

NOTES, LIFEWATCH NEWSLETTER, DEC 2019

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2. Ibid
3. Alex Shadenberg, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, June 17, 2019
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5. “He will remove these nations before you little by little. You cannot finish with them quickly, lest the wild beasts become too numerous for you (Deuteronomy 7:22).”
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The Greeks and the Romans are famous for their works of architecture, as evidenced by their numerous temples, aqueducts, and the renowned Appian Way. However, they did not build any hospitals. There may have been a few for the soldiers but none for the general public. They were not known for works of charity and mercy. Christians began building hospitals in the 300s when persecution toward them ended. St Basil built the first hospital in Cappadocia in A.D. 369. This was following an edict pronounced at the first church council of Nicaea in A.D. 325 which enjoined bishops to build a hospice in every city where a Cathedral was located. By 750, Christian hospitals had spread throughout all Europe and reached England. Besides hospitals, Christians founded mental institutions, the profession of Nursing, the Red Cross, and are responsible for numerous humanitarian achievements. The same edict (to build a hospital in the Diocese center) is present in Uganda. Out of 17 dioceses, 14 have a Catholic Hospital. The new Bishop in Hoima, the Catholic Diocese where Kibaale is located, is beginning to address this need. The gift of land is a reflection of his commitment.
7. Examples of Christians hospitals in Africa include:
 - Holy Innocents Children’s Hospital, Uganda, 2000; as per a reputable source, the hospital was started with a \$40,000 donation from a church member. The congregation of San Rafael Catholic Church in San Bernardo, CA was involved in the financial support for the hospital throughout the building and equipping process.
 - Tenwek Hospital in Kenya; now a 361 bed Teaching & referral Mission hospital. Started as a clinic in 1937. By 1949, the first building, the Chapel, was built. 1959: clinic expanded to a hospital by 1962. Franklin Graham was involved in raising funds to expand the hospital.
 - Samaritan’s Purse Ministries: built a 50-bed Field Hospital in Iraq, an 18-bed Ebola Treatment Center in Liberia, and the Samaritan’s Purse Emergency Field Hospital in the Bahamas. They do numerous outreaches to help and service hospitals with staff and equipment.
 - All these medical facilities started small and continued to grow over the years. Here in Orange County, CA the Sisters of St Joseph of Orange founded St Joseph Hospital in

1920, St Jude Hospital in 1957, and Mission Hospital in 1971. They are now medical centers of excellence in OC.