

Showing God's character to the world by bringing healing to bodies and souls

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USMM **Coming Events**

April 11-15

New Wineskins Conference in USA

April 16-May 20

Home visit in USA

Specific Events:

April 22 Sunday

Uganda Medical Mission Reunion Event

5:30-7 pm @

Christ Church

April 26 Thursday

Christ Church International Mission

Event

7-9 pm @ Christ

Church

April 29 Sunday

USMM Update @

Christ Church 6-8 pm

May 11 Friday

USMM Update @

Christ Church

6:30-8:30 pm

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“Healing Changes Everything”

When I saw this slogan on a vehicle in the parking lot at the CURE hospital in Mbale, I knew that I had come to the right place to see a ministry model that integrated faith and practice. My two week experience at this facility certainly bore that out.

Whether doctor, nurse, lab technologist, cafeteria worker, members of the administrative team or spiritual care team didn't matter, everyone who worked at the facility could be found: 1) praying with and for patients and their families, 2) trusting God for the work of healing and 3) giving thanks that He chooses to use us in His healing of bodies and souls. The daily schedule included opportunities for pa-

tients, families, and the staff to worship and hear God's word.

This is a pediatric neurosurgery hospital in an environment where the supply of electricity and water is not dependable. They are performing ventricular endoscopy and craniotomies! The care of the patients was excellent, a higher standard than I have experienced in most healthcare facilities in Africa. This is a facility run by Ugandans who really care

about serving others to glorify God.

The experience helped me to consider how God uses healthcare to make Himself known. I looked specifically at John 9 about the man born blind at birth. He was a new man as a result of Jesus' healing. His neighbors didn't recognize him. He wanted to know more about “the Son of Man” (verses 35-37) and he wanted to tell others. What was true in 30 A.D. is no different today. When people experience God's healing touch, they believe that He is real, they believe that He cares for them, and they want to tell others. So Uganda/Sudan Medical Mission is following this pattern; showing God's character to the world by bringing healing to bodies and souls.



“I am coming...now, now, now”

In much of Africa, time takes on cultural changes that are confusing to people from America. The bus leaves... when it is full, the meeting or event starts... when everyone arrives. If you call to see if someone is coming to a appointed gathering, you might receive the response, “I'm coming.” What is most important to determine is whether they are coming, “now,” “now, now” or “now, now, now.” The latter response means they are actually going to arrive very shortly. I am coming to America for a home visit “now, now, now!”

The schedule for the time in America is on

the USMM Coming Events Calendar to the left. I will have an opportunity to see many mission friends and seminary classmates at the New Wineskins conference. Several events are scheduled at Christ Church to allow me to catch up with my friends in Kansas City. I am really excited to think that I might be able to see you and hear about your family and your life. I cannot wait to tell you about what God is doing in Uganda and Sudan. This newsletter barely skims the surface! I also hope to tell others about the God of reconciliation and develop new partnerships for His work.