

TEAMS for Medical Missions

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Ministry News from Anne Clay, *Missionary Pharmacist*

Keeping a Promise

After the deaths of our two missionaries, our medical clinics scheduled in May were interrupted. Our patients were concerned and devastated as we have been their provider of medical care for over a decade. They feared that our ministry in Jamaica was over. We made a promise to the Jamaicans that we serve that we would return in August with a full medical team. It was so important for us to send a clear message that God had not forsaken them and that we were not going to stop doing ministry.

God helped us to fulfill this heartfelt promise as we returned to Jamaica on August 4. God provided a full medical team of doctors, nurses and pharmacists. We are so thankful for our volunteers that throughout the week of ministry treated 645 patients and provided 2234 prescriptions. Each of the J-Teamers embraced their role of helping our clinics to succeed and demonstrating God's love. Our encouragers had many meaningful spiritual conversations with people still experiencing grief after the loss of Randy and Harold. Our clinics were well-balanced by addressing both the physical and spiritual concerns of our patients.

The highlight of the clinics for me was introducing my mother, Joyce Clay, on the first day of clinic. Mom is 82 years young and served a nurse. This was a dream come true for me to serve alongside my mom. The people were thrilled to meet her, and they loved her snow white hair as it is associated with wisdom. She was nervous to serve as a nurse after many years of retirement. Also, she had not flown on a plane in 30 years. Yet, she knew it was important to be obedient to God's urging to volunteer in Jamaica. Mom said the biggest lesson for her was that if the Holy Spirit is prompting you to do something that you should not hesitate to act upon it.



I will not
leave you
comfortless.
I will come
to you.

John 14:18

Praises & Petitions

Praises:

- The restart of the August J-Team was so important fulfilling a promise that our ministry in Jamaica was not over. God allowed us to regroup and carry on with our medical clinics. I am so thankful for the prayer support that has sustained our ministry over the last several months.
- After the J-Team on August 22 the new Bible Training Center office was dedicated. This was a special evening with our missionaries and the BTC leadership team celebrating the completion of the office. Sara Hentzel shared that seeing the progress of the BTC was worth all the sacrifices that she and Randy had made through the years. Despite the pain of losing Randy there was great joy.
- I spent some days after the August J-Team with my fellow missionaries. (John and Linda Heater, Teri Nichols and Sara Hentzel) This was the first time for us to all be together after the memorial services in May. It was refreshing to see each other face to face just to love on one another. We do not know what the future of our ministry holds. Some aspects remain consistent, but most parts are forever changed. We are taking things one step at a time.



Petitions:

- The upcoming November 3-13, 2016 J-Team is right around the corner. God has put together a full team of 19 people. We are thankful for the four new volunteers that God has provided. The veteran J-Teamers will definitely be missing Harold and Randy. Please pray that we will carry on the work well honoring God.
- The second class of the Bible Training Center graduates from the three year program on November 17. Once again I will be together with each the T4MM missionaries. It will be a blessing to celebrate this accomplishment of BTC ministry. Please pray that God will use each of the graduates in a mighty way. Some of the graduating students plan to become part of the BTC leadership team.
- We are moving forward with planning the 2017 J-Teams. The missionaries of T4MM can not do the work without an army of volunteers. Medical personnel is needed for each of the February, May, August and November trips. We have several openings for doctors, pharmacists, and nurses. We could use your help in recruiting by spreading the word of this need. Please pray God will provide the essential volunteers to continue the work of our medical clinics.
- I have been suffering from a continuous migraine since the end of May. The constant pain is affecting every day life. My neurologist has tried many therapies which all have failed. He has exhausted all treatment options available locally and is referring me to the Jefferson Headache Center in Philadelphia. My initial appointment will be in early December. Please pray that an effective remedy can be found and that God will sustain me daily.