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MEDICAL MISSION UPDATE

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"Jesus is God!" declared the 9 year old boy. He and his mother were being served by our medical clinic in Uganda. She received a gospel presentation earlier, but remained aloof. Now she was in the pharmacy and receiving her medications. Our Ugandan helper asked the mother again, "Who is Jesus?" The little boy who had been attending local Bible clubs, answered again for his Muslim mother, "Jesus is God!" He then urged our pharmacy helper to ask her more about Jesus. She did not make a decision that day, but many others did; and almost half of them had a Muslim background.

In the week of clinics this **August** in **Uganda**, we split our time between two churches, both in areas being heavily populated by Muslims. The first very humble new church plant was in an area that was the center of Spiritism and devil worship until the penetration of the Gospel. We attended church there that first Sunday, and then held the clinic in a local school a few blocks away. The second church in which we served was a four year old new church being held in a tent.

We saw 653 patients, with 108 professions of faith. We had several interesting stories that blessed us. One young Muslim girl listened intently to the Gospel, but could not make a decision to accept Jesus as her Lord and Savior. She came back at the end of that day and asked the same person who had witnessed to her, to pray over her again. The next day she sought us out in our clinic at another location, came without her burka covering, and said she wanted to pray and accept Jesus. Most of you are familiar with our methods of running the clinics. Each person, many with children, spends time with a "history taker" who takes a complaint history for us. Usually the history takers are "non-medical", so we have an orientation time at the start of the ministry, and I give them a little sheet of questions that they can also ask. They frequently encourage the patients by asking, "Is there anything else you want the doctor to know about?" When there is nothing else, the history takers finish writing on the note paper for the doctor. Then they set the paper aside, while affirming that the patient will be seeing the doctor who will treat anything for which we have medicine. They then change the subject by asking if they can ask a question. They then go on and ask an open question as "Who is Jesus?" This one-on-one method of evangelizing is especially effective among the Muslims.

The pastors and churches in Uganda need our prayers now as they follow up on all these decisions. Pray that these new believers will stand strong and grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ, as many have no other believers in their family. Pray that the families will also believe through their testimony.

Also pray that the Lord will replenish our account that we use for purchasing medicines and glasses for these team trips. We spend about \$1500 per trip on medicines and glasses, which averages out to just \$2-3 per patient. This is remarkably inexpensive per patient cost for the immediate health needs and eternal spiritual needs of so many. Currently we have just enough to cover our next trip in October, but then nothing for the trips next year. Pray that God will supply.

We need your prayers as the next few months will be quite busy. As I am writing this in **September**,

we are just finishing a **medical mission summit** in Charlotte, NC. This is a time for multiple agencies, who are involved in medical missions, to gather and discuss common issues. Later in the month we will join with our own mission colleagues for an “**in-house**” **meeting, strategizing for next year**.

In **October** (the first week) we will be taking a team to **India**. We will minister with a group near the geographic center of the country. Pray for wisdom for us as we make final preparations. Pray for our travel. Pray for the ministry that we will find open doors and open hearts. Pray for fruit.

In **November** our mission will join in the massive **GMHC** (Global Missions Healthcare Conference) in Louisville, KY. About 3-5000 people will attend, and it has become our most productive time to mobilize for medical missions.

I have been invited to help the Campbell University medical school team. I will be going to join them in the **Dominican Republic in December**. Pray that I will have God's blessing on my interactions with students about missions and about praying for their patients.

Our family is healthy and doing well at this time. Thank you for praying for our son, Matthew, who now has a good full-time job with benefits. What he needs now is a good Christian friend who will come alongside.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We are sustained, blessed, and encouraged by your prayers and support.

If you can get this via email, please contact me at: Jacksorg@aol.com. 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





Children's Church area.

Below: Dr. Jack treating a Muslim family.



A helper with triplets in the church nursery.



Above: History takers praying with a family.



Left: Local 7-11.



Top: The Ugandan team



Left: The playground of the local school where clinic was held.



Bottom: Praying with the patients.



Praying with patients after presenting the gospel.



Left: Dr. Jack seeing patients in the tent.

Sunday service of first church for which we held 2 days of evangelistic clinics.





Taking time in the pharmacy to further review the gospel.

Three generations of mothers tending their street corner market.



Ugandan clinician seeing patients.