IJN News
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Ever seen doctors examining patients in a bank vault before?! There's certainly lots of patient privacy!

Yes, a bank vault! In Jesus Name Medical Ministry recently conducted its January free clinic at The Bridge Church in Carson City. The Bridge mounts a powerful outreach to the underprivileged of downtown Carson City. As their daily food ministry and outreach grew, God provided a bank building for them to have for their church! Right downtown on Stewart Street the rubber really meets the road. We all know that God has a true heart for the poor and underprivileged…you really see that heart expressed at The Bridge. People, real people in need. It was a joy serving them.

I think I will always remember walking out of the church building (bank) on the way to our x-ray motor coach and getting somewhat abruptly stopped by 2 big homeless guys…it was a little startling for a second. In somewhat stuttered language I heard them say, "God bless you for coming today…for helping". I stopped right in my tracks. I thanked the Lord that we could be of help. It sort of broke me down a little bit.

We had 7 doctors with us this clinic – Praise God! Dr. Sonderegger showed up despite having shoulder surgery only 2 weeks earlier, wearing his sling and all! Our dermatologist, Dr. Dan Rowe also came in even though he was feeling somewhat under the weather. Carol Swartz, our pediatrician, was kept busy. She offered these thoughts after our last clinic:

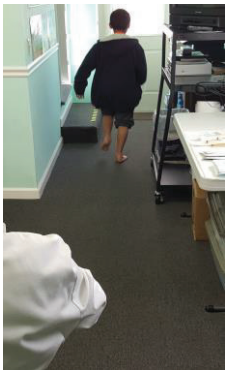
"I am so excited about what the Lord is doing! Last month, I had the privilege of seeing a young woman with severe social anxiety. She had not seen a doctor for over 19 years, and it took her a year to work up the courage to come in. And she just happened to become my patient! I was able to counsel her, pray with her, and prescribe medicine to help her condition. I saw her back today. She had a smile on her face and she is able to go out in social situations now. The medication is helping

her and I know that the Lord has great plans for her life. Praise God that He sent her to us! He desires that we all live an abundant life!"

Another one of our recent destinations was Walker Baptist Church in the rural community of Walker, California. There, we encountered another patient very reluctant to come in for medical help. I think the fact that IJN had gone out to Walker multiple times before had broken down some of his emotional barriers and he was now aware of our genuine concern for him. Evaluation for this gentleman (K.B.) revealed that he had severe arthritis in his hips so bad that both of his hips were basically locked in internal rotation so that his legs could not rotate. When he sat, his feet automatically crossed and he could not undo them! His x-rays tell the story…bone-on-bone…he needs total hip replacement on each side. We offered to help.

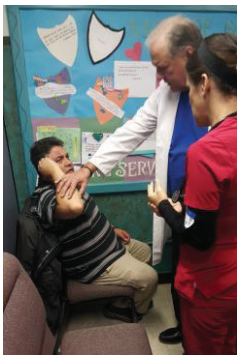
(Notably, just last week, we were able to help a different uninsured individual from a different community with total hip replacement in Jesus Name. This gentleman (S.T.) is now postoperative and doing very well. Praise God that we were able to coordinate all parties to provide free services in Jesus Name. When I saw S.T. in the clinic last week, we locked hands after our visit and prayed, giving Jesus thanks.)

We also saw a little 8-year-old boy with a complaint of painful feet. It was fun to evaluate him and watch him run. We ruled out the bad things that caused painful flat foot deformities in kids and educated his mother and are pursuing conservative treatment options.

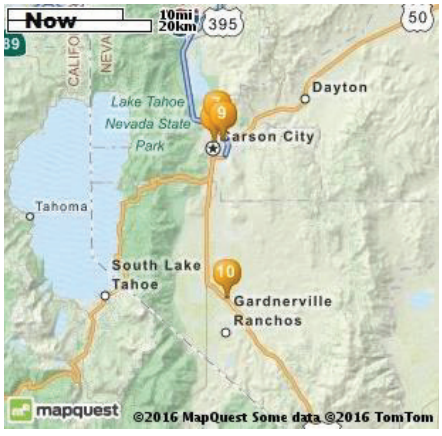


The pastor at Walker Baptist Church made a statement to me about IJN that really stuck. He stated that he had noticed how particularly well IJN team members work together! Other groups he said do not often work among themselves so well with each person helping each other out. There was such a helpful attitude – it really stands out he said! What a testimony this is for the Spirit of our Lord!

Silver Hills Community Church also invited us to serve their neighborhood and congregation again. We went. Pictures tell the story:



Jesus said "GO" and so we "GO". The landscape of our region has <u>many</u> areas of need. Numerous people are hurting and in need of the touch of Jesus. That touch reached down tenderly to the sinful woman caught in adultery. That touch healed the blind man and the lame. That touch healed you and me to experience the compassionate, forgiving and loving heart of Christ that reaches out to heal. Please pray that we can help give that touch to others.



Our next opportunity to serve will be with Valley Christian Fellowship Church in Gardnerville, Nevada and we are anxious to return there!