Dr. Joel Musee made his second visit to Kenya near the end of his residency, where he split his time between Kijabe Hospital and the main referral hospital in Western Kenya, where the IMPACT (Improving Perioperative & Anesthesia Care and Training) Africa program is based.

In Kenya, Dr. Musee encountered many memorable patients, such as a child with uncorrected aortic stenosis, a septuagenarian matriarch with an 8 cm abdominal aortic aneurysm, a young primigravida in her second trimester with a poorly managed seizure disorder who fell into a fire and sustained 40% full thickness burns, and a parturient who was transferred by ambulance from more than 3 hours away with obstructed labor and uterine rupture who lost her baby (and almost lost her life).

Dr. Musee recognizes that there is much work to be done and plans to return to Kenya and Kijabe Hospital, with the support of the Vanderbilt International Anesthesia program, as often as he is able.

“The easy part was teaching . . . the students are always so eager and well prepared, so this was quite gratifying.”

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