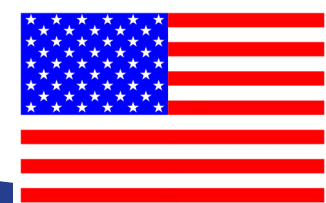


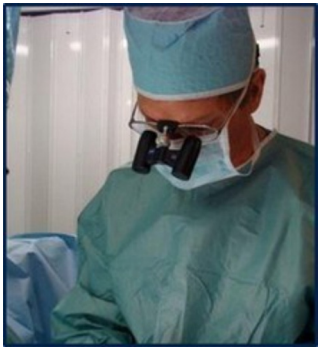
CYCLE MILES FOR SMILES

More than two billion people (world population 7 billion) has no access to essential surgical care and this causes immense and unnecessary suffering to individuals, families, communities, countries and continents. This lack of essential surgery, apart from the functional suffering, kills more people per year than HIV-AIDS, TB and Malaria together. It destroys the economic potential of individuals and countries. Tertius has been volunteering fulltime with the organizations Mercy Ships International, Operation Smile and The Pan African Academy of Christian Surgeons since 2006 to help relieve this enormous burden that destroys lives. These organizations reach out to the forgotten poor with a message of hope, show them by word and action that each human life is valuable, important and certainly not forgotten and restore dignity, self-respect, while physical and spiritual healing takes place.

Since 2014 Tertius has undertaken three bicycle tours in Europe, South Africa and the USA to raise funds and to raise awareness for this course. The USA tour was the longest and most recent tour to date; from New York to San Francisco but not in a straight line but in the shape of two smiles over a 4 000 mile, 6 500 km distance in June/July 2015 hence the Cycle Miles for Smiles campaign; to put smiles on people's hearts and faces. It is estimated that approximately 12 million people were reached with this message through television, radio, the written media and talks at hospitals, churches and various public opportunities. www.cyclemilesforsmiles.org.

The forth cycle tour on this global mission is planned from Amsterdam through Belgium to the UK and Ireland, and back to Amsterdam from 2 May to 27 May 2016 to continue to raise funds for this work and to raise awareness of the surgical need of the poor as well as to talk about the opportunities for individuals and organizations to get involved and help tackle this huge need that is within our reach to make a difference.





Left: Tertius operates on 'Mercy Ships' which are huge ships rigged out with operating theatres and after care facilities from stern to bow and manned entirely by volunteers



Left: The ship docks in some of the world's poorest countries to offer free life altering surgeries

The journey of Jean Bosco -a cassava farmer in the Congo



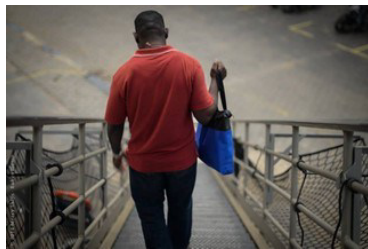
A mysterious growth appeared on Jean's back in 2003. What Jean calls his malady was, in fact, a lipoma—a benign, soft-tissue tumour composed of body fat. Left untreated, a lipoma can advance into giant proportions. In extreme cases, it can even weigh up to eleven pounds. This helps put Jean's plight into perspective—by the time he boarded the Africa Mercy, the watermelon-shaped lipoma protruding from his back weighed twenty pounds.

In 2013, Jean's lipoma ruptured and began to bleed.

He had no choice but to seek emergency medical care in Brazzaville but could not afford the surgery he would need. But then he learned about the Mercy Ship that had arrived in his country...

Under the expert hands of South African volunteer Plastic Surgeon Dr. Tertius Venter, the excision of Jean's massive lipoma was complete in two hours.

Today, Jean is overjoyed with this gift he has received from Mercy Ships. "What could I give Mercy Ships in return?" he asks. "What am I to say to God for what He has done for me? This ship goes beyond. This ship is in God's truth." "All I can give is thank you."



Jean Bosco—a farmer, a father, and a husband—can now return to his family and his land as an unburdened man. His easy smile lights up as he envisions his homecoming. "Imagine your favourite fútbol team has just won the World Cup," he says, "...that is exactly how my family is celebrating as we speak. There is a very perfect joy that is waiting for me and mine when I get home. It has been ten years since I could rest on my back"



Some of the work that Tertius Venter has done over the last few years.



Tertius cycled from Amsterdam to Stuttgart in October 2014 as a first leg of many journeys to create awareness of the plight of the poor. In March/April 2015 he cycled 1800 km from Pretoria to Cape Town in South Africa over 12 days.

See more at: www.awesomeouthafricans.co.za/not-what-but-why-is-dr-venter-awesome/



In June/July 2015 Tertius embarked on a cycling journey from New York to San Francisco, cycling a massive 6 510 km /4 068 mile cycle tour. Some of the publicity on the New York to San Francisco tour: *SABC Television, Moody Christian Radio Station, Churches; Waunakee, Minneapolis, Owatana, Tyler, Speaking at various Hospitals; Asheville NC, San Diego CA, Stanford, World Magazine, Owatana Local Newspaper, Hour of Power, Los Angeles.*

How can you assist to make surgeries available to more patients?

- We need media coverage and editorials during this tour to tell their stories and of the potential to help so many more
- Speaking opportunities at interested venues such as Churches, medical fraternities and Christian groups
- Opportunities to do fund raising for the full time volunteers
- Cyclists to join Tertius – be it for an hour, a day or whatever they'd love to do
- Accommodation for Tertius and his team of 2 accompanying him



A preview on a documentary made on Tertius' life which won 8 International awards can be viewed here:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=dE_augy92_Y



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