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Hands At Work

Ethiopia 2020

HIS HEALING HANDS

"Touching the World for Christ"

Ministry Strategies:

H ealth Care

E vangelism

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MISSION TRIPS

2020

Ethiopia	Completed
Philippines	Canceled
Mexico	July 6-13
Peru	Sep 7-15
India	Nov 12-22

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Praise the LORD for another fantastic medical ministry in Ethiopia!

The ministry team departed for the United States on February 12th, before the impact of the Covid-19 virus was fully known. They came back home on February 24th well before any cases of the virus were known in Ethiopia and before airports began to close. None of the team has reported any health problems and it is now well past the time when they might have become ill, so Praise the Lord again!

For the past 6 years the fruitfulness of the ministry in Ethiopia has been one of our greatest success stories. It was again this year. I will let our team members share their experiences with you.

By Jared Wigg

"My translator, Teresa, was a 30-year-old man who was from Aleltu and worked at the clinic for 6 years. He had a 3-year-old son and attended university in Addis Ababa. He was there at first to become an electrical engineer, then decided to get a health degree and continue to work at the Aleltu health clinic because he liked helping people. On day one we saw lots of patients with little break; I noticed many cases of eye infections, typhoid fever history, fungal skin infections, and gastritis from their normal spicy food diets. Dr. Frankel said he saw at least 20 patients with HIV the first day. He thanked me for being thorough with the patients. Throughout the week I asked him many questions about what medications to prescribe and he was very helpful. We gave amoxicillin for tooth infections (lack of dental care), betamethasone cream for hemorrhoids (mothers with strained births), paracetamol for headaches (dehydration, eye strain, tooth aches, or other reasons), and Cipro for kidney infections (mostly women from inadequate perineal hygiene and dehydration). In addition to providing eye drops, fungal cream, and antacids we were able to educate them about the causative factors behind these conditions and how they could prevent future issues if possible.



I also prayed with many people including a 12 y/o boy who I encouraged in Christ, a woman with HIV who lived alone and was stressed, and with another woman who couldn't read. There was a 25-year-old girl with only one eye; she was beautiful and shy but was able to get glasses for her good eye. There were two special individuals that I also prayed with. One was a middle-aged man named Moges. He was a local soldier, who was tall, thick, and wore a black jacket. He seemed intimidating but was quiet and very receptive. He only needed glasses but we shared the gospel with him and he prayed with us to receive Christ! The other one was a 16-year-old boy named Danye. He was well dressed in a blue sport coat and red checkered shirt and belt. He was very shy and told us that he had an excuse from school to visit the free clinic. He had some fungal skin infections and needed glasses. We shared the gospel with him and prayed together and He also received Christ!

We were able to see over 1400 patients that week and we estimate that 100 or more made the decision to follow Jesus (we were too busy to count all of them!). Almost all the medications we had were given out, and the remaining glasses that we had were stored up in the clinic to be used next year when HHH returns.

During the closing ceremony, one of the local church leaders, Kurkura, thanked us because we provided holistic care concerning more than just their physical needs but their spiritual needs as well.

There was something special that I realized at the end of the trip. As Americans, we are able to provide a service to the Ethiopians in the form of health, wealth, technology, bibles, and encouragement in the gospel. But the Ethiopians do us a service as well; they teach us kindness, humility, perseverance through suffering, hospitality, honor, and also encouragement in the gospel. We help their bodies and they help our hearts in a way. We both have something to give each other! On the flight home I was searching for ways to help what I learned in Ethiopia stick with me at home in the US. As I was reading George Muller's autobiography, something he said stuck out to me. He said "be content with the necessities, not the luxuries, of life." That's definitely a challenge for me but something I want to keep me grounded – to prioritize relationships over things, and people over comfort."



By Arnida Remley

Ethiopia's people are so gentle, creative, hard working and beautiful.

While working in the glasses clinic, I also had the great opportunity to be among the people giving dresses, toothbrushes and many fun things.

I came to understand that poor isn't poor; their integrity, family and way of life was very important.

Many received Christ.

Our team had 15 amazing people who were seasoned veterans, and I on the other hand was a green horn. I thank God how I was able to fit in so easily & how encouraging they all were. My only regret is that I didn't start this in my 20's. This for me was a life changer, I pray you don't wait until you're in your 70's!

Anonymous

Hi Cheryl,

I just want to thank His Healing Hands for giving a person like me the opportunity to be on mission trips to bless others and be blessed.

A person like me who doesn't have any medical credentials, is not physically fit enough to do construction works on a mission trip, an introvert who doesn't have a gift of evangelism. But yet I got to go on medical mission trips in a support role that I enjoyed very much.

Whenever I saw the patient slips with the words "accepted Christ", it delighted me and I felt that the trip was so worthwhile. Thank you for letting me be a part of this!

I hope I will get to go on more trips in the future.



Philippines Cancellation Silver Lining

After having several conversations with our ministry host in the Philippines, Pastor Daniel Cabria, we have decided it is best if we cancel our planned May 21-30, 2020 medical mission to Tabaco City, Philippines.

Even though the dates for this trip are still nearly 2 months away, the news about the Covid-19 virus is getting worse each day, and our ministry model is to hold free medical clinics where it is normal for hundreds of sick people to come each day. It would be unwise to expose team members and the local population to a situation where we very possibly could do more harm than good.



Pastor Daniel and I agreed it is best for now that we cancel the trip and try to reschedule it for a time after the Covid-19 virus is no longer a risk.

The “Silver Lining” to this cancellation came in the form of a knock on our office door yesterday. Because we offer 6-7 medical mission trips each year, it is normal for us to order and stock enough supplies for at least two trips in our storage room at our office. This includes about 100 medical exam masks for each trip that goes out.

Our office is located in a small medical complex with 17 other office condos with doctor’s and dentist’s offices. Yesterday, our neighbor, who is a respiratory specialist physician, knocked on our door to tell me his office was completely out of exam masks and he wanted to know if we had some he could buy. I told him we don’t have any of the N95 masks but only simple exam masks, but he could have all we have. He was so grateful to have them!

During my conversations with Pastor Daniel in the Philippines, I learned that the island of Luzon where they are located, is under very similar “Shelter in Place” orders as we are seeing in many cities here in the United States. I told him our government is working on providing some financial relief to Americans and asked if the Philippine government was doing anything.

Pastor Daniel told me their government is offering to give each person 5,000 Philippine Pesos. That is the equivalent of \$100 here in the USA. I looked up average income statistics for the Philippines at the Republic of the Philippines, Philippines Statistics Authority website. The last full year of data is from 2018. At that time the average annual income for a resident in the Bicol Region was the equivalent of \$4,700.00.

I know this is a financially stressful time for all of us here as well. But I wanted to ask you to consider making a small donation to a fund we will send to the Philippines in lieu of our being able to go there with a ministry team. The easiest way to do that is Text-To-Give. **Text the keyword, “Philippines” to the number below and follow the instruction on the screen.**

833-970-2500

Please consider a gift of between \$5 to \$20. 100% of your giving will be sent to the Philippines so that Pastor Daniel and his church can help those most in need in his area.

I pray you all stay safe.

Carl Dawson, CEO