Science with a Mission, Inc. "Providing Diagnostics for the Developing World" Apr/May/Jun 2013 Newsletter

Thanks from around the world

Due to your year-end gifts and the success of Steve's Rodman Ride (more than \$10,000 received) --- we had sufficient funds to help cover the cost of some tests for organizations in need of assistance. Here are some of their thanks – which go directly to YOU:

Zambia

"Thank you for your kindness and generosity in giving Zambia Medical Mission the testing kits for HIV, malaria, hep C and syphilis. **Your thoughtfulness will ripple blessings to many humble, needy and appreciative Zambians.** We are very grateful for the way you have partnered with us in our next medical mission. May God continue to bless you richly in every way.

Sincerely, Star"

South Sudan

"Is it appropriate to say you are an angel? Thank you so much, Alynne. I will cc the other members of our group to let them know of your generosity. I will let you know how our trip went when we return. All the best. Richard"

<u>Uganda</u>

"Alynne:

Just got the E-mail today letting us know that SMI is covering the malaria tests for our site in Uganda!! Thank you so much!! Blessings, John"

Burkina Faso

"Dear Alynne,

Thank you for your gift. You are such a blessing to the ministry. **We receive the donation with joy** and we ask the Lord to bless you and your ministry 100 folds for your kindness and partnership in ministry. Thank you! Madeleine"

<u>Guatemala</u>

"Hi Alynne, Thank you so much for your kind words. We value the partnership we have with your organization and understand we need to lift each other up! Thank you again for all you do for so many people. Blessings, Heather"

<u>Togo</u>

"The diagnostic kits arrived yesterday. Thank you very much for your generosity in covering this expense and supporting our work in Togo. I will send you some pictures on our return.

God bless, Scott"

<u>Mozambique</u>

"My name is Annelie and I am the Director for the Clinic here in Pemba for Iris ministries. I would like to thank you so much for all your help and amazing service in helping us getting these rapid tests. We work as a team in a quite remote part of Mozambique and **having these can seriously make the difference between life and death for a patient** so thank you so very much for your help!!"

<u>Uganda</u>

"Thank you so much for your kind gift. **I am almost speechless** at this amazing help for our charity. I promise a complete report on the mission. Karen"

<u>Tanzania</u>

"This is awesome and a wonderful blessings. Thank You! Carol"

<u>Togo</u>

"Thank you so much!! What a blessing to get these tests as a gift! Please send our deepest gratitude to Science with a Mission! It means a lot to our team and to our ministry! Gabby"

<u>Haiti</u>

Partial medical report:

"This is fantastic news! Thank you so much! I was getting really nervous about this project going over-budget.

The preponderance of what we do is what we call **mobile clinic work**. Essentially, this means that we go to a few communities every 3 months to see patients and catch up with friends. We've been **targeting populations that are tough to get to and who otherwise don't have much access to care**... This allows us to treat a lot of chronic diseases as well as to see any acute problems that are present. **Our clinics see between 150-400 people per day...**

The fact that your tests are so affordable will change all of that. (We probably will only do the HIV testing in Les Anglais because there is a health post there that treats HIV and TB. I don't feel comfortable doing HIV testing anywhere that we can't offer treatment. If we find a relatively high burden of HIV, we will try to get an HIV testing and treatment program together in the near future.) Once we have an idea of the background prevalence of these various diseases we can develop a strategy for testing and treatment I have not found any data on this guestion based on rural Haitian populations, so this will be incredibly helpful to other groups as well.

I can't thank you and Science with a Mission enough. Without your hard work, and I'm sure the hard work of a lot of volunteers, none of this would be possible and we'd be left fumbling around and treating folks inappropriately. Thank you again. Sincerely,

Chris"

<u>Niger</u>

"What a blessing! Thank you so much! **Wow!** Thank you for such a precious gift to this team and to the people of Niger. Thank you again! Blessings, Amy"

<u>Congo – Brazzaville</u>

"Thank you so much for lowering our bill! We are very grateful. This comes at just the right time when the hospital funds and our ministry funds are low. For Health and Hope,

Joseph & Rebecca"

Cambodia

"We are so grateful for Science with a Mission's generosity. What wonderful service for those in need and building God's kingdom. Blessings, Marcy"

<u>Niger</u>

"Thank you! You have really blessed my patients. **The tests have been a huge life-saver (literally)** and your gift will help us to keep the cost of treatment affordable. Thank you so much for the generous gift. I don't even know what to say!! Susan"

<u>Honduras</u>

Wow! Thank you so much! What a blessing.

<u>Guatemala</u>

"I would like to say thank you to both you and SMI for your generous gift of paying for the HIV tests and shipping. It was very unexpected! We are so grateful for your investment into our ministry and into the people of Guatemala. They are really excited to have access to HIV testing so it will be a huge blessing for them! Thank you again. God bless SMI!!

Laura

And here is the cherry on top... A few of the organizations we helped with the cost of their diagnostics – turned around and made donations to SMI!

Isn't it amazing what we can do when we all work together?

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