

Dr. Rick Gardner Recognized by the Ethiopian Ministry of Health for Pediatric Orthopedic Treatments

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CURE Ethiopia Medical Director Dr. Rick Gardner recently received recognition from the Minister of Health Dr. Lia Tadesse for his contributions to the growth of orthopedic treatment in Ethiopia.

Dr. Rick has served in CURE Ethiopia since 2013, first as an orthopedic surgeon and soon adding the role of Medical Director to his duties. In both positions, Dr. Rick has been instrumental in not only transforming the lives of hundreds of children through surgical treatment but also in the training and development of Ethiopian doctors and orthopedic surgeons through CURE Ethiopia's residency and fellowship programs. Dr. Rick has played a large role in bringing world-renowned surgeons and medical experts to Ethiopia in order to provide workshops and training for the CURE and Ethiopian medical communities.

In a generous 45 minute meeting, Dr. Lia Tadesse took time to recognize Dr. Rick's passionate investment in Ethiopian orthopedics and his advocacy for pediatric orthopedics across the country. Dr. Lia Tadesse presented Dr. Rick with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Ministry of Health.

"Rick has made measurable impact in expanding pediatric orthopedic services and training in Ethiopia. He has advanced the training program at CURE Ethiopia so that it becomes regional. He was instrumental in the creation of the fellowship program at CURE Ethiopia and has connected CURE Ethiopia with several internationally known sub-specialists and universities to teach and assist complicated cases." - Adey Abate, CURE Ethiopia Executive Director

CURE Ethiopia is extremely appreciative of the support and partnership between the hospital and the Ministry of Health in order to provide treatment to children in desperate need.