



Medical missions update

A touch of hope

“THERE IS A small, largely unknown land of a resilient people where the struggle for justice and freedom seems to be unending and unimportant to the rest of humanity. In past years, we have entered into their pain by attempting to touch their physical needs with medical care. This year, at the invitation of the government, medical workers took a team of volunteers into areas recently affected by fighting.

There is no way that the volunteers could have anticipated how a trip through the winding mountain roads and glorious beauty could lead them to people fraught with anxiety and very grateful to be offered hope. Much more than the advice, glasses, or medication that was given to the nearly 900 patients were the love, encouragement, biblical truths, and prayers that were placed upon their wounds.

The volunteer team was praised and thanked by the government and even talked about on television, but we know that what matters most is the opinion of our Lord and that lives were touched with hope. Thanks to this medical project and others like it, we can enter and work freely in this land with credibility and trust.”



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opportunities, visit
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*For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
(Galatians 5:14, ESV)*

1 NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PEOPLES. Pray for authorities to grant permission for a medical team to continue work in rural areas. Pray for invitations for home visits so the gospel can spread to villages.

2 EUROPEAN PEOPLES. A worker in Hungary whose child has Turner's Syndrome has developed a ministry to help families facing this problem. Ask God to call local believers to assume leadership roles in the support groups.

3 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES. A physician and her team are opening a Wellness Center to provide comprehensive health care and medical education as a way to reach their country for Jesus. Pray for the completion of the facilities and the opening of the center.

4 EAST ASIAN PEOPLES. Believing healthcare workers are being called to use their medical profession to share Jesus locally and internationally. Pray for resources and training to equip them to serve effectively.

5 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES. Pray for the surgical work and home visits among the Taabwa people. Intercede for adequate logistical support and government permissions to carry on this vital ministry. Pray for a response to the Message.

6 AMERICAN PEOPLES. Pray for national healthcare workers who desire to reach the nations for Christ by working cross-culturally in other countries. Pray that they will be enabled to go and that many will come to know Jesus through them.

7 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. All over South Asia, women gather in small groups for health training and to hear Bible stories. Pray that these small-group meetings will result in better health and will grow into fellowships of new believers.

8 SOUTHEAST ASIAN PEOPLES. A nurse and her husband envision using health education to reach factory workers in their country. Pray that they will be granted access for their ministry and that doors will open to share the gospel.

9 NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PEOPLES. Many health projects face government opposition and threat of closure. Ask for favor for workers, and pray for wisdom to know the next steps if projects are closed. Pray for seeds sown to bear fruit.

10 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES. Heroin addiction is rampant along the Kenya coast. The Kisima Center seeks to provide physical and spiritual transformation for addicts. Pray that the Father will draw these men and women into a redeeming relationship with Jesus.

11 EAST ASIAN PEOPLES. God is calling U.S. healthcare professionals to find employment in East Asia. Pray that workers will know how best to utilize their skills,

integrate them into existing teams, and support them for long-term ministry.

12 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES. Pray for a project in a Central Asian city where expectant mothers are screened for health issues. Pray for team members as they visit homes and have gospel conversations.

13 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. Multiple villages have been accessed through malaria-prevention training, and many people are responding to the gospel. Pray for local pastors as they visit believers in these villages.

14 SOUTHEAST ASIAN PEOPLES. One nurse is using nursing care and health lessons to reach Cambodian migrant workers living in work camps. Pray that many will believe and share with their families.

15 NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PEOPLES. Millions of people in this part of the world have been displaced. Pray for workers as they try to meet the many needs, including health needs. Pray that many will be drawn to the Truth.

16 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES. Pray for the Kigoma Baptist Hospital in Tanzania as





thousands of patients are treated annually. Ask God to call a physician to come as a long-term worker, and pray for the completion of the maternal/child health wing.

17 EUROPEAN PEOPLES.

Throughout Europe, there are opportunities for wellness and fitness centers, mental health care, and health education. Pray that meeting health needs in Jesus' name will result in new believers and new churches.

18 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. God is at work at the Bangalore Baptist Hospital in India. Pray for the hospital chaplains as they witness to patients, ask God to call more Christian doctors to join the staff, and pray for nearly 500 students and trainees who are enrolled in hospital courses.

19 EAST ASIAN PEOPLES. Pray for the training of family medicine physicians at Hope Medical Center in Macau. Pray that they will influence others for Jesus as they complete their training and serve.

20 AMERICAN PEOPLES. A national worker uses Community Transformation Training to improve the overall health of communities in the mountains of

Peru. Pray that many will believe as he shines the light of Christ.

21 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES.

Medical clinics will be held in one Russian city for Central Asian immigrants, who generally lack access to health care. Pray that as physical needs are met, spiritual needs can also be addressed.

22 SOUTHEAST ASIAN PEOPLES.

Pray for plans in 2017 to access three new areas in the southern Philippines using health care and health education. Pray for the nurse leading this work and for the recruitment of volunteer teams, including students.

23 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES.

Recently, a new church started as a result of a mobile medical and dental clinic in a remote village in Tanzania. Distribution of water filters to homes in the village will allow further follow-up. Pray that others in the village will also believe.

24 NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PEOPLES.

A physician in a rural area provides medical help to people, homeschooled her children, and discipled a growing number of believers. Pray for wisdom amid these many demands on her time, and pray for rest.

25 EAST ASIAN PEOPLES. House churches have been started among healthcare professionals in a large city. Pray for leaders to be strengthened. Ask God to call more men to be involved. Pray for outreach to nearby unreached people groups.

26 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES.

Patients often travel many days to reach the provincial hospital in one worker's city. Pray for a guesthouse where the family members of patients can stay.

27 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES.

Medical workers often run into government roadblocks as they work. Pray for opportunities for them to freely minister care and to share the gospel with hurting people.

28 SOUTHEAST ASIAN PEOPLES.

Pray for a health team as they partner with local elementary schools in a daily hand-washing and tooth-brushing program to prevent disease among school children and to reach the community for Christ.

29 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES.

Public health training is being conducted in many areas. Pray that people will understand and apply the lessons about hand washing, clean drinking water, and malaria prevention. Pray that the training will bring Jesus to communities.

30 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. Pray for an alcoholic rehabilitation program in rural villages of India. The program has been successful, and some of the patients have become believers. Pray that more lives can be transformed.

31 EAST ASIAN PEOPLES. Pray for an initiative among Muslim women doing health education and cancer screenings. Lift up the medical workers and volunteers, and pray for opportunities to share the gospel.



Kintu walks again

AFTER ARRIVING IN a village along the shores of Lake Tanganyika in a local wooden boat, a missionary doctor was talking with villagers when he was approached by a man asking, "Are you the doctor who brought Kintu back from the dead?"

Kintu was a man near death in a neighboring village when the doctor found him. He had been in a coma for days, perhaps from malaria or yellow fever, and had been sent home from a hospital hours away to die. The doctor spent many days giving Kintu every form of assistance possible in his hut.

Today, Kintu is recovering and is now eating and talking and walking. He is a follower of Jesus. When the man in this village recognized the doctor, he began telling everyone about Kintu being "brought back to life."

This has opened the door to telling about a loving God who is the Great Physician. Even in distant villages, God's name is being glorified. Pray that this news will continue to open doors for the gospel.

The Light comes

ELIZABETH'S TEENAGE DAUGHTER had suffered from mental illness for several years. One night, Elizabeth dreamt of a very bright light coming towards her. Soon after this, workers from a mobile clinic project arrived in her village for the first time.

Elizabeth and her daughter ran towards the clinic workers, believing them to be the light she had seen in her dream. After meeting the doctor, both heard the good news about Jesus and fell to their knees, telling God that they believed in Jesus.

Three weeks later, the mobile project workers returned to that village. Elizabeth reported that her daughter was improved and no longer was disruptive in her home. Elizabeth now had hope for her daughter to marry and have children.

Unfortunately, persecution prevented workers from returning to the village after that. Pray for the Light to shine in Elizabeth's heart. Pray that workers may continue to shine the light of the gospel in dark places.



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