• Project Partners
  • Rwanda-Zambia HIV Research Group (RZHRG)
  • Projet San Francisco
  • Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Kigali

• Populations/Communities Served
  • HIV-infected individuals and their partners in Kigali, Rwanda
  • Adult inpatient wards at public tertiary care hospital in Kigali

• Project Timeframe
  • 6 weeks (8/4 - 9/12)
• **Project Goals**
  - “To uncover factors related to HIV risk and transmission, to gain a better understanding of how to prevent the spread of HIV, and to improve the quality of life among HIV infected African adults...with [an] emphasis on feasible prevention interventions and low cost therapeutic strategies based on behavioral interventions.”
  - To gain clinical experience in a limited resource, developing world setting.
  - To understand the public health impact of the AIDS epidemic in sub-Saharan Africa.

• **Expected Outcomes**
  - Gain clinical skills relevant to practicing medicine in resource-poor settings.
  - Gain better grasp of public health concepts as they apply to clinical practice and medical research.
  - Exchange culturally relevant ideas on healthcare, society, and medicine.
• **Progress to date**
  • Field experience completed 9/12/2008

• **Next steps**
  • Continue correspondence with medical staff at CHUK regarding medical education opportunities
  • Build on experience as a physician assistant in the US
  • Pursue a career in international medicine and continue to gain global health experience
With Drs. Gloria and Laurent at CHUK Hospital