

## A Historic Milestone: The Joseph Smith Hospital Opens Its Doors

On April 3, 2025, GHRM officially opened Joseph Smith Hospital. Originally pitched as a clinic, the facility has evolved in its capacity to be endorsed and registered as a hospital interview by the Kenyan Health Authority, testifying to the care, resources, and expertise devoted to the project.



This state-of-the-art facility, which now provides vital health services to over 10,000 villagers and the students and staff at GHRM, includes:

- 21 beds, 2 delivery beds, and children's, women's, and men's wards
- Prenatal, maternity, and delivery care
- Emergency and general medical services
- An incubator, baby warmer, ultrasound machine, oxygen, autoclave, heart monitor, oxygen condenser, vital station monitors, lab and phlebotomy tools
- Fully stocked pharmacy and modern medical supplies
- Solar backup power and high-speed Starlink Internet for uninterrupted service
- Housing quarters for doctors and nurses

On Medical Camp Opening Day, 412 patients received care and treatment during a celebration. Even prior to the official opening, the hospital was active in providing lifesaving care. The first baby was delivered the night before in the parking lot using car headlights because the power was out in the facility.



Key Hospital Services: "The hospital will offer several key services:

- Guidance and Counseling: Specially for survivors of gender-based violence after they receive initial treatment.
- Antenatal (ANC) Care: For pregnant teenage girls and expecting mothers in the community.
- General Medical Care: Treatment for children under five and for older children.
- HIV Testing and Counseling: Along with cancer screening and referrals.
- Mental Health Services: To support overall well-being. The primary beneficiaries will be survivors of gender-based violence, teenage pregnant girls, and pregnant women, as our main focus is to reduce maternal health risks."



## Medical Missions on the Horizon

GHRM is currently organizing medical missions from the U.S. to build on the success of this achievement and to deliver specialized services to Joseph Smith Hospital that are not available currently. The missions will provide:

- Surgical services that are not currently available in rural Kenya
- Dental services, with an ongoing relationship in development with dental teams from the U.S.
- Extended health screenings and medical expertise to support the local team.

These missions are an initiative of a vision of comprehensive, compassionate care and knowledge-sharing that will produce knowledge, not just for the local providers, but also for patients.

## Built by Hand, Powered by Hope

The hospital commenced construction in December 2024. From digging the foundation by hand, placing large rocks, and ultimately introducing modern tools such as a cement mixer, the hospital development provided pride and income in the local labor market. In the end, there's a healthcare facility that stands for hope, strength, and progress.

### Project Updates

- **Sustainability & Permaculture:** GHRM's permaculture farm continues to do well. The successful harvest of maize and vegetables has resulted in more food security in the community. The farm now has rabbits, sheep, cows, and over 200 chickens. The recent addition of the electric grain mill and wetland systems to manage water will also continue to enhance productivity.
- **Bright Spark Academy:** BSA, now in its second year, has over 500 students enrolled in preschool through ninth grade. With the expansion of classrooms, science labs, and computer spaces, the academy is becoming an educational pillar in the area. BSA also held its first graduation ceremony in October 2024.
- **Solar Training for Boys & Meny:** The program continues to advance vocational training with an emphasis on solar panel installation, providing local young men with job-ready skills and contributing to a change in culture and sustainable energy practices.



“Millions of children around the world are looking for hope and love. Our mission must continue to rescue, educate, and protect for these children to be free... one child at a time and one step at a time.” – Gladwell Wachira



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