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MISSIONARIES IN CAMEROON



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WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WAY!

Praises

- THE LONG-AWAITED PRAISE!!!!!! Dr. Mbanga has completed his exams and is now a full-time pathologist here at MBH!
- The hospital vehicles have been allowed to make the trip to Bamenda and back to pick up and take back patients, even in a 2.5-month road lockdown.
- Debbie has been able to work some days in the clinic these past 3 months, and a big praise for Violet who after many years of coming has decided to follow Jesus.

Prayer

- Pray for Dr. Mbanga to start well and learn quickly under Rick's mentorship.
- Pray for open roads and open market (we have been in lockdown for 2.5 months).
- Pray for our administration to have divine insight and guidance as to how to keep the hospital going, especially financially and keeping needed supplies in stock. The water tank and Radiation Therapy Center are on hold for now due to supplies not being able to reach here.

Men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. [. . .]

They lowered the sick man down through the roof in front of Jesus.

LUKE 5:18-19

These last 2 and a half months were probably some of the hardest months, and yet months of many blessings in ministry. We have been in a lockdown of roads and market for most of the last 2 and a half months. Praise the Lord our hospital vehicles have been allowed on the roads



This 14-year-old trekked 4 hours to be seen in our clinic.



and have brought patients from Bamenda each day, usually two trips each day. We have 2 buses donated by Samaritan's Purse and another by Smile Train. There is a long line to get on a bus every morning in Bamenda, we are told. The other way patients have gotten here is by walking, and we even had one come by wheelbarrow pushed by friends. It



reminded me of the friends that hoisted their paralyzed friend down through the ceiling of where Jesus was preaching for him to heal!



The next story is about a young man named Diligent, who had very painful keloid scars from where he had been burned when he fell into a fire in their outdoor kitchen when he was younger. He couldn't sleep due to the pain. He recently had surgery to remove the keloids and had a full-thickness skin graft to fill the gap. This was on the back of his leg right below his buttocks. Not an easy place to heal. He had a good outcome. We got to know him since he was in our hospital for over a month. He and his mother came to visit in our home after his discharge. Diligent comes from a needy family, and they were not able to afford this type of surgery and long stay. It was through our supporters that we were able to help them out. We want you to feel a part of Diligent's success story!



The next great story is about one of the youths in our church, Bernice. She needed a sponsor to send her to Youth Evangelism Camp. We had the privilege to help



Bernice and her youth leader



One of the VBS groups

her be able to go. She attended a training in the capital city and then was sent out to another city to lead VBS groups in different neighborhoods for the summer. She grew a lot spiritually and got to see how the Lord worked in many children's hearts through her. They reached 759 children during their VBS weeks, with 55 making decisions for Christ.

Then there is Sam, the little boy who survived 2 CPR resuscitations when he was suffering from a serious pneumonia. After Sam had been in the hospital for almost 2 months, he was still oxygen dependent. He needed an oxygen concentrator that didn't require constant electricity, because where he lives they often don't have it. So, Debbie researched and found one company that made a rechargeable portable unit with 2 batteries that would last up to 12 hours. Dr. Koch, a volunteer ENT surgeon, was able to provide the unit and brought it to Mbingo last month. Because of this, Sam was able to leave the hospital and is now at home!





Hellos and Goodbyes

A big welcome to Dr. Mbanga, who has completed his studies and now has joined Rick as the first Cameroonian pathologist at MBH, and throughout the CBC!!!



We welcomed a new CIMS graduate onto the CIMS faculty, Dr. Gaelle



Our neighbors, the Armias, finished the PAACS training here and left for Egypt



A sad goodbye to our friends Yvonne and Mark Snell who will not be returning. Mark (not pictured) is at home getting medical treatment.



We celebrated the arrival of a White Cross shipment

And then there were no other expat missionaries on the compound! But praise the Lord, Jackie came yesterday and 3 others to follow next month. 😊

In His Matchless Love,
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