

Westminster Medical Missions 2016 Uganda Mission Team Report

First Baptist Church (FBC) has been supporting Westminster Medical missions(WMM) since 2006. Currently FBC has allowed WMM to use three closets and one room for storage and packing space. FBC has also allowed WMM to use their vans to transport the mission teams to Washington Dulles airport and back with the assistance of several faithful members, some who have gone to Uganda with the teams before. On Saturday, January 14 2016, a team of ten people left for Northern Uganda for the 24nd year of Westminster Medical Missions trips to Uganda. The 2017 Westminster Medical Missions Servant team members were Dr. Bill Harden, Becky Harden, Dr. Lisa Nelson-Robinson, David Duritza, Tera Joyner, RN, Meredith Hayes, RN, Kourtney McGrady, Clyde Davis, Brock Swanson and Susan Alston. Thanks to Donny Barnes and Pete Bradshaw, seven of the team members and twenty-three fifty pound bags of clothes, medical supplies and many other supplies were transported from First Baptist church to Dulles airport. Pete Bradshaw and Allan Parker picked us up in the church van thirteen days later and transported this very sleepy crew home.



In Uganda we were able to perform 42 surgeries by the Ugandan doctors and our surgeon (Dr. Lisa did 19 thyroid surgeries). As per our custom we were able to give food bags to all patients in the children's ward (with toys/beanie babies) as well as the maternity, surgical and medical wards.



We bought and packed hundreds of bags of giveaway food that included handmade bags, sugar, beans, oil, posho and soap. We spent over \$1,000 dollars on food for distribution and over \$1,000 on building and/or repairing huts. Daily hut visits as always was a very special time to assist those "weak" ones or those whose huts had been burned or the "child head" family with no visible means of support except for their neighbors. The privilege to be the giver of new clothes, toys and a "sweet" is something so special that one cannot describe both the joy and the sorrow at the same time and it

does not change regardless how many times it is repeated. We were able to pray with and over so many of our AIDS patients and families often thru tears and emotion choked voices.



We went to a Babies home, at a dispensary and at the AIDS clinic as well as hut visits. We gave much needed medical supplies to the dispensary. Sr. Gabriella noted that there only BP cuff had

"died" that morning and we happened to have two in our donation bag.



We held a type of vacation bible school and easily got ~100 kids to participate on one day and gave out ~another 100 packets to kids in the hospital compound over several days. Coloring books, pencils, sharpeners, and candy in each bag and hand painting were causes of unending smiles.



We thank First Baptist Church for your continued support. If God is willing we will plan on our 25th year 2018 Westminster Medical Missions Team trip to Uganda in January. We ask for your continued prayers as we continue to do the work that we feel God has set before us.

Doctor Bill Harden, Team Leader

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