

KENYAN MALARIA EXPERT VISITS PHILADELPHIA

On 29 March 2008 University of Phoenix adjunct faculty Macharia Waruingi MD, DHA flew in to spend a week visiting University of the Sciences of Philadelphia and make plans for the 6th issue of MJoTA which focuses on strategies for combating malaria, and Dr Waruingi agreed to join the adjunct faculty and guide the articles and work with the authors.

Macharia is an expert on malaria: while working in Harvard at first Massachusetts General Hospital and then at Brigham and Women's Hospital, he took classes and attended seminars at Harvard School of Public Health and decided their approach was elitist and some programs had actually contributed to worsening of malaria in Africa. He enrolled in the Doctor of Health Administration program at the University of Phoenix. His dissertation committee included Dr Peter Senge from MIT and Dr Louise Underdahl. His dissertation project was to investigate the malar-



Macharia Waruingi MD, DHA; Macharia with Stephanie Zarus PharmD ; Macharia in West Philadelphia audio and video production studios with Michael Leshinski (BS in Pharmacology and Toxicology and William J Curry (BS in Journalism). Bill Curry produced the first MJoTA movie. Below, Macharia gave an onsite seminar/online webinar in West Philadelphia.

ia paradox; why is malaria incidence rising when international donations are increasing? We will write a great deal about this paradox and about Macharia Waruingi's work in coming articles.



Macharia was born in Nyeri, Kenya, on the slopes of Mount Kenya, as was Nobel Laureate Wangari Maathi PhD. He picked coffee as soon as he could walk, as a small child he had to carry his body weight in coffee beans to the roasting factory a dusty road 5 miles away.

He was educated at the local primary and secondary schools and was accepted to study medi-

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Macharia talks with Neil Pitts BPharm, PharmD about Dr Pitts work in Kenya with his Philadelphia organization. Dr Pitts was profiled in Vol 1, No 2.

... at the University of Nairobi. In his last 3 years of medical school he worked with other medical students on an epilepsy education program for Ciba Geigy that took them to hundreds of small villages around Kenya; this study is the world's largest community study of epilepsy.

After internship in Nairobi he completed a residency in Neurology in Limoges, France, after which he went to Harvard on a fellowship from the National Institutes of Health. During his 5 years in Boston he became the student of Peter Senge: he had read



Macharia speaks with Phil Garbino PharmD, President of Univ Sciences in Philadelphia.

The Fifth Discipline before coming to the United States and was fascinated by concepts of systems thinking, organizational learning from mistakes and the need for constant innovation. Dr Senge was one of Dr Waruingi's advisors on his dissertation for his online doctorate in health administration from the University of Phoenix.

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