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Prescription for Renewal 2019
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World Medical Mission assists evangelical mission hospitals and clinics by sending Christian medical professionals as volunteers, and by providing equipment, supplies, and other resources that help them treat patients in the Name of the Great Physician.

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MISSIONARY MEDICINE WORKS. When people are hurting and have no hope, they can go to a mission hospital, and there are doctors and nurses who care for them and love them. It opens up an opportunity to present the Gospel.

One of the finest examples I know of a devoted medical missionary is Aileen Coleman. A lifelong friend of mine, I was delighted to honor her with the “In the Footsteps of the Great Physician” award (see page 23) at the Prescription for Renewal conference. Aileen has been serving for more than six decades in the Middle East. At the age of 89, she continues to pour herself into the daily lives of her Bedouin brothers and sisters in Jordan.

Also in this issue, we will introduce you to other medical professionals who are using their unique God-given gifts to help meet both the physical and spiritual needs of hurting people overseas. Two of these are Willy and Jessee Bustinza, a surgeon and a pediatrician, who are serving in Mexico through our Post-Residency Program. This young couple has taken their mission beyond the walls of the hospital to outlying villages in the Copper Canyon, where they bring medical care, child nutrition assistance, and the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are also excited to share the experiences of a Canadian pharmacist and his wife, a family medicine physician, who served with us as short-term volunteers in Togo.

The Lord has greatly blessed World Medical Mission these past 43 years. I am grateful to all of the dedicated servants of the Lord who have gone on mission with us. As we start a new year, my prayer is that you will seek the opportunity to follow their example and serve for a couple of weeks at a mission hospital overseas. God bless you.

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham
President, Samaritan’s Purse
Insights from some of the medical personnel who serve in mission hospitals in more than 20 countries through World Medical Mission.

**Virginia**

Dr. Jim Wade is an otolaryngologist and a long-time volunteer with World Medical Mission.

Dr. Wade was presented with the “Outstanding Civilian Citizenship Award” by U.S. Congressman Morgan Griffith in a special ceremony in Abingdon, Virginia, in October. Since 1996, Wade has taken part in more than 50 cleft lip/palate surgical trips, with most of them based in Kenya. A tribute to Wade in the Congressional Record states: “His selfless and humble service to others has been a gift in the lives of many, from the children who benefit from his medical skills to the colleagues inspired by his example.”

**Togo**

Dr. Michael Noce, a family medicine physician from Colorado, shares about serving at Hôpital Baptiste Biblique.

“It was by God’s hand that this 21-month-old survived a bout of severe bilateral pneumonia. His treatment consisted of IV antibiotics, high pressured oxygen, steroids, and hourly prayer. He is pictured with his mom on hospital day 14.

Dr. Theresa Timm, a pediatric resident who was also serving with World Medical Mission, suggested we try the BiPAP machine. The little boy was later weaned off the BiPAP machine and oxygen and did well. You can tell his mom is very happy and thanked us daily for the care and love the doctors, nursing staff, and even housekeepers poured on this baby. The mom is an Ewe speaker and knew very little French, so there was always a need for a translator in order to communicate with her. But as you can see by this mother’s smile, one does not need translation to see that God’s grace is at work.”

**California**

World Medical Mission Co-Founder Dr. Richard Furman has received the International Surgical Volunteerism Award by the American College of Surgeons Board of Governors.

A cardiothoracic surgeon, Dr. Furman was formally recognized October 29 at the organization’s Clinical Congress 2019, held in San Francisco, California. Furman was one of three recipients of the 2019 volunteerism awards, which “recognize ACS Fellows and members who are committed to giving back to society through significant contributions to surgical care as volunteers.” He and his brother Lowell, a 2003 recipient of the award, started World Medical Mission in 1977 as a way to place doctors on short-term volunteer trips to assist understaffed Christian hospitals around the world. Furman’s medical responses with Samaritan’s Purse have taken him to places like Rwanda, Haiti, Nepal, Ecuador, and Iraq.
Conference speakers thank medical professionals for ministering compassion as the hands and feet of Christ.
Held for the first time in Orlando, Florida, the 30th annual Prescription for Renewal enjoyed record attendance as healthcare professionals gathered for a four-day slate of educational seminars and spiritual encouragement.

More than 700 medical personnel, Samaritan’s Purse staff, and special guests participated in the conference, which took place September 19-22 at the Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld. This year’s event drew many first-time attendees, including medical students, nurses, and physicians who are interested in Samaritan’s Purse medical ministry service opportunities.

“Our central theme is the Lord God Almighty and what He is doing through Samaritan’s Purse around the world,” said Ed Morrow, who serves as World Medical Mission’s director of development for mission hospital relationships. “Just as we did at The Cove, we will hear God speak to each and every one of us this year in Orlando.”

The popularity of Prescription for Renewal and the growing medical ministries of Samaritan’s Purse prompted the move from the Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove in Asheville, North Carolina, to a larger venue.

Medical professionals could choose from over 40 lectures that offered continuing medical education credits in surgery, epidemiology, obstetrics, and nursing care. Noncredit sessions were also available on topics related to raising children on the mission field and spiritual self-care.

“I’m so grateful for each and every one of you who has served and been overseas,” Samaritan’s Purse President Franklin Graham told the audience.

Referring to the Gospel account of when Jesus healed the leper with the touch of His hand, Graham said, “That touch is still needed today. God can use each and every one of us to be His hands, His lips, His feet, in a world that is changing so quickly. Let’s be His hands, let’s go to the far corners of the world and be that touch for Christ.”

‘COMPASSION OVER FEAR’

One medical missionary whose extraordinary service epitomizes that call is Dr. Kent Brantly. His story of caring for Ebola patients in Liberia—then contracting and miraculously surviving the deadly disease—has inspired millions around the world.

The family medicine physician became critically ill with the virus in 2014 while serving at ELWA Hospital in Liberia through World Medical Mission’s Post-Residency Program. Brantly shared heartfelt words of encouragement to fellow medical missionaries, urging them to “choose compassion over fear” as “we see the image of God in our fellow human beings.”

“The command to love your neighbor as yourself is a command to care for those in need, whoever they might be, to lift them out of the ditch and tend to their wounds. We are all called to be Good Samaritans,” he said.

Brantly expressed his eagerness to return full time to the mission field, this time at Mukinge Hospital in Zambia. (The Brantly family began serving at Mukinge in December.) They will be

World Medical Mission staff answered questions and assisted conference participants as they arrived for registration.

With more than 700 participants in 2019, the 30th annual Prescription for Renewal conference drew a diverse group of medical professionals, residents, and students who came to learn about service opportunities with the medical ministries of Samaritan’s Purse. U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley, Gov. Mike Huckabee, Pastor Skip Heitzig, and Dr. Kent Brantly were keynote speakers at the event.
**MINISTRY ON THE FRONT LINES**

Keynote speakers Mike Huckabee and Nikki Haley praised Samaritan’s Purse staff and volunteers for their willingness to walk with faith into challenging, even dangerous situations, in order to alleviate suffering and share the Gospel. Both toured our Emergency Field Hospital and Ebola Treatment Unit tents that were on display outside the conference facility.

Huckabee, former governor of Arkansas and the host of the TBN talk show “Huckabee,” thanked medical workers for “going to hard places” and described them as “God’s gift” to a hurting world.

“Many of you have made sacrifices, not only of your time and potentially of your very life, but sacrifices of your income too for those serving on the medical mission field,” he said.

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Haley has seen the ministry of Samaritan’s Purse up close while serving as the governor of South Carolina, and later as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

When her state was inundated with floodwaters associated with Hurricane Joaquin in 2015, a wave of Samaritan’s Purse volunteers wearing disaster relief orange shirts filled the streets of several communities. Haley was deeply moved by the outpouring of help and emotional support to homeowners.

She witnessed compassion in action once again when Samaritan’s Purse staff worked in war-torn and poverty-stricken places like South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

“Your faith is your strength,” said Haley. “It is the very thing that moves you to serve people irrespective of their race, religion, or nationality.”

Other speakers at the general sessions included a former Post-Resident physician who served for several years in South Asia, Dr. Tom Boeve, an otolaryngologist who is the assistant director of World Medical Mission, and John Troke, a nurse from Canada who has served on Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) deployments to Iraq, Bangladesh, South Sudan, and other locations.

Skip Heitzig, the founder and senior pastor of Calvary of Albuquerque in New Mexico, provided daily Bible teaching and spoke on the theme of “faith, hope, and love.”

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“Your hands, dear doctors and nurses, have become hands within His hands to touch a broken world. People who are bruised and battered and crushed by circumstances, by people, by time,” said Heitzig.

“But as you observe people compassionately, interact with them honestly; but also expect adversity that comes with that, the Master who you are serving is changing a life,” he concluded.

“What you do is worth it for His sake.”

**A GREAT NEED**

All of the Samaritan’s Purse medical ministries were represented at this year’s conference, including World Medical Mission, DART, Children’s Heart Project, and the cataract and cleft lip/palate surgical repair programs.

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The 2020 Prescription for Renewal conference takes place September 24–27 at the Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld. Registration, speakers, and a schedule will be posted at samaritanspurse.org/pfr as that information becomes available.
OUTREACH TO THE TARAHUMARA

OVERCOMING FEAR WITH FAITH

Drs. Jessee (left) and Willy (right) Bustinza serve at Hospital Mision Tarahumara, where they are bringing medical care and the love of Jesus Christ to isolated mountain communities.
Families were already lined up and waiting for the doctors when they arrived in the remote mountain village that is completely inaccessible during the rainy season. Usually, the indigenous Tarahumara people would have to walk for hours, or sometimes several days, along treacherous and rugged terrain to reach any type of healthcare facility. Even then, they cannot financially afford the medical care they desperately need.

But this day was special, as Willy and Jessee Bustinzas, who serve at Hospital Mision Tarahumara through the World Medical Mission Post-Residency Program, came to this particular village for the first time as part of their monthly outreach in Tarahumara communities.

Willy, a general surgeon, and Jessee, a pediatrician, treated patients with illnesses such as scabies, skin infections, diarrheas, coughs and colds, malnutrition, and tuberculosis, which is endemic among the Tarahumara.

Willy and Jessee even visited a home in the village and transported an elderly Tarahumara patient back to the hospital who was too sick to walk. “She had Parkinson’s disease and dementia, was severely malnourished to the point that her hair had fallen out, and she had pressure ulcers,” Willy explained.

The Tarahumara live in isolated villages, caves, and cliffs tucked away and hidden deep within the Sierra Madre Mountains or “Copper Canyon” of Chihuahua, the largest state in Mexico. They fled to the mountains in the 16th century to escape conquest by the Spaniards and have remained in their isolated living conditions ever since.

“The Tarahumara have lived in fear from outsiders and endured lots of oppression,” Willy said. “People don’t seek medical care early on. Health literacy is very poor. They see the hospital as a last resort.”

The Bustinzas are working hard to build relationships and trust at Hospital Mision Tarahumara. They’re providing quality, compassionate care and sharing the Gospel with Tarahumara patients who have never had an opportunity to hear the Name of Jesus.

“At the hospital they can see someone cares for them,” Jessee said.

During their monthly visits to villages, the Bustinzas and the hospital team not only provide medical care, they also share critical health messages related to nutrition and good hygiene practices. Patients receive food staples such as beans and oil, which are especially grateful for as food is often scarce in these rural mountains.

Malnutrition is one of the main health challenges the Bustinzas encounter in their work with the Tarahumara. The Copper Canyon has one of the highest malnutrition rates in the world, and the mortality rate for children under age 5 is nearly 50 percent.

Sadly, parents often delay naming their children in their first year of life because they fear they will not survive.

Yet, as a pediatrician, Jessee has seen the Great Physician save the lives of very ill children. One of her sickest patients was a 1-year-old who came to the hospital weighing only about six pounds. She also treated a child whose family carried him to the hospital—an
Dr. Jessee Bustinza conducts routine health exams in a Tarahumara village in northern Mexico.

Jessee explained that although the Tarahumara live far away from healthcare facilities, they have no system of local midwives to help women during childbirth—setting the stage for a dangerous and sometimes deadly birthing process. Tradition calls for women to deliver alone without any help, not even from their family.

Jessee shared about a woman who came to the hospital only after their staff found her at home alone and lying on the floor for several hours after delivering her baby. “The baby was cold and sick. We had to cut the umbilical cord at the hospital,” Jessee said.

The Tarahumara culture is so reserved that women are usually stoic as they deliver their babies in complete silence. “Showing emotion or fear could be seen as a sign of weakness and someone could put a curse on them,” Jessee said.

The Bustinzas are praying that as they and the Hospital Mision Tarahumara team continue to provide excellent care, demonstrate God’s love, and share the Gospel, many Tarahumara will forsake false beliefs and trust Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

Because of their isolated living conditions, most Tarahumara have never heard about Jesus Christ and hold to strong animistic beliefs. “We thought he had minutes to live,” Jessee said.

Jessee and Willy were so moved and burdened by the devastating consequences of malnutrition that they started an intentional effort to fight back. They invited a local Tarahumara believer to join their team and work with malnourished children in the hospital. During their monthly village outreach they talk with parents about good nutrition and hygiene habits.

The Bustinzas also provide the children with a backpack that includes food staples, hygiene items, toys, and an MP3 player with recorded Christian songs and portions of the Bible in the Tarahumara language. The audio recordings are especially important due to an illiteracy rate of about 98 percent among the Tarahumara.

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Those animistic beliefs heavily influence how the Tarahumara view medicine and healthcare—another huge challenge for Willy and Jessee.

They fear natural spirits, such as water, and believe that their neighbors can curse them. They also believe that after a person dies, the soul can haunt the living. They leave sick family outside the home if they are near death so that the earth will receive them—and their soul won’t remember the home or those in it. Even the spirit of a dead child stirs up much fear. “We tell them that God is greater,” Willy said. “If they trust God, He will overcome their fear.”

Dr. Willy Bustinza prepares a patient for an emergency tracheostomy. The patient was brought to the hospital with pneumonia complications and suffered cardiac arrest on the exam table. The team was able to revive him and transport him by ambulance to a city hospital.

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Jessee asked believers to pray that they would come to understand that Jesus is the Light and Truth. “Pray that the seeds we plant sharing the Gospel would be in good soil and bear fruit in the hearts of the Tarahumara.”

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Ceci, a Tarahumara believer working with Drs. Willy and Jessee Bustinza as a nutrition assistant, shares the Gospel with Juan, a cataract patient at Hospital Mision Tarahumara in Mexico. Currently, only portions of the Bible have been translated into the Tarahumara language.
Aileen Coleman’s indomitable spirit and heart for the nomadic Bedouin tribes in Jordan are legendary. The 89-year-old received the 2019 “In the Footsteps of the Great Physician” award celebrating over six decades of missionary service.

**THEY CALL HER “A’RAISA”**

“A’raisa” means “the light,” and for the past 64 years, Aileen Coleman has been spreading the light of God’s love in goat-haired tents and in the hospital she co-founded in Mafraq, Jordan.

Coleman has survived war, cancer, and a near fatal car accident. Growing old is admittedly an inconvenience for her—or more aptly an annoyance—but never an excuse to cease doing God’s work. As long as God gives her breath, Coleman is determined to faithfully serve Him and her beloved Bedouin brothers and sisters.

“I never doubted that is where I should be. But it hasn’t been easy,” she said.

Her extraordinary service as a medical missionary in the Middle East was saluted at the 2019 Prescription for Renewal conference in September. Samaritan’s Purse President Franklin Graham presented Coleman with the prestigious “In the Footsteps of the Great Physician” award. The plaque recognizes medical professionals for distinguished service in overseas mission hospitals.

After a video was shown about her work, Graham told the audience, “We want Aileen to know that she is loved, and we know and understand the sacrifice she has made and is still making today for the people of Jordan.”

He personally thanked Coleman for her “great impact on me” while he was helping with construction projects at the Annoor Sanatorium for Chest Diseases in Jordan in 1971. “God used Aileen to impact an 18-year-old who wasn’t grounded, who was drifting, who didn’t really know where God was leading him.”

Graham then handed Coleman a bronze sculpture depicting Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan. “Aileen, that’s what you have been all of your life—a Good Samaritan,” he said.

**THE CHILDREN OF ISHMAEL**

In 1955, a then 25-year-old Aileen Coleman boarded a ship from her native Australia and headed to the Middle East. A nurse practitioner and midwife, she delivered...
babies for two years at a medical facility in the United Arab Emirates, then moved to Bethlehem where she served at Baraka Tuberculosis Hospital.

Those eight years at Baraka laid the groundwork for her future life and career. There she became acquainted with the Bedouins, a nomadic tribal people who raised sheep, camels, and goats in the desert and still lived much like their ancestors Abraham and Ishmael did some 4,000 years ago. While treating the Bedouin patients, she learned of their harsh existence in the desert that contributed to a high incidence of tuberculosis. She wanted to do more to bring physical and spiritual wellbeing to their difficult lives.

It was also at Baraka where Coleman struck up a friendship with Dr. Eleanor Soltau, the hospital’s medical director and a missionary kid who grew up in Korea. Soltau had a like-minded heart for the Bedouins, and the two sought the Lord’s direction.

“We needed confirmation in our own hearts that God was in this, because we were turned down by several mission societies,” Coleman recalled. “Two single women, going off to the Muslim world to live among the Arabs. There were a lot of people who didn’t believe in us.”

Realizing they needed to be closer to the Bedouin settlements, the women relocated to the town of Mafraq on the east side of the Jordan River and converted a rundown two-story stone structure into a 14-bed medical facility. The Annoor Sanatorium for Chest Diseases received its first patients in February 1966.

During the Six-Day War in 1967 and Jordan’s civil conflict in 1970, Coleman and Soltau kept their little hospital open. That level of commitment was profoundly appreciated and never forgotten. When Coleman sustained serious injuries in a car accident in 1996, Jordanian army officers stationed nearby lined up to donate blood to save her life.

“I’ve got 15 units of Bedouin blood in me,” she proudly proclaims. “They are my family, they are my people, they are my kinsmen.”

Caring for babies and celebrating special occasions are among the joys Coleman has experienced through her deeply-rooted kinship with the Bedouins. She co-founded the Annoor Sanatorium for Chest Diseases based in Mafraq, Jordan. BELOW: The Bedouins trace their ancestry to Ishmael, the son of Abraham. The man in the middle of the photo is a Bedouin police officer.
With funds from ministry friends, the women were able to purchase a 25-acre tract of land outside of Mafraq and celebrate the eventual completion of a 40-bed, fully-equipped hospital in 1973.

Their outreach to Bedouins continued to flourish with the opening of a clinic in southern Jordan in 1991 and another clinic near the Iraqi border in 2000.

One of her greatest joys was being a surrogate mother to a dozen or more babies whose biological mothers died due to complications from childbirth. Although Coleman never married or had children, she delights to see some of those Bedouin youngsters grow to adulthood and have children of their own.

From gently rocking a newborn in her arms to building relationships with the royal family, Coleman’s impact on the hearts and souls of the Jordanian people is immeasurable.

As biographer Annette Adams wrote in the book “The Desert Rat”: “This remarkable woman has been a light in a dark world and is an example of what God can do with a life that is sold out to Him.”

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—John 8:12

The tragic death of Dr. Soltau in a house fire in 1997 deeply grieved Coleman and her Annoor family, but they pressed on. Coleman says of her friend and spiritual mentor, “Eleanor was a real prayer warrior, and she taught me to keep praying.”

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE
At the age of 89, Coleman still stays busy. When she isn’t in Jordan, her boundless enthusiasm propels her to log thousands of travel miles thanking supporters of the ministry and updating them on prayer needs.

But it’s the compassion toward her patients—and tough love when that is needed—that has inspired the Bedouins and others to hold Coleman in high esteem. She is celebrated with names like “A’raisa,” meaning “the leader” and was made a Member of the Order of Australia by Queen Elizabeth II of England.

In her typical self-deprecating fashion, Coleman shrugs off the accolades and prefers her own chosen nickname—“the Desert Rat.”

“Dispensing Hope in Togo
A husband and wife step out of their comfort zone and discover that no need can deplete God’s unlimited reserves of grace.
The Canadian couple served at Hôpital Baptiste Biblique, a 50-bed hospital that opened in Togo in 1985.

The Togolese man looked peacefully asleep in the hospital bed. He had been slipping in and out of consciousness since his distraught family brought him to Hôpital Baptiste Biblique.

During the past two weeks, his older brother had taken up residence by his bedside, feeding him, taking care of his personal needs, spending long hours in silent watch.

Pharmacist Hans Lin gave a nod of encouragement to the brother as he and the medical team stopped to pray with him during their morning rounds in the ward.

Although the odds of survival seemed stacked against the 33-year-old patient, Lin had seen others pull through worse adversity. His life was ultimately in God’s hands.

“The patient had acute respiratory distress, his oxygen saturation was tanking, and he had pneumonia,” recalled Lin. “He was not doing well and we were trying to treat him with conventional antibiotics that his body was reacting against.”

The young man’s host of complications was an initiation of sorts for Lin and his wife, Christine Wang, a family medicine physician. The Canadian couple had journeyed from Vancouver and arrived at the hospital just a few days after this very ill patient had been admitted. The five-week stint with World Medical Mission was their first mission experience as a couple and their first visit to Africa.

“We expected to be challenged in many ways. Clinical work is intense, and many times it is a matter of life and death,” he said.

Those challenges became magnified when he found out the hospital pharmacy had a limited supply of basic anti-infective drugs. He would have to be creative with their medication choices.

Managing the patient’s case necessitated a true team effort that required the expertise of Lin and his wife, other international medical missionaries, and the Togolese staff. They continued to pray for God’s guidance and healing.

When tests confirmed their hunch that the patient was HIV-positive, the medical team tried a different course of treatment with antiretroviral drugs. Once again, extreme care had to be exercised, as they feared a reactivated immune system would trigger an overly aggressive response to the infection. That response could prove fatal.

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But with that significant victory came a surprise visit from the patient’s father. Distressed by his son’s extended hospital stay and a mounting bill he knew he could not pay, the father insisted he had no choice but to take his son home and hope for the best.

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“He’s son would have died. No doubt about it,” Lin said. Notified of the dire situation, the hospital administration arranged to cover the costs using their adult benevolence fund. The father was relieved, and the patient and his caregiving brother stayed a few more weeks.

As his health improved, the young man was able to take short walks through the ward. Although still on oxygen, it was a great accomplishment when he began to venture outside the hospital and enjoy sitting outside.

Seeing this remarkable recovery deeply impacted the older brother. Throughout the ordeal, he had welcomed prayer with hospital staff and listened attentively as they shared with him about the Good News of the Great Physician, Jesus Christ. Now the two men would be returning to their family and village with a firsthand account of God’s healing power.

“We connected them to a church near their community where they can receive follow-up,” Lin said. “The staff also arranged for the patient to connect with government resources that can assist him in receiving ongoing treatment for HIV.”

While this particular patient may have been the most memorable one for the Canadian couple, there were others whose medical treatment also involved a bit of educated problem-solving.

Another case involved a child who had asthma. There were no nebulers on the pharmacy shelves. As a last resort, Lin searched among a collection of expired but still stable drugs and found one bottle of nasal spray that could be converted into use as a nebulizer.

Similarly, standard treatment medications were not available for one of Dr. Wang’s patients, a middle-aged woman with asthma exacerbation. Lin and a respiratory therapist assisted her in devising a course of treatment that involved available medications and therapy.

Their ingenuity worked.

“We were finally able to stabilize her, and she was discharged in good condition,” explained Wang.

Lin saw many older patients who had untreated chronic conditions like high blood pressure and diabetes. “Every day, with every patient, we gave them the best of what medications we had. I had to come up with a lot of creative solutions using my training.”

In the mornings Lin joined doctors and physician assistants on their rounds in the patient wards to discuss medication plans. He also devoted much one-on-one time with the pharmacy manager, teaching him process improvement and inpatient service. In addition, Lin researched ways to improve the hospital’s access to critically-needed medications that can improve patient care and survival.

Wang saw patients in the hospital in the morning and spent the remainder of her days at the outpatient clinic. Wang and Lin enjoyed working together, and both were inspired by the dedication of the short-term and career missionary doctors.

“Some of them have served many times, and they keep coming back,” Lin reflected.

“God used our time in Togo to confirm many things to us, and we feel that He has opened up opportunities for us to continue to serve Him in missions.”

The couple is already making plans to return to Hôpital Baptiste Biblique in May.

“This has been a satisfying experience for us,” said Lin. “We want to be flexible. As long as we follow Christ, we know we are going in the right direction.”
At the conclusion of the conference, Franklin Graham asked the most important question concerning our role as doctors and nurses in our service to the Lord. Franklin asked if God was calling you to serve Him. Was God touching your heart to be utilizing your medical skills, to tell others about Jesus Christ? Franklin pointed out that in Jesus’ day, He used people’s health problems to bring the lost to Him. That is still happening today. The sick come to mission hospitals. The injured come to our Emergency Field Hospitals. Medicine is like a magnet that draws people to receive care.

That is where you and I fit into His plan. He calls us to not only treat the patient medically but to be a witness for Him. As Franklin has said before—medicine is one of the greatest tools there is for evangelism.

I know many of you have served before and some have never gone. I ask you to consider making a commitment at this time in your life to let the Lord use you in a special way to give Him glory. I ask you to let Him use you to lead others to know Him. Now is the time for such a commitment. Some will take their family and others will go alone. Some will be called to help in a mission hospital setting, others will go to the Emergency Field Hospital, and some specialists will volunteer on one of our subspecialty surgery teams.

Whatever you feel your calling is, I ask that you commit now to be utilized by God to serve Him in a way that only you can be used. I know it will change the lives of the ones you treat. I know it will also change your life and the way you practice here at home.

Would you pray for the Lord’s direction for you at this special time in your life?
Calling for help

Please pray for these mission hospitals and consider volunteering if you are a medical professional in one of the following specialties.

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- Alaska
- Bolivia
- Dominican Republic
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Mexico
- Peru

AFRICA
- Burundi
- Cameroon
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Ethiopia
- Gabon
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Liberia
- Nigeria
- Rwanda
- Togo
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

ASIA/PACIFIC
- Bangladesh
- Cambodia
- Nepal
- Papua New Guinea

ANESTHESIOLOGY
- Banosa Baptist Hospital, Cameroon
- Baptist Medical Centre, Ghana
- Bangolo Hospital, Gabon
- Chogoria Hospital, Kenya
- ECWA Egbe Hospital, Nigeria
- ELWA Hospital, Liberia
- Galmi Hospital, Niger
- Hospital Loma de Luz, Honduras
- Kibuye Hope Hospital, Burundi
- Kudjip Nazarene Hospital, Liberia
- Myungsung Christian Medical Center, Malawi
- Restricted Country

CARDIOLOGY
- Banosa Baptist Hospital, Cameroon
- Chogoria Hospital, Kenya
- ECWA Egbe Hospital, Nigeria
- ELWA Hospital, Liberia
- Galmi Hospital, Niger
- Haiti Health Ministries, Haiti
- Hospital Loma de Luz, Honduras
- Hospital Shalom, Guatemala
- Kibuye Hope Hospital, Burundi
- Kudjip Nazarene Hospital, Liberia
- Myungsung Christian Medical Center, Malawi
- Restricted Country

DENTISTRY
- Banosa Baptist Hospital, Cameroon
- Baptist Medical Centre, Ghana
- Chitakelei Mission Hospital, Zambia
- Chogoria Hospital, Kenya
- ECWA Egbe Hospital, Nigeria
- ELWA/Trinity Dental Clinic, Liberia
- Hospital Loma de Luz, Honduras
- Hospital Shalom, Guatemala
- La Fuente Centre, Peru
- Macha Mission Hospital, Zambia
- Restricted Country

DERMATOLOGY
- Banosa Baptist Hospital, Cameroon
- Chogoria Hospital, Kenya
- ECWA Egbe Hospital, Nigeria
- ELWA Hospital, Liberia
- Haiti Health Ministries, Haiti
- Hospital Loma de Luz, Honduras
- Hospital Mission Tarahumara, Mexico
- Hospital of Hope, Togo
- Macha Mission Hospital, Zambia
- Restricted Country

EMERGENCY MEDICINE
- Bangolo Hospital, Gabon
- Chogoria Hospital, Kenya
- ELWA Hospital, Liberia
- Galmi Hospital, Niger
- Haiti Health Ministries, Haiti
- Hospital Baptist Biblique, Togo
- Hospital Diospi Suyana, Peru
- Hospital Evangélica, Honduras
- Hospital Mission Tarahumara, Mexico
- Hospital of Hope, Togo
- Macha Mission Hospital, Zambia
- Restricted Country

FAMILY PRACTICE
- Banosa Baptist Hospital, Cameroon
- Baptist Medical Centre, Ghana
- Chogoria Hospital, Kenya
- ECWA Egbe Hospital, Nigeria
- ELWA Hospital, Liberia
- Galmi Hospital, Niger
- Haiti Health Ministries, Haiti
- Hospital Baptist Biblique, Togo
- Hospital Diospi Suyana, Peru
- Hospital Evangélica, Honduras
- Hospital Mission Tarahumara, Mexico
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| GENERAL SURGERY   | Banso Baptist Hospital, Cameroon | Baptist Medical Centre, Ghana | Bengolo Hospital, Gabon | Chogoria Hospital, Kenya | ECWA Egbe Hospital, Nigeria | ELWA Hospital, Liberia | Galmi Hospital, Niger | Haiti Health Ministries, Haiti | Hospital Baptist Bible, Togo | Hospital Diaspora, Peru | Hospital Mission Dakota, Mexico | Hospital of Hope, Togo | Karanda Mission Hospital, Zimbabwe | Kapsawor Mission Hospital, Kenya | Kudjip Nazarene Hospital, Papua New Guinea | La Fuente Centre, Peru | Macha Mission Hospital, Zambia | Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Cameroon | Memorial Christian Hospital, Bangladesh | Mukinge Mission Hospital, Zambia | Myungsung Christian Medical Center, Ethiopia | Nkhoma Mission Hospital, Malawi | Restricted Country | Soddo Christian Hospital, Ethiopia | Tenwek Mission Hospital, Kenya |
| NEONATOLOGY      | Banso Baptist Hospital, Cameroon | Chogoria Hospital, Kenya | ECWA Egbe Hospital, Nigeria | ELWA Hospital, Liberia | Galmi Hospital, Niger | Hospital Baptist Bible, Togo | Kapsawor Mission Hospital, Kenya | Kudjip Nazarene Hospital, Papua New Guinea | La Fuente Centre, Peru | Macha Mission Hospital, Zambia | Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Cameroon | Memorial Christian Hospital, Bangladesh | Mukinge Mission Hospital, Zambia | Myungsung Christian Medical Center, Ethiopia | Nkhora Mission Hospital, Malawi | Restricted Country | Shalom Family Medical Center, El Salvador | Sudan Christian Hospital, Ethiopia | Tenwek Mission Hospital, Kenya | United Mission Hospital Tansen, Nepal |
| NEPHROLOGY       | Banso Baptist Hospital, Cameroon | Chogoria Hospital, Kenya | ECWA Egbe Hospital, Nigeria | ELWA Hospital, Liberia | Galmi Hospital, Niger | Hospital Baptist Bible, Togo | Kapsawor Mission Hospital, Kenya | Kudjip Nazarene Hospital, Papua New Guinea | La Fuente Centre, Peru | Macha Mission Hospital, Zambia | Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Cameroon | Memorial Christian Hospital, Bangladesh | Mukinge Mission Hospital, Zambia | Myungsung Christian Medical Center, Ethiopia | Nkhora Mission Hospital, Malawi | Restricted Country | Shalom Family Medical Center, El Salvador | Sudan Christian Hospital, Ethiopia | Tenwek Mission Hospital, Kenya | United Mission Hospital Tansen, Nepal |
| NEUROLOGY        | Banso Baptist Hospital, Cameroon | Chogoria Hospital, Kenya | ECWA Egbe Hospital, Nigeria | ELWA Hospital, Liberia | Galmi Hospital, Niger | Hospital Baptist Bible, Togo | Kapsawor Mission Hospital, Kenya | Kudjip Nazarene Hospital, Papua New Guinea | La Fuente Centre, Peru | Macha Mission Hospital, Zambia | Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Cameroon | Memorial Christian Hospital, Bangladesh | Mukinge Mission Hospital, Zambia | Myungsung Christian Medical Center, Ethiopia | Nkhora Mission Hospital, Malawi | Restricted Country | Shalom Family Medical Center, El Salvador | Sudan Christian Hospital, Ethiopia | Tenwek Mission Hospital, Kenya | United Mission Hospital Tansen, Nepal |
| NEUROSURGERY     | Banso Baptist Hospital, Cameroon | Chogoria Hospital, Kenya | ECWA Egbe Hospital, Nigeria | ELWA Hospital, Liberia | Galmi Hospital, Niger | Hospital Baptist Bible, Togo | Kapsawor Mission Hospital, Kenya | Kudjip Nazarene Hospital, Papua New Guinea | La Fuente Centre, Peru | Macha Mission Hospital, Zambia | Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Cameroon | Memorial Christian Hospital, Bangladesh | Mukinge Mission Hospital, Zambia | Myungsung Christian Medical Center, Ethiopia | Nkhora Mission Hospital, Malawi | Restricted Country | Shalom Family Medical Center, El Salvador | Sudan Christian Hospital, Ethiopia | Tenwek Mission Hospital, Kenya | United Mission Hospital Tansen, Nepal |
| OBSTETRICS/SYNCOLOGY | Banso Baptist Hospital, Cameroon | Baptist Medical Centre, Ghana | Bengolo Hospital, Gabon | Chogoria Hospital, Kenya | ECWA Egbe Hospital, Nigeria | ELWA Hospital, Liberia | Galmi Hospital, Niger | Haiti Health Ministries, Haiti | Hospital Baptist Bible, Togo | Hospital Diaspora, Peru | Hospital Mission Dakota, Mexico | Hospital of Hope, Togo | Karanda Mission Hospital, Zimbabwe | Kapsawor Mission Hospital, Kenya | Kudjip Nazarene Hospital, Papua New Guinea | La Fuente Centre, Peru | Macha Mission Hospital, Zambia | Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Cameroon | Memorial Christian Hospital, Bangladesh | Mukinge Mission Hospital, Zambia | Myungsung Christian Medical Center, Ethiopia | Nkhora Mission Hospital, Malawi | Restricted Country | Soddo Christian Hospital, Ethiopia | Tenwek Mission Hospital, Kenya |
| ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY | Bengolo Hospital, Gabon | Chogoria Hospital, Kenya | ECWA Egbe Hospital, Nigeria | ELWA Hospital, Liberia | Galmi Hospital, Niger | Hospital Baptist Bible, Togo | Hospital Mission Dakota, Mexico | Hospital of Hope, Togo | Karanda Mission Hospital, Zimbabwe | Kapsawor Mission Hospital, Kenya | Kudjip Nazarene Hospital, Papua New Guinea | La Fuente Centre, Peru | Macha Mission Hospital, Zambia | Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Cameroon | Memorial Christian Hospital, Bangladesh | Mukinge Mission Hospital, Zambia | Myungsung Christian Medical Center, Ethiopia | Nkhora Mission Hospital, Malawi | Restricted Country | Soddo Christian Hospital, Ethiopia | Tenwek Mission Hospital, Kenya |
| OTOLARYNGOLOGY   | Bengolo Hospital, Gabon | Chogoria Hospital, Kenya | ECWA Egbe Hospital, Nigeria | ELWA Hospital, Liberia | Galmi Hospital, Niger | Hospital Baptist Bible, Togo | Hospital Mission Dakota, Mexico | Hospital of Hope, Togo | Karanda Mission Hospital, Zimbabwe | Kapsawor Mission Hospital, Kenya | Kudjip Nazarene Hospital, Papua New Guinea | La Fuente Centre, Peru | Macha Mission Hospital, Zambia | Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Cameroon | Memorial Christian Hospital, Bangladesh | Mukinge Mission Hospital, Zambia | Myungsung Christian Medical Center, Ethiopia | Nkhora Mission Hospital, Malawi | Restricted Country | Shalom Family Medical Center, El Salvador | Sudan Christian Hospital, Ethiopia | Tenwek Mission Hospital, Kenya | United Mission Hospital Tansen, Nepal |
| PATHOLOGY        | Banso Baptist Hospital, Cameroon | Chogoria Hospital, Kenya | ECWA Egbe Hospital, Nigeria | ELWA Hospital, Liberia | Galmi Hospital, Niger | Hospital Baptist Bible, Togo | Hospital Mission Dakota, Mexico | Hospital of Hope, Togo | Karanda Mission Hospital, Zimbabwe | Kapsawor Mission Hospital, Kenya | Kudjip Nazarene Hospital, Papua New Guinea | La Fuente Centre, Peru | Macha Mission Hospital, Zambia | Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Cameroon | Memorial Christian Hospital, Bangladesh | Mukinge Mission Hospital, Zambia | Myungsung Christian Medical Center, Ethiopia | Nkhora Mission Hospital, Malawi | Restricted Country | Shalom Family Medical Center, El Salvador | Sudan Christian Hospital, Ethiopia | Tenwek Mission Hospital, Kenya | United Mission Hospital Tansen, Nepal |
| PHYSICAL MEDICINE & REHAB | Banso Baptist Hospital, Cameroon | Chogoria Hospital, Kenya | ECWA Egbe Hospital, Nigeria | ELWA Hospital, Liberia | Galmi Hospital, Niger | Hospital Baptist Bible, Togo | Hospital Mission Dakota, Mexico | Hospital of Hope, Togo | Karanda Mission Hospital, Zimbabwe | Kapsawor Mission Hospital, Kenya | Kudjip Nazarene Hospital, Papua New Guinea | La Fuente Centre, Peru | Macha Mission Hospital, Zambia | Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Cameroon | Memorial Christian Hospital, Bangladesh | Mukinge Mission Hospital, Zambia | Myungsung Christian Medical Center, Ethiopia | Nkhora Mission Hospital, Malawi | Restricted Country | Shalom Family Medical Center, El Salvador | Sudan Christian Hospital, Ethiopia | Tenwek Mission Hospital, Kenya | United Mission Hospital Tansen, Nepal |
| PLASTIC SURGERY   | Banso Baptist Hospital, Cameroon | Chogoria Hospital, Kenya | ECWA Egbe Hospital, Nigeria | ELWA Hospital, Liberia | Galmi Hospital, Niger | Hospital Baptist Bible, Togo | Hospital Mission Dakota, Mexico | Hospital of Hope, Togo | Karanda Mission Hospital, Zimbabwe | Kapsawor Mission Hospital, Kenya | Kudjip Nazarene Hospital, Papua New Guinea | La Fuente Centre, Peru | Macha Mission Hospital, Zambia | Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Cameroon | Memorial Christian Hospital, Bangladesh | Mukinge Mission Hospital, Zambia | Myungsung Christian Medical Center, Ethiopia | Nkhora Mission Hospital, Malawi | Restricted Country | Shalom Family Medical Center, El Salvador | Sudan Christian Hospital, Ethiopia | Tenwek Mission Hospital, Kenya | United Mission Hospital Tansen, Nepal |
| PSYCHIATRY        | Chogoria Hospital, Kenya | ECWA Egbe Hospital, Nigeria | Galmi Hospital, Niger | Hospital Baptist Bible, Togo | Hospital Mission Dakota, Mexico | Hospital of Hope, Togo | Karanda Mission Hospital, Zimbabwe | Kapsawor Mission Hospital, Kenya | Kudjip Nazarene Hospital, Papua New Guinea | La Fuente Centre, Peru | Macha Mission Hospital, Zambia | Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Cameroon | Memorial Christian Hospital, Bangladesh | Mukinge Mission Hospital, Zambia | Myungsung Christian Medical Center, Ethiopia | Nkhora Mission Hospital, Malawi | Restricted Country | Shalom Family Medical Center, El Salvador | Sudan Christian Hospital, Ethiopia | Tenwek Mission Hospital, Kenya | United Mission Hospital Tansen, Nepal |
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