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Danielle (names were changed for privacy) was 12 years old at this time in her life. At our last IJN, Dr. Carol Swartz (our pediatrician) and I evaluated her for complaints of persistent back pain which is somewhat unusual in children. Occasionally, such back pain can herald a significant problem. X-rays did not look quite right and it was felt best to go ahead and try to obtain an MRI scan. Danielle's mother, however, said she had no medical insurance and no money to pay for an expensive MRI. We therefore decided to petition Carson Valley Medical Center for the granting of a free MRI. It was approved-thank you God!

The results of the scan, however, were concerning...some masses were identified adjacent to the vertebral column. Consideration was made for possible infection or neoplastic process. We contacted Danielle's mother and then arranged to bring Danielle back to IJN.

At Danielle's return visit two weeks ago, Dr. Swartz noticed that she had large masses in her neck and in her right groin areas that were not present before. "These masses are all new," Carol stated as she and I talked in the hallway. "I think this little girl could have cancer," Carol said. A gentle yet truthful discussion with the family was needed. Following this...to Reno...then to Vegas...The specialist oncology opinion was that Dr. Swartz was right. She appears to have lymphoma cancer. Further care is now being pursued.

We can all be thankful that this little girl was able to be seen at In Jesus' Name free medical clinic. She was able to obtain pediatric consultation, orthopedic consultation, routine x-rays, and MRI scanning, all for free in the name of Jesus Christ. She then received further follow-up care and now is on her way to further treatment. Who facilitated all of this? Who guided and provided here? In whose Name was all of this arranged?...Jesus.

Danielle and her mother were reassured as we gently shared the truth about her illness and the truth that Jesus cares about Danielle and loves them both. Dr. Swartz, I was told, prayed personally with Danielle's mother.

We saw 53 patients this day including Danielle. We were at Damascus Road Christian Church. Flu shots were given and multiple other medical problems addressed. Our next free clinic is at Silver Hills Community Church in South Carson City, Nevada on Saturday, November 16th. Please pray for us...just pray for us. Prayer activates the power of God somehow. That is just the way God set things up! It is the method God designed for us to talk with Him. Jesus himself exemplified this to us clearly during his own life here on Earth. Also, we must abide in Him if we are to be effective disciples. As Jesus said, "Apart from Him, we can do nothing" (John 15:4). I pray that Danielle's cancer be effectively treated and that she might see and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have been able to now stand before 1688 people, lifting Jesus' Name and His heart and His gospel before them. Thank you Lord.

In Christ,

Scott

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