

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

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USMM Coming Events

May 30-June 20

Home visit to America

June 30-July 11

Nyapea Hospital in
Nebbi

July-August

Scouting trips to Kajo
Keji and Nimule

Late August

Gulu Medical School
term begins



*Medical student, Chris,
interviews a patient's father*

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“Timothys” All!

“Doctor, how many students can go on the medical mission trip to Awach Healthcentre?” the medical students asked.

“Well, the Clinical Officer in charge of the healthcentre says 10” I told them. “We had to stop the sign up at 25. What if we had 10 at the healthcentre and the rest went into the com-

munity to talk and pray with people?” the students suggested. Who could argue with that logic? So 25 plus 10 other healthcare workers and staff makes a team of 35. Oh my!

It turns out we needed every one of them to handle the 500 plus patients we saw in two days at Awach. Three licensed healthcare personnel from different parts of Uganda gathered with the medical students, Christian pastors and leaders from Gulu, Paicho, and Awach to form a team that prayed together, trained together, traveled together (that took 4 vehicles), ate together, slept together (well, actually, we needed 6 huts), and most importantly, worked together to demonstrate God's character by bringing healing to bodies and souls in Awach. Each day began with a morning devotion at 5 am followed by work at the healthcentre or in community outreach. The evenings were taken up by evangelistic crusades run by the students and closed with a team debrief and devotion.

The mission was not without challenges. Our transportation plans went through massive changes on the first morning when both the scheduled bus and back up truck broke down



and were replaced by taxis (vans).

The staff at the healthcentre decided our arrival meant a two day vacation for them and left. We used our large team to run the laboratory, the pharmacy, the patient wards and the outpatient department. Six teams of healthcare workers and translators shared

two examination rooms amicably. God did that multiplication thing (you know, the loaves and fishes) to cover all the logistics.

The Lord did amazing things in and through our team. We prayed with all the patients and their families one on one. Some 50-75 people committed their lives to Christ during the mission. Many of the internally displaced people (IDPs) commented on the kindness, servant attitude and humility of the team members. They marveled that people with so much education would sleep in their huts, share their food, and work together so well to serve others. My heart was so full when I heard the team members speak of themselves as “missionaries.” I felt privileged to walk alongside them as they served as part of God's healing army and explored God's call on their lives.

The song, “You are God Alone” served as our theme song for the mission. Here is the chorus and the bridge: You are God alone/from before time began/You were on Your throne/You are God alone/And right now/in the good times and the bad/You are on Your throne/You are God alone...Unchangeable/Unshakable/Unstoppable/That's what you are. *Thank you, God*

I'm going to Kansas City, Kansas City here I come...

I am en route to Kansas City and arrive on the 31st. During the three week visit there will be two opportunities to hear about the work that God is doing through Uganda/Sudan Medical Mission. Both events are being held at Christ Church 91st and Nall in Overland Park. The first is on Wednesday June 4 from 6:30-8:00 pm. The second is on Sunday June 15 from 5:30-7:00 pm. It will be fun to share pictures and stories that can't be squeezed into the newsletter. I am eager to express my gratitude to you for being a part of God's team in Uganda/Sudan