

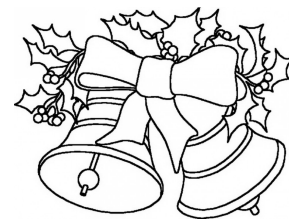
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MEDICAL MISSION UPDATE

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We are winding down from a busy year. We have been on 6 team trips this year. Four led by Jack to Paraguay, Moldova, Uganda, and India; one was a survey trip to Haiti; and the last one is mentoring medical students in Jamaica. In the first 3 countries (Paraguay, Moldova, and Uganda) we held simple clinics in 15 churches, doing medical evangelism, with 220 professions of faith.

The survey trip to **Haiti** opened some opportunities there. However, given the current unrest in that country, we cannot safely lead a medical team there. The medical student trip to **Jamaica** is organized by Campbell University, a Christian medical school in North Carolina. Jack is along to oversee the students working with patients, and also to mentor the students on praying with their patients.

Each trip held some special blessings. In **Paraguay** the national leaders have become highly organized in the use of our medical teams. They mobilize helpers from several churches, prepare follow up discipleship materials (for over 20 professions at each church location!), and have a system for getting adequate space for each clinic. They go to a local school near the church, and request that they give us 3-4 classrooms. The students of those rooms meet out under the trees or along the veranda that day. Remarkably, even one of the local parochial schools opened their doors to us.

In **Moldova** we encounter an older population that is either strongly atheist or Eastern Orthodox. Over the years the medical evangelism has been used to start 4 new churches. And on this last trip we saw 26 professions of faith, mostly of people over 60. Remarkable! Praise the Lord.

Uganda was a new location for us this year. Our new colleagues are national brothers and sisters who love the Lord and who were a delight to get to know. Besides the 75 professions of faith in our clinics (part of the 220 listed above), we saw another 75 come to the Lord in a parallel preaching ministry held with the clinics. A special blessing was that about a third of the ones who came to Christ in the clinic were of Muslim background.

The ministry in **India** is different from the other locations. We do not do primary evangelism, because it is against the law and because the authorities watch us closely. We go to areas where there is a Gospel witness and by that person's invitation. With the medical ministry we increase the visibility of that witness and increase his outreach after we go. All the ministry is done "in Jesus' Name" including prayer with patients at each station (vital signs, history taker, doctor encounter, and pharmacy).

Our hearts were humbled to revisit a ministry that we helped about 4 years ago. A young Indian missionary couple had been living in two rooms in a slum, ministering to the children for years. A couple of years ago (and after our ministry there) they were able to move into a nearby small apartment. They have three different groups of about 70 children who come each day. The children review their school lessons, sing songs, have a meal, and are taught Scripture truths. So they have over 200 children in their home each day for 6 days; and on Sunday they have church in the same small apartment. The dedication of this couple with their years of continuous service to this slum community was breathtaking.

My colleague, Dr. Morgan, and I will be leading 10 team trips in 2019. Most of them still need help from doctors, nurse practitioners, PA's, nurses, pharmacists, and folks who have no medical background.

Here is our list for 2019 by dates, country and team leader:

Feb. 2-10	Jamaica	Michele Morgan
March 2-10	Guyana	Michele Morgan
March 9-17	Paraguay	Jack Sorg
May 17-26	Moldova	Jack Sorg
Aug. 17-25	Uganda	Jack Sorg
Sept. 7-19	Argentina	Michele Morgan
Oct. 11-20	India	Jack Sorg
Nov. 2-10	Chile	Michele Morgan
Nov. 30-Dec.9	Egypt	Michele Morgan
TBD	Ukraine	Michele Morgan

If you would like to participate or even consider participating, then please contact Carol Jantzen at ABWE (carol.jantzen@abwe.org or phone: 717-909-2442) and start an application at <https://applications.abwe.org>.

Paraguay team of 4 from the USA and the rest from the local churches there in Paraguay.

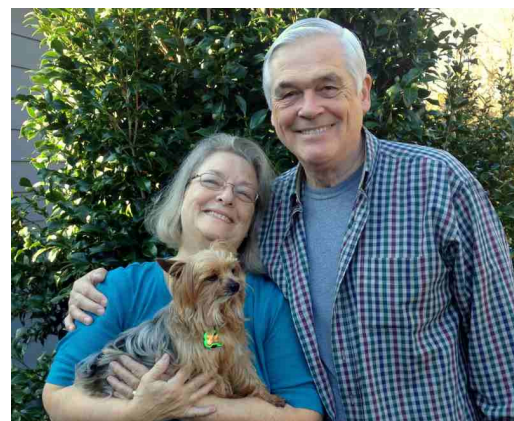


Recently, I was struck by the opening words of John 3:16 that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son. That Son came humbly as a baby into this world, lived a humble life, and died a humiliating death on a cross. He endured the cross and now sits at the right hand of the Father, as Lord of Heaven and earth. We remember His coming as a helpless child, and rejoice that we serve a risen Savior, through Whom we can receive forgiveness and eternal life. Thank you for your prayers and support that have allowed us to carry this message to the world.

If you receive this letter by mail, but do have an email address, then do consider allowing us to change to sending this by email. Thank you for your prayers and support. (Email jacksorg@aol.com to be added to the email list.)

You will also receive many pictures if you receive this missive via email.

Your Medical Missionaries to the World in Need,
Jack and Sandy Sorg





In Moldova one of the churches started with help of our medical evangelistic team.





In Moldova witnessing to older patients.



Dr. Jack overseeing medical students interviewing patients.



Above, in Uganda a worker praying with patients after witnessing. Below, Dr. Jack praying with a patient.



In India, above, shows part of the 70 children at the late afternoon session. To the right is the incredible couple who run the children's ministry and below you can see that reading glasses are a large part of the ministry in India.

