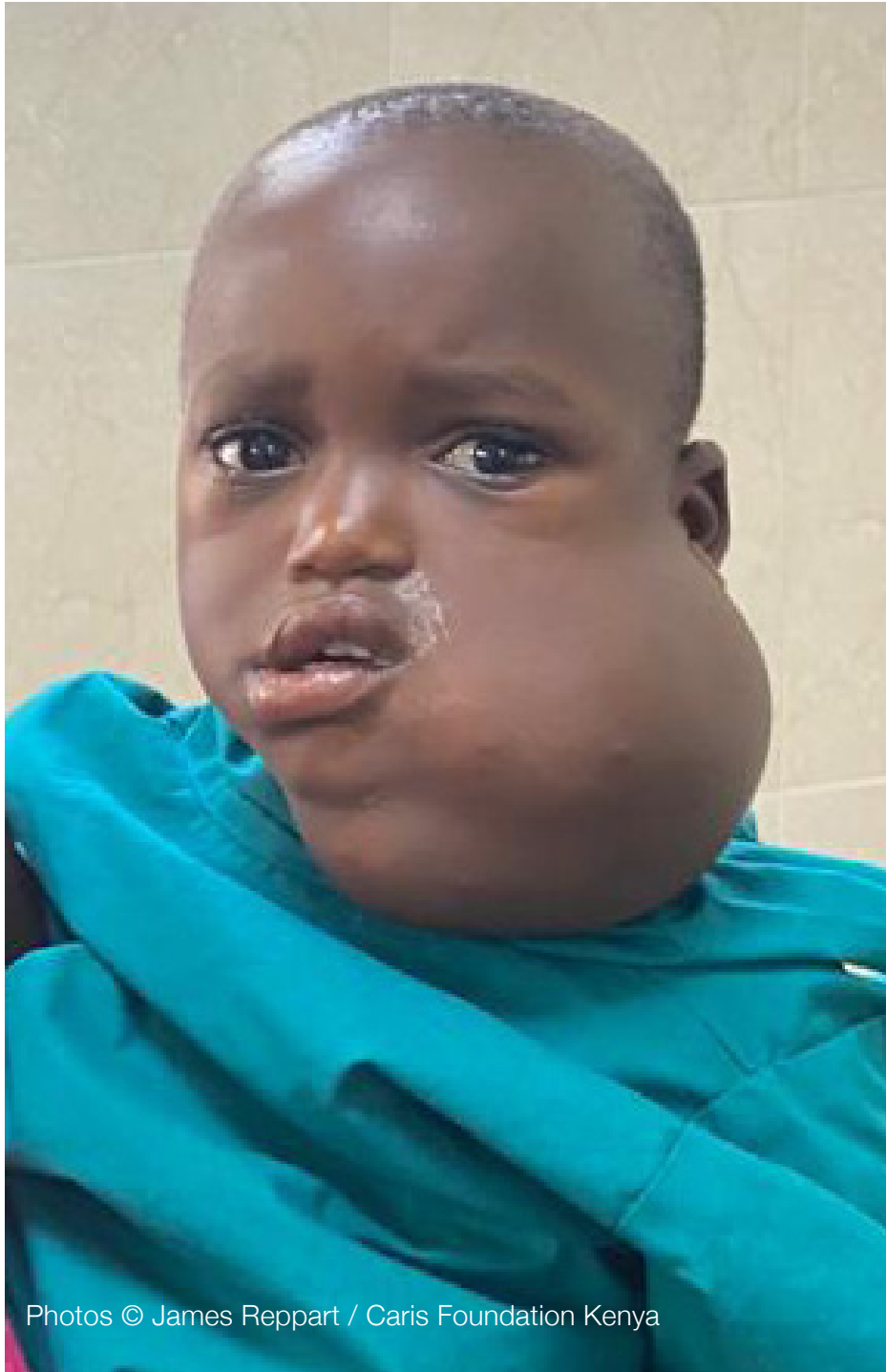
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The young man was discovered one day by the side of the road by Moses Gona, a member of the Caris Foundation Kenya staff, who informed him of the surgery camp.

Left: Dr. Netterville examines the young man before surgery.

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MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT'S VISIT

Amina Mnyazi, a Malindi Member of Parliament (MP), visited Tawfiq Hospital on October 24, 2022, to observe the ongoing head and neck operations. She expressed her gratitude to Caris Foundation for coming up with the initiative. She remarked, “These surgeons have to do the surgeries, and our doctors are also learning.”

Below: Amina Mnyazi (on the left) on a tour of Tawfiq Hospital theatre. Dr. James Netterville (on the right) describes the types of cases, the head and neck team is handling.

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GOVERNOR'S VISIT

On October 27, 2022, Kilifi Governor Gideon Mung'aro paid a visit to Tawfiq Hospital. He visited the Caris Foundation International camp for head and neck surgery.

Right: Gideon Mung'aro, the Governor of Kilifi, hugged James Reppart, an International facilitator at Caris Foundation Kenya.

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KENYAN TEAM

The Kenyan team of surgeons who worked alongside the American team in this year's surgery camp was introduced to the Governor by Dr. Netterville. Dr. Charles Gathiru, an otorhinolaryngologist at the Malindi sub-County hospital, and Dr. Joyce Aswani, the head of the University of Nairobi's Otorhino-Laryngology Thematic Unit, were both members of the team.

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Harusi Kalume, a Caris participant in the Literacy program underwent surgery to remove a neck mass.

Left: Harusi in the recovery ward at Tawfiq hospital on 27 October 2022 after surgery.

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On October 27, 2022, Karisa Kadzango underwent surgery to remove a face tumor. While the anesthesia wears off, his sister Constance Kithi (right) and wife Joyce (middle) wait by his bedside.

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Since July 2021, according to Karisa’s wife Joyce, he has been confined to the home due to a facial tumor. She believes when Karisa recovers, he will help her provide for the family. She said, “I’ve witnessed God’s hand at work. Upon recovery, my spouse will lead a normal life.” Constance, his sister, expressed her gratitude. “We don’t have the financial resources to pay for surgery, so I’m grateful to the people who made it possible for these doctors to come.”



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