

IJN News
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We gathered in the sanctuary and we read the large banner on the wall of Good Shepherd Wesleyan Church, “Blessed is He Who Comes in the Name of The Lord”. A strong message leaped out at us! Who were we coming in the name of today? Who was each of us coming in the name of this day as we prepared to see patients at the registration desk, the medical triage area, the exam rooms, and later in the dining hall? It is a question that each of us can ask ourselves each day as we step into our world. The answer was clear last Saturday as In Jesus Name Medical Ministry hosted its 84th free medical clinic at Good Shepherd Wesleyan Church in Carson City. Five doctors, three nurses, triage team, administration team and prayer team.

GR showed up and brought much joy to the clinic this day as she walked down the aisle with much less limp than in the past! Everybody knows GR... and she was moving much more quickly than before. She had undergone prior knee replacement surgery through IJN and then also revision replacement surgery and now was doing markedly better! While she was in the hospital though, she had told me, “no one was coming to visit me”. She had told her friends about her surgery (she did not have any family), yet no one was checking on her. I announced this at one of our IJN clinics. Our IJN teams then rallied around her; in no time, GR was receiving visitors and flowers and love and the compassion of the Lord! Look at the knee motion demonstrated in these photos...it has never been this good and it continues to improve. Praise God!

Then came AK! AK showed up at clinic this month “just to share her gratefulness”. She said she “wanted to give her testimony”! AK is now about 60 years old and had undergone prior chemotherapy and suffered impairment of the microcirculation in both of her feet, specifically her toes. We had performed bilateral forefoot amputation to save the remaining portions of both feet from gangrene. The surgery was successful and she was able to retain the majority of each of her feet. We cared for her through IJN. Her function now is quite good and she is so happy! She wanted us to know this.

Our Prayer Team had previously prayed for AK on multiple occasions. I gathered the prayer team together and with AK's permission and enthusiasm, she was able to show all of our Prayer Team the good results from her surgeries. We all watched her walk together. We then gathered in a circle together with AK and her son thanked the Lord. It was a tender moment.

Anna wanted to know if she could please cook for us?! The answer to that is obvious. She had cooked for us once before and she is going to make us a special traditional dish. Praise the Lord! His name is certainly lifted high in her life.

A new IJN patient named Kris stopped by. She was 50 years old and had undergone prior ankle surgery for a fracture and had prominent painful screws. As we examined her, I asked her what faith she was. She said she "did not have a faith". Well I said, "It's time you get to know Jesus" (as the mood of the moment prompted each of us to give each other a high-five)! We talked. I gave her a copy of the pamphlet "My Heart-Christ's Home". I wrote her a note asking her which room she liked the best and when she returns for her next visit with us, I hope we will get her answer. She has no insurance and she is going to apply for charity care services at the hospital. We at IJN will be happy to remove her screws on Jesus' behalf.

There is something really good about having IJN free clinic in a host church. The mood it sets. The statement it makes. The opportunity it gives for patients to return. It helps people to "get it"...that Jesus cares for them and that His is the Name in which we come. Our Follow-up Team will be contacting Kris.

In September, IJN visited Sierra Community Church in South Lake Tahoe. The sign outside their church tells the story going on inside...people being drawn to Christ. We were blessed to be part of their outreach for a day.

Our next IJN free clinic will be at Walker Baptist Church in Walker, California. Special thanks to our IJN teams and church volunteers for these last 2 months.

Particular thanks to our IJN teams these past several months:

In Christ,

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