

A Commitment to Service

Dr. Randell Skau is an attending physician. The son of Christian missionaries, he was born and raised in India. He came to the United States when he was 12, settling for a time in the state of Washington, until his parents returned to missionary work. After completing his medical education and surgical training, Dr. Skau spent 10 years in Nigeria.

Oroville has been his home for four years, but his passport hasn't been gathering dust. Dr. Skau and his wife, a family-medicine physician, regularly participate in medical missions to locations as far and wide as Fiji and Ethiopia.

Travel has shaped him not only as a person but also as a doctor.

"The problems you see in those places are problems we don't face here," Dr. Skau says. "I'm a general surgeon, so I don't normally treat medical problems, but out there you're an all-around doctor—you have to treat everything."

"I've delivered babies. I've treated TB (tuberculosis). I've been called on to do neurosurgery. I did a lot of orthopedic surgery."

"That's the fun, but it's also the challenge. It expands your way of thinking about things."

Four years after completing his surgical residency, he answered the call to practice medicine in Africa.

He treated patients and trained young physicians.

For six of the ten years, Dr. Skau also served as

the hospital's medical director, "which meant I basically did everything," he says. "I was in charge of all the accounting, pharmacy, janitorial, making sure that the construction we did was done right—all of that."

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It wasn't always glamorous. He didn't make the money he could have made in the United States. His rewards came in other forms.

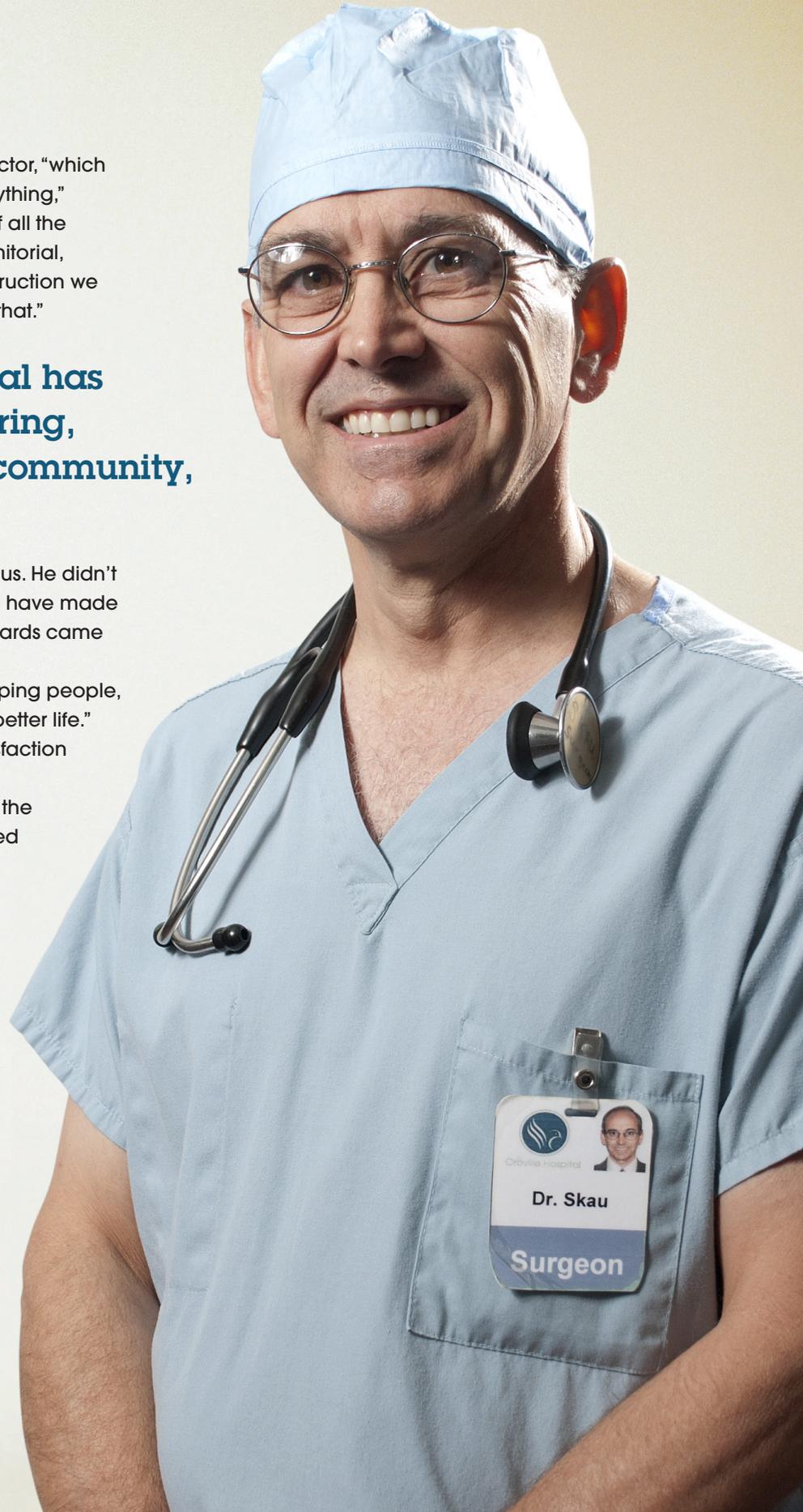
"I'm just giving back, helping people, serving people to have a better life."

Dr. Skau finds similar satisfaction at Oroville Hospital.

"This is absolutely one of the best places, and I've worked in a lot of places," he says.

"I find it to be a strong community where people are committed to service, committed to making the lives of other people better, and committed to excellence."

"Oroville Hospital has a culture of caring, commitment, community, and service. I really appreciate that."



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