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MEDICAL MINISTRY

IJN News

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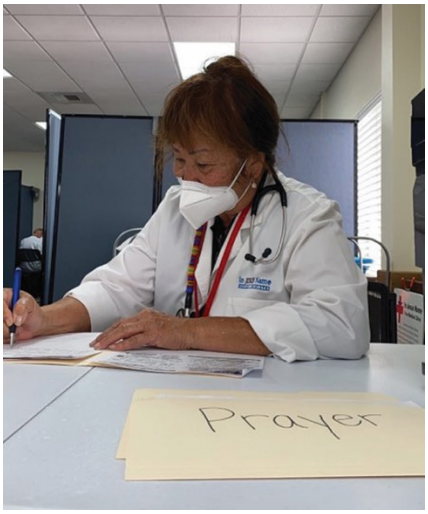
Smoke or No Smoke

Despite the smoke, our IJN team in partnership with 5 area churches, conducted our August Free Medical Clinic at the Topaz Ranch Estates Community Center in the fire–ravaged region of Topaz Lake, Nevada. Churches involved included: Topaz Ranch Estates Community Church (Cathy Kincheloe), Topaz Open Bible Church (pastors Ron and Nancy Carter), Crossroads Church of the Nazarene (pastors Bill and Patty Powers), Walker Baptist church (pastor Jim Ricks) and The River Ministries (pastor Tim Johnson). Everyone came together to partner with us to reach out to this rural area with our IJN Drive–In Free Medical Clinic.

The drive–in clinic model was developed 6 months ago by a four-physician panel in order to reach out to needy people in a Covid–safe manner. With Covid, the needs of people to receive medical advice has increased, not decreased. Reluctant to go out of their homes, many people have "put–off" getting care for various conditions. Our Drive–in clinic allows patients to be seen in the safety of their own car many times.

Can the Presence of the Lord permeate through a parking lot with lots of parked cars–you bet! As patient's wait, they are offered individually packaged snacks, bottled water, Bible tracts and personal conversation with one of our IJN staff. They are given a chance to ask



questions about faith, Jesus and His gospel. Conversations ensue! Often, we ask if we can pray for and with them.

One patient, "TJ" worked in landscaping but his knee was locking up so badly on him that he could not straighten it out and he was having trouble doing his job. It looked like he had a cartilage tear… we're checking an MRI.

"BR" had bad knee arthritis and we are requesting charity care services from Carson Valley Medical Center as well as the prosthesis manufacturer (Biomet/Zimmer) to provide her with a partial knee replacement. To date, we have done 80+ surgeries at no cost to the patient as our IJN surgeons have performed the surgeries for free and hospitals like Carson Valley Medical Center and Barton Memorial have granted charity care at no cost. Thank you to both Carson Valley Medical Center and Barton Hospital! WE APPRECIATE YOU and your generosity to our community!!!

"CK" was evaluated by multiple doctors that same day and diagnosed with a fulminant case of "superficial thrombophlebitis". He had a "hot leg", swollen and painful. Antibiotics and elevation were implemented. One of the beauties of In Jesus Name Medical Clinic is that doctors from multiple specialties are present simultaneously and able to consult with each other about various patient problems. With CK above, 3 different specialists were involved.

When asked, all patients seem to embrace "being prayed for". We ask them, "can I pray for you" and I cannot recall a single instance in our 158 free clinics when a patient of mine declined. Praise God! All these patients (over 4500 now) recognize that there is a God and want to enlist his help. Perhaps people embrace prayer because they themselves believe. Perhaps those who do not yet believe encounter the genuineness of caring and compassion that they receive through our IJN staff and church volunteers and are drawn to say "yes"! I don't know… but I do know that the Spirit of The Lord is spread to each person who is seen at the Free Medical Clinic with no strings attached. And people love that! Think of it! Healthcare where there is no money involved… no secondary motives… no personal gain… just the genuine care and compassion of Christ! Wow!!! It is so good as a physician to be a part of that!

(Nancy Carter from Topaz Open Bible Church told me that after our previous IJN Clinic in their area in the past, they had several people start attending their church as a result of the Clinic! Praise God again!)

At our most recent August clinic several weeks ago, we had several special guests visit us who are part of our IJN Las Vegas team! Rick Merryman and Vinette Ferraro flew in to observe how we do things and to help out where needed. What a joyful Spirit they brought!

Past months have seen us conduct Drive–in clinics at other locations as well including Calvary Chapel Dayton in July where we saw 40 patients and were blessed by ABUNDANT participation from volunteers at this church… notably the church and pastor (Gary Liest) that

took their case regarding "church attendance restrictions" all the way to the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS). What examples of courage this church and pastor are!

In June, we served in Sparks, Nevada at Sparks Christian Fellowship Church for the first time. SCF focuses on local neighborhood outreach. At that clinic, we were blessed to have a new physician joint our team, Linda Malloy MD, internal medicine! Welcome Linda!!!

In May, we served the streets of "inner-city Reno" where under privilege people abound and where Vertical Church and pastor Angelo Austria have grown a work that is MASSIVELY impacting that entire neighborhood! What a powerful, transformative church!

Our next clinic on September 18 will be at Damascus Road Church in Gardnerville, Nevada. (We had previously been scheduled to serve with Palabra de Vida church in Stateline (South Lake Tahoe) but the recent Caldor fire caused evacuations which prompted picking a new location. Damascus Road Church is in a community close to the fire and will be a site where we can make ourselves available to our prior patients as well as any new people that might need help.)

We are excited about the interest expressed by Dr. Mark Lacy in Albuquerque, New Mexico to start a Chapter of In Jesus Name Medical Ministry there!!! We are communicating with him and looking at a time when we can all get together.

We are also excited about interest expressed by a local optician to serve people through IJN.

Please pray for IJN as these new possibilities for growth are developed...that all of our growth be led by the Holy Spirit! Our goal is to simply serve others as Jesus would.

Special thanks to our IJN staff and church volunteer teams these past months:

In Christ,

Scott

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Lydia Gomez
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MATTHEW 9:35
"And Jesus was going about all the cities and the villages, teaching and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness."