

## Prayer requests...

We ask that you join us in prayer for Protashow during his second term in school at Levy Mwanawasa University in Lusaka, Zambia.

We ask for prayers for guidance and clarity as we see another trip cancelled to Zambia and move to planning for April 2022. Especially as we navigate restrictions across the globe due to the pandemic.



*Rainbow over Victoria Falls in Livingstone, Zambia.*

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## August trip...another postponed

As we have seen over the past year and a half, changing plans is a very real thing. We actually had this newsletter ready to print with details about our August trip and then news came of increasing covid cases in southern Africa with restrictions in Zambia. We have delayed the decision a long as we could to see if things would improve, but we will have to postpone again and look to April 2022.

In April, we will have a large team available to go including John Brinkley (ocularist), Katie Brinkley (prosthetist/orthotist), newcomer Elizabeth O'Briant (prosthetist/orthotist), Amanda Duncan (physical therapist who has been on two previous trips), newcomer Ryan Propst (prosthetist/orthotist) and Caroline Alius (prosthetist/orthotist from Germany, who has been on two other trips with us).

Protashow is in his second term at school, though they have closed schools for in-person learning and moved to online learning right now. This is incredibly difficult to learn prosthetics and orthotics only online. We are praying that covid case numbers decrease soon and Protashow can be back in Lusaka for in-person learning.

*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”  
- Romans 15:13*

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*A patient being fit with bilateral prostheses during the September 2019 trip.*



### In This Update

- Updates on pandemic
- Thank you!

## Updates continued...

Introducing our newest team member, Ryan Propst.

Though Ryan was going to be on the August team, he will plan to join the April 2022 team now.

Ryan Propst, MS, CPO. Ryan grew up in Kenya, East Africa, and currently works as a Prosthetist in Central Texas. "I'm thrilled to have the chance to go to Zambia with PPIHN! I look forward to working with the team, and engaging with the local community."



With needing to cancel another trip, we are definitely feeling disappointment and concern for the patients who we have seen in the past. While considering over the past weeks whether we could make an August trip or not, we have felt a tension between the length of time it's been since we have last seen patients in September 2019, knowing that so many people are needing new prostheses now, and the responsibility of ensuring we are not doing harm by making a trip and having people gather at the clinic where they could potentially be exposed to covid.

These are some of our biggest prayer requests right now: please join us in praying for the patients we have seen in the past and those who have been waiting to see us for their first prosthesis, for Protashow and his family, for the staff and kids at New Day Orphanage and for all in our world affected by this pandemic. Though we face concerns we know that God is in control. We look to Him for guidance, strength and wisdom to see what PPIHN looks like and functions like in the "new normal" of the pandemic world.

## Thank you!

Though it has seemed like PPIHN has gone on "silent mode" since March 2020 when the pandemic arrived and all of our lives changed, we as an organization have indeed have been spinning along. What has happened since the beginning of 2020 you ask?

-PPIHN has been able to continue paying Protashow a monthly salary to take care of the clinic and patients who come for repairs and follow-up care. This has been because of YOU who continue to support our organization and mission to establish sustainable prosthetic care in Zambia.

-Protashow has taken a large leadership role in independently handling the PPIHN clinic and setting up a patient care day in the Fall of 2020 by himself.

-Protashow was accepted to and started the Orthotics and Prosthetics Degree Program at Levy Mwanawasa University in Lusaka, Zambia. This has been amazing that the support from donors to Prosthetic Promises has enabled us to cover his tuition, boarding and fees to become fully trained in orthotic and prosthetic care. We are so excited for Protashow and know that this will enable PPIHN's mission to continue.

We thank each and every one of you for your continued support through prayers, donations and partnering with us to make PPIHN successful, even in the midst of the uncertainty of a pandemic.



*Protashow working on a prosthetic repair at the PPIHN clinic.*



*The PPIHN clinic during the April 2019 trip with patients waiting on the porch "waiting room".*