IJN NEWS
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Today in church, a lady came up to me and exclaimed, "I came to the In Jesus Name free medical clinic two weeks ago and it was so...far beyond my expectations! What a wonderful ministry it is!" I did not know this lady and had not seen her myself during our last IJN clinic, so she must have seen Dr. Swartz or Steve Hayden, FNP. She was **impacted!** I am not aware if she was a member of High Sierra Church attending IJN to seek medical help or if she was a member of the Minden community at large who had seen us at IJN and was now was coming back to High Sierra Church for services.

The IJN clinic of 2 weeks ago felt good! Everyone was together in the foyer area. There was check-in, check-out, triage, and seating for patients who were waiting. Doctors came and went; nurses and volunteers escorted patients to private exam rooms; Sunday school classrooms were converted into exam rooms. Pastor Rich Lammay's office worked well for the prayer team. A movie about the apostle Matthew played overhead in the entryway.

We saw 45 people this day, some of them twice. High Sierra Church chose to feed everyone too – not just the 22 volunteers but also the 45 patients! They provided a five star BBQ with all the extras, feeding about 75 people. We all ate together, patients and staff. (Didn't Jesus feed the people who were gathering around too?!) The patients were cheerful and didn't mind the wait. They could see that we were all working hard for them as everyone criss-crossed the foyer area frequently and everything, including the BBQ, was being offered **freely**. As Jesus taught us, "freely you received, freely give"! (Mt 10:8)

Patients recognized that everything was for their benefit **solely**. The message of Christ echoed out from the walls of the foyer area where stencil-art and pictures proclaimed that Jesus Loves You... Trust Jesus... He is the Way! **Our actions at IJN lived up to those echoing words right in front of their eyes! What a witness!** Were they told of Jesus' genuine concern and love for them? (Yes). Could they sense His genuine concern and love for them? (I think so!) Could they sense His wonderful Spirit present that day? (Yes, He was there). Was their hunger satisfied (in more than one way)? Absolutely!

Interestingly, only 3 doctors were able to attend the clinic this day so I requested our prayer team to ask the Lord to bless the efficiency of the team that we had and give us endurance and strength. The clinic was long, finishing about 6 p.m. Yet...multiple members of our IJN team unsolicitedly commented to me that, "I didn't feel tired." "I felt great in fact, like I could just keep on going." Kathy and Bud went out after clinic and walked 4 miles! Mendy and I went to a movie and out to dinner instead of going home to rest. Dr. Swartz, Steve Hayden, and JR Baird all felt the same way! Truly, I believe God responded to our prayer teams' request and provided abundant energy and endurance as we all lifted Jesus name and His compassion up in front of the eyes of people all day long. 'Twas glorious!

This brings to 1485, the total number of patients we have seen on His behalf thus far. Our clinics at Topaz Ranch Church (June) and Sierra Community Church in Tahoe (May) further evidenced the abundant needs of people and the abundant potential harvest that is out there in our world. Scripture is clear – "The harvest is plentiful." (Mt 9:37).

Thank you to all those followers of Jesus who sowed seeds these past months and are helping to bring in the harvest...

Prayer Team:

1. Tom Barnes
2. Jill Goodman
3. Norman John
4. Peggy John
5. Vicki Hershey

Administrative Team:

1. Kathy Barela
2. Bud Barela
3. Gary Weigel
4. Karen Kamp
5. Mendy Southard
6. JR Baird

Medical Team

1. Cole Lynch, Pre-Med student
2. Gracie Booth, MA
3. Debra Evans, RN
4. Nina Adams, RN
5. Catherine Fuller, RN
6. Ramon De Los Santos, CRT
7. Greg Brittain, CRT
8. Steve Hayden, FNP
9. Carol Swartz, MD
10. Scott Southard, MD

High Sierra Church Volunteers: Suzanne Lammay and team.

Sierra Community Church in South Lake Tahoe Volunteers: Rex McQuillen and team.

Topaz Ranch Church Volunteers: Fred Farley and team.

Our next clinic will be on August 17, 2013 at Hilltop Community Church in Carson City, Nevada. Please pray for us!

In Christ,

Scott