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Celebrating 25 Years as a Pharmacist

In some ways pharmacy must be in my DNA. I started officially working at my Dad's pharmacy when I was just 11 years old. I am so thankful that my Dad was a Christian pharmacist who influenced me to have compassion and love for the patients we served. After working at the family store a few years, I decided that I also wanted to be a pharmacist. I was blessed to study and graduate from the same school of pharmacy that my Dad did. It's hard to believe that was 25 years ago.

I honestly believe God led me to choose pharmacy as my profession. I have no regrets and would make the same decision all over again. God knew there would be a unique career opportunity down the road for me to combine my love of pharmacy and missions. Being a missionary pharmacist is a perfect mixture as I get to use free medicines and medical care to open doors for sharing the Gospel. I am so thankful that God uses my profession to help advance his kingdom in Jamaica. After all, I am just a humble pharmacist that desires to serve God.

I am so thankful for the many Christian pharmacists that I have befriended through the years. Joyce Grubb and I graduated together and we have remained close friends ever since. In

2004, when I became a missionary with TEAMS, Joyce said I was going to need other pharmacists to help me at the clinics in Jamaica. Boy, was she ever right! On average Joyce has served once a year on a J-Team, and she is not alone. Sixteen different pharmacists have served alongside me for more than 13 years. Most of the pharmacists have served multiple times. I am so blessed by their faithful partnership. Pharmacist Susie Partridge from Ohio holds the record at 23 trips. We are always looking for new pharmacists to volunteer.

In order to increase our pool of pharmacists I am pursuing involving pharmacy school students on our J-Teams. Hopefully, in August 2019 we will have a student from Highpoint University join us on the J-Team serving as a pharmacist. This will be an elective for the student providing them college credit while gaining missions experience. Please join me in prayer that this opportunity will come to fruition.

I am so thankful for my first 25 years as a pharmacist. I pray God will continue to use my skills and love of pharmacy for many years to come. I am the most blessed pharmacist I know to be serving with TEAMS in Jamaica and in Pennsylvania!



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Is 4 Pharmacists Possible?

This August will be my 56th J-Team. When I first joined TEAMS in 2004, sometimes there was only a nurse serving alongside me in the pharmacy. It was very difficult for a nurse to serve as a pharmacist as it was not their specialty. So, I prayed that God would provide a second pharmacist on every J-Team. In February 2006, God answered my prayer.

Over the next couple of years our clinics grew larger with more patients wanting to be seen. We expanded our medical staff to accommodate the growth by adding a third physician and an additional nurse to be a patient screener. Yet, two pharmacists tried to keep up with the increased prescription work load. It became apparent that a third pharmacist would be beneficial on each trip. Once again, I prayed that God would provide an additional pharmacist to serve. God heard my plea and we began having a third pharmacist serve on each J-Team in February 2012. Our clinic would not be nearly as efficient and fruitful without their faithful service.

I have had the desire for some time to explore helping in other areas of the clinic. Being available to assist at the registration desk would allow me to answer questions and deal with problems before they arise. I could even treat minor ailments without the patients having to be seen. This would help to take some pressure off the nurses and doctors. Also, I would love to have the opportunity to serve as an encourager to see if I am spiritually gifted in this area. To free me up from the pharmacy this will require an additional pharmacist to serve on each J-Team. I have been praying that God would provide once again and expand our pharmacist base. Please join me in praying that God would answer this desire in his timing.

Caretaker or Hostess Wanted

TEAMS currently is looking for a caretaker or hostess to take care of TEAMS House in Jamaica. We have been seeking an individual or couple for sometime to serve in this role. God provided our home in a miraculous way and we must believe he will continue to take care of this ministry hub. Please join us in praying and believing that God will provide perfectly.