IJN NEWSLETTER
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"A bright spot in a dark world" was what one thankful patient called IJN this past weekend. She was right! We assembled a team of 34 missionary volunteers this past weekend and it was a joyous moment as the room where we gathered to pray beforehand kept filling up and up and up with more and more people coming to serve the Lord Jesus. We read Psalm 111 and Pastor Jesse Miller prayed. New IJN members joining us for the first time included Gil Evans (prayer team) and Liz Patton (admin team). The Lord provided abundantly in this month's location.

I asked one of my patients how she heard about us and she said that in her Church, there was talk about "The Jesus Bus" being at Damascus Road Church this week, so she came to see us. We certainly had some interesting patients this month:

1. Dr. Carol Swartz was struck today with the return of a woman who was diagnosed at our last clinic with a severe rash which involved much of her body. The rash was so severe that she could not function and could not work! It was more than just a rash, Carol said, and it was totally disabling. Dr. Swartz prescribed antibiotics and steroids for her and she then returned for follow-up at this month's clinic. She was cured! She was so much better and was so grateful as she deliberately sought out Dr. Swartz and gave thanks! Dr. Swartz prayed with her and also for other patients today, inspired by the actions of a young student working with her, Chris Patton. Dr. Swartz noted, "People were crying today. They were touched by God when we prayed for them. It was a beautiful thing."
2. CJ was a 40-year-old female who was found to have a collapsed hip due to Legg-Perthes disease, which is when the ball in the hip joint died. She had no insurance. We will try to help her.
3. DK looked like she could be having a stroke and was sent promptly to the emergency room.
4. AG had a build-up of earwax and needed washing out.
5. KP was diagnosed with post herpetic neuralgia.

We saw 44 people this day pushing us up over 1300 patients now seen (actually 1324). I think that individual churches are doing more outreach and using IJN as a reason to reach into their community. Much of this is due to the efforts of Bud and Kathy Barela, who have been meeting with church pastors several weeks ahead of time and promoting local outreach efforts. They have also been setting up exam room layouts the day before clinic, so that everything is ready to roll and IJN runs more efficiently. Praise God for their spirit!

This Saturday, I was kept busy and did not get to eat. I thought it was a little odd because somebody brought me in a sandwich into my exam room, "because they did not want to run out." I later learned that Damascus Road Church had fed not only our missionary volunteer team but also the patients who gathered and were waiting to be seen! Say, didn't Jesus do something like that once?!

Matthew 14: 14-19 "When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd and felt compassion for them and healed their sick... then he ordered the people to sit down on the grass, He took the 5 loaves and the 2 fishes and looking up toward heaven, He blessed the food and breaking the loaves, He gave them to the disciples and the disciples gave them to the crowd."

Damascus Road Christian Assembly has a spirit-filled Pastor in Jesse Miller, who is unselfish and giving. His Church offers their property for our motor coach to be parked all winter and plugged in to their power source without ever charging us a dime. This is a true provision for our Ministry from God and we thanked them.

Our joy-filled team this month included:

Medical Team:

Joanne Araki, FNP
Carol Swartz, MD
Clint Purvance, MD
Scott Southard, MD
Debra Evans, RN
Robin Burton, RN
Dalia Fruhn, MA
Gracie Booth, MA
Ramon de los Santos, CRT
Greg Brittain, CRT
Liz Patton, Lab
Margie Sever, PT
Cole Lynch, Pre-med

Administrative Team

Bud Barela
Kathy Barela
Karen Camp
Susie Laney
JR Baird
Mendy Southard

Prayer Team

Norm John
Peggy John
Carol Apodaca
Gil Evans

Damascus Road Members:

Jesse Miller – Pastor
Wendy Miller
Greg Downes
Dawn Hart
Chris Hammer
Sarah Hammer
Tory Larsen
Joey Malavazos
Matt Miller
Chris Patton
Ginger Stewart
Daniel Thornton
Taylor Thornton

Special Thanks:

Thomas Purvance
Luke Purvance

Our next clinic will be on March 16, 2013 at Washoe Tribe-Dresslerville location.

I am looking forward to it already. Praise God!

In Christ,

Scott