



Greetings from Nebraska! After a jam packed first quarter of 2016, the Lord has led us to a little mission cottage in a small town here. It is allowing us an opportunity to re-group and think through all that has unfolded since the year began. We will try to tie our thoughts together as this is written. We left behind the snow and cold of New England in January to travel to Benin, W. Africa. God thrilled our hearts to see the nearly completed Benin Clinic and put us to work treating patients and training national health care workers for future ministry. Both the medical and dental teams were put to the test with some critical needs patients. As usual, God's Word was preached while we worked but for the first time, a number of waiting patients desired further Bible teaching. What a breakthrough this was in this unreached people group, held in darkness by culture and a very threatening established religion. It stirred our hearts to pray more for the funds needed to purchase the additional equipment, supplies and medications needed to open the clinic on a full time basis in January, 2017. Please pray along with us for a fully operational clinic that will draw patients to the Light in an area chained in darkness for many centuries. Praise the Lord, we are seeing this begin to happen already!



Benin Clinic

February arrived all too soon and hustled Jack and few others off to Lebanon and Morocco to search out ministry possibilities. The opportunity to teach dentistry may provide an entrance in one country and the national budget-breaking needs of Syrian refugees may open the way for ministry in another. We are asking for God's will to be made clear about working in these not so secure places.



Market Place in Morocco

It took two years for us to gain permission to practice in a new province of a Southeast Asian country that we have worked in four times previously. We would term it a restricted access country with a capital R! We had just about given up on going when the permission came through and off we

went in March. As we began serving there though, things couldn't have gone better! We were treating young children in a government school. Our host missionary and his wife were teaching the waiting children English and having fun playing games with them. We openly were displaying tracts and they were being taken and read by the health care workers and other adults. Friendships were being formed with the national medical professionals we were training on the dental equipment that our host was donating. But all of this "success" caused someone to report these evangelistic activities to government officials who put an abrupt stop to our clinic time. Disappointed though we were, we know God had a purpose in our efforts there and we trust in His plan. We rejoice that the truth went forth in this hard place, if only for brief time.



Southeast Asia

As we look at the calendar for the next few months a full schedule stares back at us. The coming months will contain visits to supporting and new churches, attending conferences, an overseas trip to another Southeast Asian country, a survey trip to Indonesia, and, most importantly, precious time with our family!

All of this non-stop activity must be good for us! We had a flat tire the other day in Oklahoma and we were remarking to each other that it felt nice to be in the middle of nowhere, going nowhere! But then the tow truck arrived and we had an opportunity for an hour to share Christ with the driver. That was so much better than just sitting!

Thanks for holding up our hands! There is so much to do and we wouldn't want to be doing anything else.

Sincerely in Christ,

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Flat Tire

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