



*Introducing the
newly established*

Angels of Africa Medical Clinic

Lwanda-Achiel (One Rock)

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A Message from Gordon



Welcome & Karibu!

2024 was another big year for our organization! We launched two new endeavors - the Press and the Medical Clinic.

During my 7-week trip to Kenya in December and January, much of my time was devoted to the medical clinic. It was so exciting to start the construction work, and truly inspiring to see how the community came out to volunteer their time. It was a team effort: some people slashed the bushes and helped dig the foundation, while others fetched water to mix with the cement. Still others laid bricks and plastered the walls, while others constructed the sign and hand-carved the words into the still-wet cement. Many hands make light work indeed!

We are so grateful that we can continue to expand and initiate new projects, all because of the support we've received. We are always dreaming about the next step, and we know that you're as excited about the future as we are!

Yours truly,
Gordon

A New Project Needs a New Logo!



Since Angels of Africa continues to expand, we decided to add another logo to our family of designs. (We now have three - or a trinity, as Gordon says).

Our initial goal for the Clinic logo was to set it apart from the overarching nonprofit logo, and to showcase what makes the Clinic unique - its medical services, of course. We tried out many different ideas in the development process, with many different symbols, all while searching for the one that would best represent the spirit of the Clinic. We finally settled on the stethoscope, envisioning our nurses and doctors listening to the community members' beating hearts, along with the red cross and matching red text.

We hope this logo will stand as a clear symbol of our commitment to quality medical services for the community, all contained within the seal of the Angels of Africa.



Medical Clinic

FROM NEED TO ACTION

The idea of a medical clinic sprang from the initial recognition of clear and visible need - the residents of the rural Giribe (*Ghiih-ree-bay*) area in Migori county were sorely underserved and struggling to access health services.

This area sits to the southwest of Migori city and stretches all the way to the Kenya-Tanzania border. It is scantily developed with narrow, pothole-ridden dirt roads, which are almost exclusively accessible by *boda-boda* motorcycles.

It is only about 20 miles from Migori town's two hospitals, but due to the poor road conditions, it can take 1-2 hours to drive into town by motorbike. It is not an exaggeration (but an established reality), that critical, life-saving care is just not available to Giribe residents. Adults and children alike have died on the back of motorbikes, while slowly making their way to the hospitals in Migori.

When we heard about this need, Angels of Africa set out to remedy the situation. We're starting by providing the essentials, like life-saving medicines for malaria and other preventable water-borne diseases. We hope that in the future we'll be able to develop the Clinic into a fully-staffed urgent care center with an adjacent hospital.



A woman pushes a bike carrying firewood on the dirt road, as seen from the Clinic site.



Medical Clinic

BREAKING GROUND

Clearing the Land & Digging the Foundation





With the help of many volunteers over multiple days, the site for the Clinic was cleared of bushes and leveled to make way for the construction.

After the foundation was measured and dug by hand, with stakes in place to mark the walls, it was ready for the pouring of the cement foundation.





Medical Clinic

CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

Brick by brick, the clinic takes shape!





The Clinic has a covered porch front entryway, which will serve as the waiting area, along with two rooms, one for the pharmacy and one for private consultations with the nurse.





Above: Cementing bricks to build the sign.

Below: Framing the roof, with windows and steel doors already installed.





Above: Placing the iron sheets for the roof.

Below: Jeff coordinates workers and the delivery of wood for the construction. A passerby carrying a bucket of water in the foreground smiles for the photographer. In the background, the silver roof of the Clinic's front porch shines proudly.





Above: Jeff, one of our Kenyan board members, inspects the front door installation.

Below: Work continues sealing the walls and roof.





Plastering and sealing the interior walls and floor, one brushstroke at a time.



Right: The designer measures the space and draws the outline of the lettering on the front and back of the sign.

Below: Finishing touches on and around the sign, including some greenery planted in front.

In addition to the “Angels of Africa Clinic” name, we needed a memorable title for this site to designate the surrounding area (where we intend to expand the medical service offerings), and to offer a name in the Luo language that is easy for the residents to remember and repeat. We chose **Lwanda-Achiel**, which means “One Rock” in Luo, since the hillside across the road from the Clinic is covered in distinct, large natural rocks.





Medical Clinic

COMMUNITY LAUNCH

Singing, Dancing, Blessing, and Free Seedlings



A local pastor preaches a sermon to the gathered community, around the theme of "Jesus as the Rock and foundation." Then the community prays for the Medical Clinic.



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ESTABLISHED 2025.



Gordon gives the welcome to the community, at a makeshift podium with the Angels of Africa Clinic logo attached to a piece of cardboard. The handmade style is also the beauty, for the community members literally built this Clinic with their own hands. They saw what was there before, and now they see the fruits of their labor. Built by them and for them, through the Angels of Africa and the generous support of our donors!



Left: Passing out a free tree seedling to each person.

Below: A final group photo holding the seedlings.

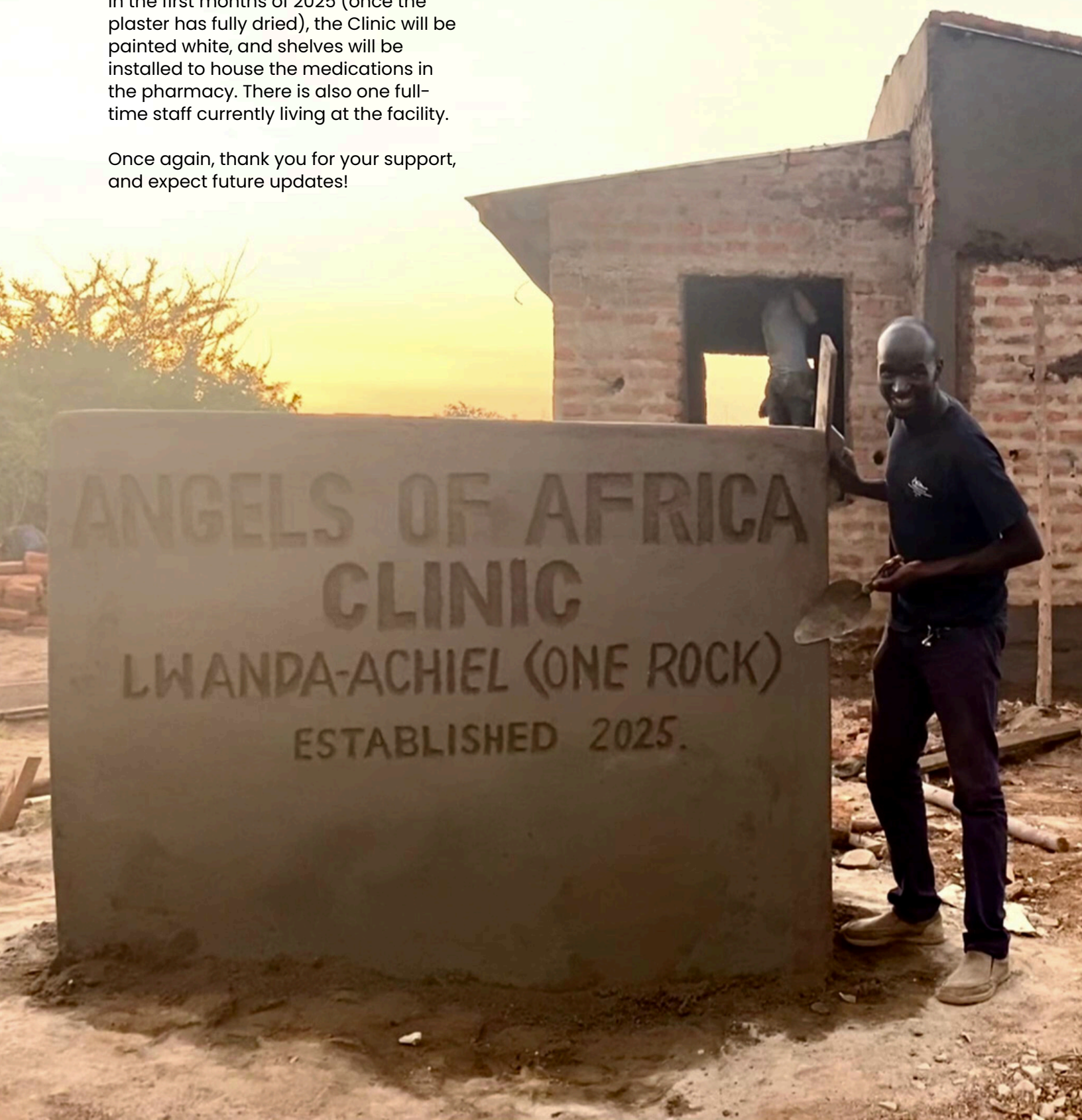




As the sun sets on the construction of the Medical Clinic and we have now transitioned from 2024 to 2025, we are grateful for all the progress made and hopeful for the new year.

In the first months of 2025 (once the plaster has fully dried), the Clinic will be painted white, and shelves will be installed to house the medications in the pharmacy. There is also one full-time staff currently living at the facility.

Once again, thank you for your support, and expect future updates!

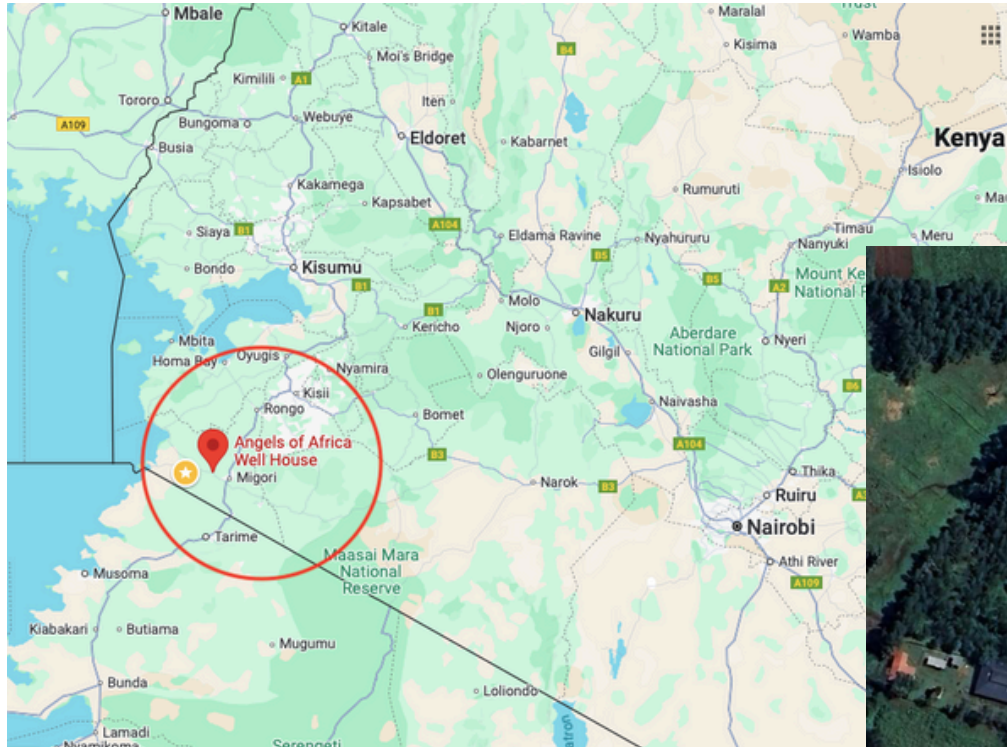




Bonus

ANGELS OF AFRICA IS ON THE MAP

Find us from anywhere in the world!

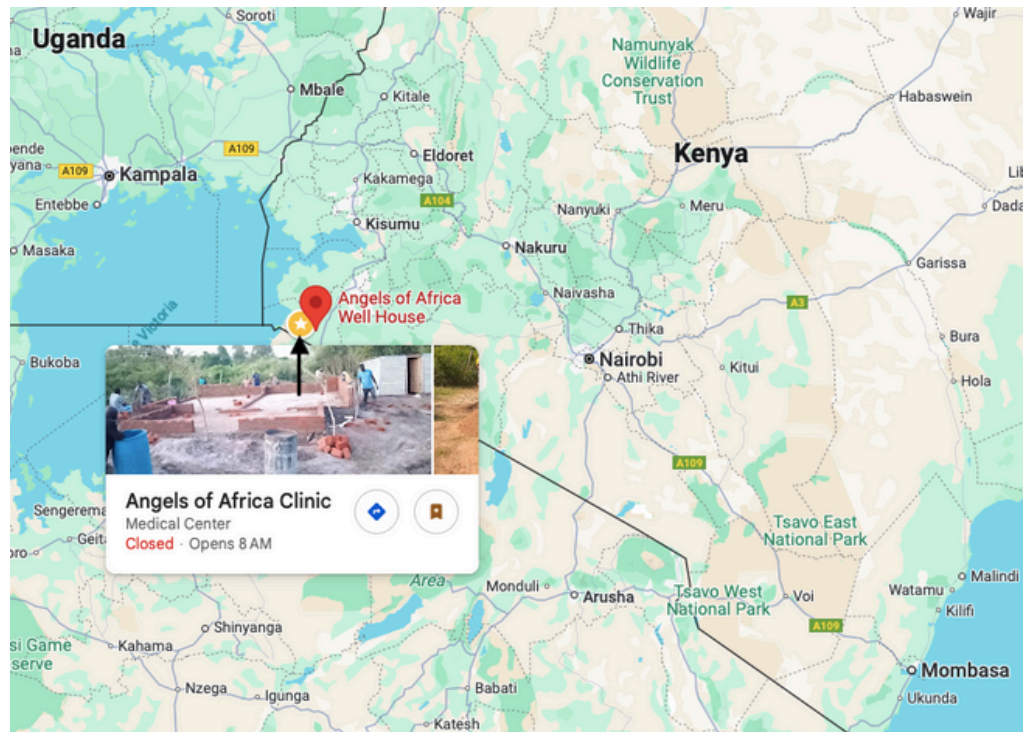


Two of our locations, the Angels of Africa Well House and Angels of Africa Clinic are now visible on Google Maps. Other locations are being added too!



If you search for the Angels of Africa Well House on Google Earth, you can clearly see all the campus buildings: the small electrical hut, the large chicken coop-turned storage/barn (planned for a future residence), the cow and sheep pens, and the red-roofed residence/office.

You can also see the dark triangle-shaped forest that stretches to the north of the property - all trees planted by Angels of Africa!





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