

THANK YOU!!!
To
Anne Bugge
and her great Sonosite Team!

A huge thank you to all those at Sonosite who made such an effort to get a loaner Sonosite Micromaxx to us at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya, East Africa, in such a speedy fashion. As you know, our echo machine died on the day we were to begin open heart cases for the subsequent 10 days. The intra-op trans-esophageal echo is such an important part of decision-making in so many cases, we thought that we would have to cancel many of the operations. However, in a very short period of time, Sonosite pulled off a minor miracle (or major to our waiting patients!!) by getting a machine from Bothell, Washington, to rural Kenya within a few days. Please accept our sincere thanks for helping our patients! We are the only option for open heart surgery for most patients in rural Kenya. For the most part, these are young patients who suffer from rheumatic heart disease. Valvular repair or replacement is not an option for them, and they are generally destined to die at a young age. Through the generosity of many organizations and individuals, we are able to offer life-saving open heart surgery in a way that is affordable to these very poor patients. Thank you for being a part of this team!!



Anesthesiologist Vince Palmire from Ocala FL and Chief Surgical Resident Agneta Odera perform pre-op TE echo on the wife of one of the instructors of Tenwek School of Nursing



Dr. Odera uses color-flow Doppler with the intra-op echo probe to map the surgical approach for our patient.

Surgeon Dr. Russ White and Dr. Odera with Lillian on post-op day #1, with the machine that helped us all save her life!





**Six of the fifteen patients we operated upon with the
help of Sonosite!!
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