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Cunningham Prosthetic Care volunteers to deliver new clubfoot treatment children to Kenya

A family initiative to share Jerald Cunningham, CPO's invention for treating clubfoot

March 2016, Wells, ME: Cunningham Prosthetic Care volunteers to deliver clubfoot treatment to children in Kenya. Cunningham Prosthetic Care LLC is please to share that they will be delivering an innovative new treatment for clubfoot that was invented by Jerald Cunningham, CPO, to the CURE Kenya hospital in Kenya. Colleen and Jerald Cunningham's daughter Jordan Cunningham spent over a month in Kenya learning about the health system, meeting clinicians and getting to know this beautiful country with huge potential. She was moved by the East African citizen's high level of a passion to help their fellow citizens. She knew that her father's invention for the treatment of clubfoot could make a difference in this area. Following her return the U.S. she has, along with her family, been working on the logistics of delivering this invention in third world applications. Clubfoot is a congenital deformity that severely twists the foot downward and inward, making walking difficult or impossible. It is a curable condition, and this new treatment is inexpensive. Without help a child born with clubfoot in a developing world has little chance of becoming a productive, contributing adult.

This month Jerald and Jordan will be traveling to Kenya to partner and volunteer with CURE Kenya. Located in the Rift Valley city of Kijabe, the CURE Kenya hospital was Africa's first orthopedic pediatric teaching hospital for children with disabilities attracting patients from every region of the country. From March 19th to March 29th Jerald and Jordan will be delivering this new brace for the treatment of clubfoot along with materials necessary to fabricate additional braces. As a part of this pilot trial they will provide training on fabrication, fitting and follow up that will allow the Kijabe hospital to continue providing this treatment after they leave. CURE provides clubfoot treatment in numerous countries. The Cunningham's hope that this club foot bracing will provide an inexpensive, hygienic and more child friendly treatment throughout the many countries served by CURE International.

You can learn more about the clubfoot brace at; http://www.cunninghamprostheticcare.com/clubfoot-bracing and the Cure Clubfoot page can be found at: https://cure.org/clubfoot/. Cunningham Prosthetic Care will be posting photos and updates from the trip on their web site CunninghamCare.com and on their Facebook Page. We hope that others will follow us on this exciting journey.

About Cunningham Prosthetic Care: <u>Cunningham Prosthetic Care</u> provides both custom designed and fabricated prosthetic and orthotic devices as well as off-the-shelf bracing. Founded in April of 2015, the doors opened at their Wells facility in June of 2015. Highlights of the new practice include:

- Warm and whimsical office design with local art and playful colors to create a unique yet nurturing atmosphere.
- Located close to the York Hospital at Wells and within 30 minutes of Portland and Portsmouth.
- Over 15 years of experience and state-of-the-art equipment and technologies to enhance the patient experience.
- Certification in all of the latest lower limb technologies; C-leg 4, Genium, X3, Rheo 3, Proprio ankle, etc.
- The only provider in Maine and New Hampshire for the world's 3 leading bionic hands: Michelangelo, Quantum and Bebionic.
- On-site lab for real-time adjustment and fabrication with 24 hour turnaround capability

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