



Tooth Tales

A Newsletter of Jack & Jennifer Mitchell



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As we look back on 2013, we are amazed at all the Lord has done through GDMissions this past year. In January our team traveled to Benin for the second time and sensed God's confirmation in moving forward with building a permanent clinic there. February found us in Hermosillo, Mexico supporting the church planting efforts for Three Olives Baptist Church with dental evangelistic clinics in a public park and helping the folks of Living Hope Baptist Church to continue their outreach. May is the time of year that we fly to the Philippines and we helped with church planting efforts on three different islands there. Little did we know in May of the devastation that would be coming in November from Super Typhoon Haiyan. In June a small team travelled to Ukraine to do dental evangelism in four locations. July saw our team in Micronesia bringing the Gospel and medical/dental help with them to remote islands in the Pacific. September included a trip to Zambia to help launch a new church in the Chipata area with Todd and Cathy Beaman and in December we sent out two teams almost simultaneously. One team headed to the Philippines to do disaster relief and medical evangelism while a second team made a third trip to Benin.



Treating a patient in Benin

It has been a busy year but one filled with blessings. There is no better feeling than to work extremely hard for the sake of the Gospel and for the relief of human distress. Let us share a bit more about that.

We have been overwhelmed by the generous outpouring of support that flowed into the mission as we announced plans to send a small medical team to the badly affected areas in the Philippines. A father/daughter doctor team flew to their homeland, and was joined by a nurse who has worked with GDMissions in the PI before. After purchasing and organizing relief supplies and 879 Visayan (local dialect) Bibles into 96 boxes our team, working side by side with several local churches, was transported by overnight barge to the neediest areas. Evangelistic services were held before the clinics. There were many professions of faith, at times 80% of the people responding positively. Here is an excerpt from a report by GDMissions' Dr. Johanna Pornan. "We saw the utter destruction of town after town. We saw children, parents and the elderly begging for food.

Some of them were rummaging through the garbage, looking for something. After the clinics and relief operations we dropped off relief goods on the way back, choosing areas that desperately needed food. We dropped off 528 relief packs as well as the remaining Bibles. We thank the Lord for leading us and protecting us on this difficult trip. God was clearly intervening for us throughout this relief operation and medical mission. He made it possible to do above that we were able. Originally we had in mind about 1,100 relief packs to be distributed with the GDM relief fund. At the end we were able to distribute 1,858 relief packs on the entire trip. We were able to treat almost 800 patients. We thank Him for touching the hearts of so many people who gave their support to this mission. We thank Him for showing mercy to the people of the Philippines. All praise and glory goes to Him alone." Currently we are trying to obtain licensing for a second relief mission to these needy areas in February.



Relief Medicines for the Philippines

As our first team was distributing food, hygiene supplies and medicine in the PI, our Benin team was landing in West Africa to begin their work there in a nearly 100% Muslim area. As on the previous two trips waiting patients were insistent on care and it was a challenge to keep order. With the nearest hospital three hours away there was no shortage of sick people, some with long standing problems. With two medical missionaries who joined our team from Cameroon, West Africa and two national nurses and one dentist, 1,100 patients were treated in seven days of clinic. Each of them listened to a Gospel presentation before clinic began and again as they waited for treatment. May the Lord open their hearts to salvation!

Thank you for your all-important work of prayer for the furtherance of the Gospel through medical and dental care. It is the essential element that makes all the rest possible. Can we ask for your help again as we head into 2014? We can't do without it!

Sincerely in Christ,

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