

Second Quarter Report



A Helping Hand & Future Plans

My days are busy. I still love the work. The other day a local doctor who supervises HIV and TB services joined me in working for a day. She had promised this for some time, so we made the arrangement. I did the cervical cancer cases and she saw all the family practice cases. I had a wonderful day and did six colposcopies, and one LEEP. It made me realize how much I need help if I am to continue service at this level.

I know my heavenly father knows about it and am confident that the matter will work out in the end. The nurses are already asking when she will come again.

There is a bit of encouraging news. The PA who wants to serve with us told me she is scheduled for an interview to be recognized by the Botswana medical registration authority. If she receives recognition then she will be a shoe in for or Eswatini. We shall see.

Moral Decay & Its Effects

I seize upon opportunities to dialogue with the young men and women about their relationships and what God thinks of their having sex before marriage. None complain about my addressing this topic, which gives me joy in my work. They do believe but their implementation is poor. I praise them for their Bible knowledge and encourage them to train themselves to read their Bibles every day. I pray for them to live their lives in a way pleasing to God.

The abandonment of marriage has been a disaster. Single parent families are the rule. Illegal abortion is common with unknown number of deaths and other complications. It is common for women to be beaten up by their husbands or to have a live in relationship. The law against GBV (Gender

Based Violence) is strict. If you touch a woman in any inappropriate way, if convicted, you can be sent to prison for up to 15 years.

Children witness violence in the home and see their mothers crying. They grow up emotionally wounded often to repeat the behavior of their parents. Boys grow up without a father figure and bear that burden for life. They are more vulnerable to being recruited into gangs.

Phillip & Catalina Kerr's Visit

Finally, we had a marvelous visit from a couple from San Antonio, TX. Phillip and Catalina helped out with the protection program for school children that I have written about before. They were super for our program. Catalina's vivacious and engaging personality acted like a catalyst. Annette caught the spirit and decided to open the math training program for all ages free of charge. Suddenly the attendance for the two programs shot up. At present we have over 50 new children from ages 9 to 18 enrolled for math training. We are encouraged by this and feel that it will open doors spiritually..