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In their medical practice at the jungle hospital, Albert and Helene Schweitzer encountered common diseases, but also diseases particular to the tropics (such as malaria, leprosy and "sleeping sickness"). They treated injuries caused by snake bites, animal attacks and accidents.

When a patient required an operation, the schoolroom was sterilized for the surgery. The natives were amazed that Albert could "kill a person" (put him/her to sleep with anesthetics), open them up, take something out, sew them back-up (to close the surgical site) and then bring the person "back to life."

The natives realized that this doctor was more powerful than any witch doctor they had ever seen.

Within six months, Albert had treated over 2,000 patients. He learned how a single doctor, working with the simplest of tools, could make such a big difference in the lives of these people. He grew to love his work and his patients.

When the building materials finally arrived, Albert designed the hospital to suit the needs of the jungle and its people. He built the hospital for the people it would serve—a new kind of hospital catering to the culture it was serving.

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