In JESUS Name MEDICAL MINISTRY

IJN News

Winter 2019/2020

In Roman times followers of Jesus were certainly a minority. Oppression and persecution of Christians and their values characterized the culture of the day. Is it much different today? Each passing year within the United States the true meaning of Christmas seems more overshadowed by secular materialism and antichrist sentiment. More and more the focus is on Santa Claus and Frosty instead of Jesus, the Son of God.

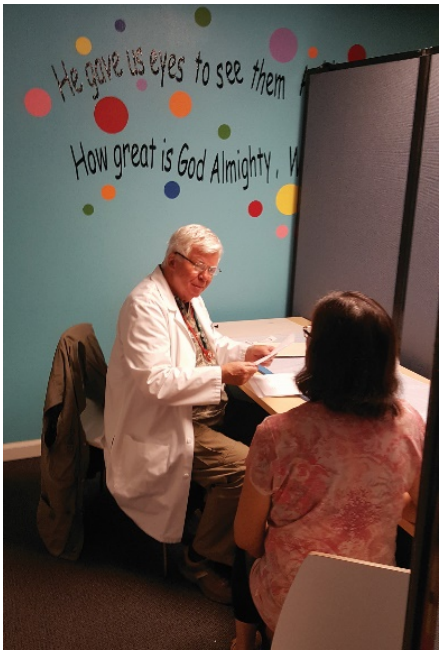
Driving past the casinos, gambling houses and brothels on the way to this month's IJN in Dayton, Nevada, I was struck by how much our culture is **absent of Jesus!** Even in America, a "Christian nation", true followers of Jesus Christ are a glaring minority. But as Pastor Garry Leist at Calvary Chapel Dayton Valley said of his neighborhood, **"The harvest is plentiful!"**

Garry described to me that earlier this year in Dayton, a ballot referendum had been placed before the public as to whether or not brothels should remain legal within their region. Four out of five residents voted yes…to keep them! Only 1/5 of the population said no! Only 20% of people in our Christian nation voted according to God's values! Wow! What do we do? Christ gave us the answer personally in the flesh! He came to us himself and said, "Go, tell them."

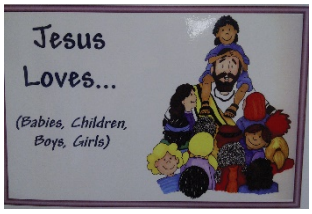
That's exactly what Calvary Chapel Dayton Valley did this Christmas! They invited everyone/anyone in their community to enjoy a free Christmas meal and partnered with IJN to provide simultaneous free medical care. One of the striking features of Calvary Chapel is the level of "congregation participation" to reach out to their neighborhood. The church members themselves prepared a glorious feast…glorious! Our medical team enjoyed participating in that as well and I ate far too much!

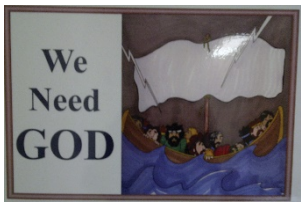
We brought six doctors, three nurses, an EMT, X-ray, our prayer and administrative teams. Dr. Carol Swartz saw multiple upper respiratory tract infections as is common this time of year. Dr. Dan Rowe (dermatologist) was busy with six patients requesting consultations that day including two that needed pre-cancerous screening. I was struck by JT who had a locked knee for the past eight months. His knee would not fully straighten or fully bend. X-rays taken at our clinic showed "Disuse Osteopenia" of his bones because he had been unable to weight-bear for so long.

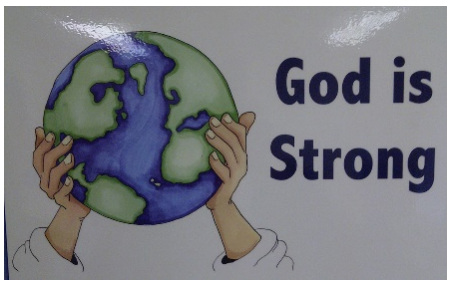
Dr. Brian Sonderegger recounted a heart-felt story of a patient with shoulder/neck discomfort without any clear traumatic source. As he took the time to talk with her, she opened up to him about the emotional pain she had experienced in her life this past year. They talked about faith, Jesus and the parable about the servant who owed 10,000 talents…a parable about forgiveness *(Matthew 25:14-30)*. Dr. Sonderegger prayed with her.

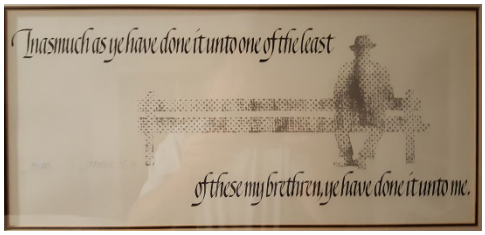


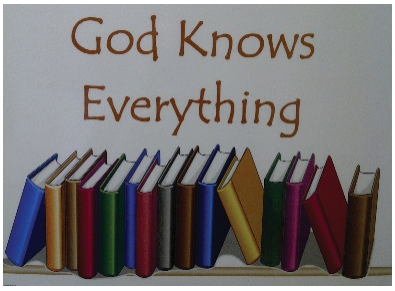
Certainly one of the wonderful things about IJN is that doctors and patients get to spend more time together than often is possible in the secular world office setting. **Faith and Jesus are easily brought into focus in the surroundings of the local church**. Scriptures on the walls, encouragement everywhere, and God's Word illustrated in picture form…what a richly spiritual setting. Thank you Dr. Sonderegger for taking the time to speak into this lady's life!











In our culture today, we are Jesus' representatives…or at least we can be if we allow our faith to be **ACTIVE** in our lives. One of our patients from the Silver Hills Church IJN earlier this year hit-it-on-the-head as he told Dr. Carol Swartz about Joanne Araki, our Family Nurse Practitioner and this gentleman said, **"To me, she is Jesus in a skirt."** Everyone who helped us with our December IJN is just that…

(except some of us wear pants)!

The earlier months of 2019 saw In Jesus Name Medical Ministry keeping the Lord's Name a part of our culture as we participated in the Carson Valley Days Parade and the Nevada Day Parade. On a broader scale we participated in the Christian Medical-Dental Association's national meeting in North Carolina and their west coast regional meeting in Riverside, CA. We were also represented at the Global Missions Health Outreach conference in Louisville, Kentucky in November.

One of our more exciting outreaches this year certainly was the Topaz Ranch Estates Community Center free clinic held in September. We brought four churches together at a neutral site to impact the entire Topaz Lake region including Walker & Coleville. Each church reached out to their community and neighborhood with flyers, posters and announcements. The churches involved included Topaz Community Church, Topaz Open Bible Church, Walker Baptist Church, and The River Church in Walker. We served over 50 people that day with a medical staff of seven physicians. The pastors of each of the churches loved it and loved being brought together to help provide free medical care to their needy region…**all done in Jesus' name**. (We have already accepted an invitation to return there next September).

Another outstanding new destination for us was our free clinic at Palabra de Vida (Word of Life) Church in Reno situated next to the Peppermill Casino in an old bank building. They witness in a neighborhood very much in need of God's truth. We saw about 30 patients. Pastor César Minera leads a very outreach-minded church committed to impacting the Reno area for Christ. His church operates a local Hispanic radio station as well as a satellite church in the South Lake Tahoe/Stateline area serving the large Hispanic community there.

Each week our IJN Prayer Team continues to ask the Lord's leading to identify neighborhoods and communities in need. This request is one of our top ten out of the 80 or so items we specifically go through each week. It is remarkable to see God's hand as we are led to congregations that are "outreach minded."

In 2020, we look forward to partnering with Palabra de Vida in Stateline for the first time. It has been a long-standing desire on our hearts for many years to serve the Hispanic community in the South Lake Tahoe region. That opportunity has come.

Another exciting destination for us will be Sparks Christian Fellowship in Sparks. This is a large church where we hope to engage their local physician members to help us to serve their body and the surrounding region.

Also exciting is the possibility of working with Summit Church in Reno. Just two weeks ago I met with their Outreach Pastor, Will Wallace, regarding partnering with them to spread the good news of Christ further into the Reno and Sun Valley areas.

God is leading. All we have to do is **look around** to see, as Pastor Garry of Calvary Chapel Dayton emphasized, the harvest is plentiful! Be a "worker!" Jesus said to His disciples, **"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few"** *(Matthew 9:37)* Activate your faith! You will find that a "spark" arises in your soul and mind…an excitement about God's truth…and a return of your first love of Christ!

As the new year approaches may it be one of excitement and joy as we activate our faith!

A special note about Las Vegas IJN…I spoke with Dr. Naomi Purdy yesterday at length and they are planning their next outreach on February 13, 2020 at Casa de Luz (House of Light) church in one of the most needy parts of Las Vegas. We continue to pray weekly for their ministry.

In Christ,

Scott

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High Sierra Fellowship *(Pastor Rich Lammay)*;
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Valley Christian Fellowship *(Pastor Leo Kruger)*;
Damascus Road Church *(Pastor Jesse Miller)*;
Crossroads Nazarene Church *(Pastor Bill Powers)*;
New Life Christian Center *(Pastor Angelo Austria)*;
Palabra de Vida Church - Reno *(Pastor César Minera)*;
Silver Hills Community Church *(Pastor Ben Fleming)*;
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Topaz Open Bible Church *(Pastors Ron & Nancy Carter)*;
Walker Baptist *(Pastor Jim Ricks)*;
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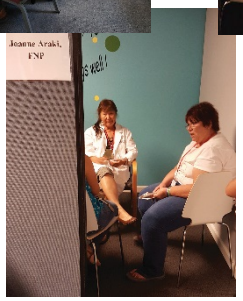

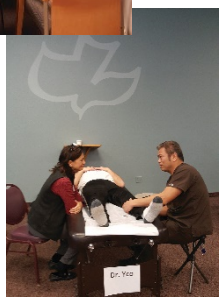

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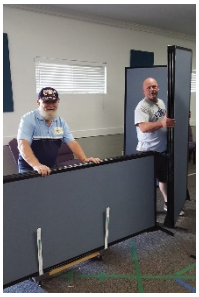

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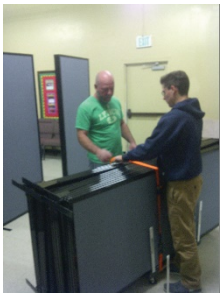

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MATTHEW 9:35
"And Jesus was going about all the cities and the villages, teaching and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness."