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MEDICAL MISSION UPDATE

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For many years Luke 9:2 has encouraged me with a very concise understanding of medical missions. Jesus sent out His disciples to “preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.” As we organize medical team trips for next year, I have found an appropriate title for those who are led to come with us: (Isaiah 58:12).

We are excited about the trips planned for 2021. Covid 19 has had a huge impact around the world, but many areas are beginning to open up. We still have several hoops to jump through that were not a factor before. The **US State Department** has 4 levels of risk that they assign to each country. At the outbreak of Covid they assigned a Level 4 to the whole rest of the world! Now they are looking at individual countries and some are down to a Level 3 or even Level 2. Our trips in the past were to Level 1-2 countries, so the current Level 3 for most of the countries we are targeting for next year is a problem.

The **CDC in Atlanta** assigns its own Levels of Covid hotspots, Level 3 being the most severe. Most of the countries we are targeting are only slowly dropping down to Level 2. Further, **our ABWE mission** has recognized that where we go and what activities we have in each country are different, so they want to look at individually approve each trip. This all means that we are planning the trips below and seeking folks who will join us, but the trip is going to depend on several factors as we move through next year. Pray that a vaccine will be available to all. **Our trips planned are:**

<u>DATES</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>TEAM LEADER</u>
Feb. dates pending	Jamaica	Dr. Michele Morgan
Feb. 26-Mar 7, 2021	Liberia, West Africa	Dr. Jack Sorg
Mar 27-Apr 3, 2021	Paraguay	Dr. Jeff Robinson
Mar 27-Apr 3, 2021	Chile	Dr. Michele Morgan
April 16-25, 2021	Moldova, Eastern Europe	Dr. Jack Sorg
June, dates pending	Ukraine	Dr. Michele Morgan
June 18-27, 2021	Zambia, Mid Africa	Dr. Jack Sorg
Aug 20-29, 2021	Uganda, Mid Africa	Dr. Jack Sorg
Sept 4-12, 2021	Argentina	Dr. Michele Morgan
Oct 22-31, 2021	India	Dr. Jack Sorg
Dec 4-12, 2021	Egypt	Dr. Michele Morgan

Please be in prayer for the opening of these countries to our teams. Be in prayer for God to burden the hearts of volunteers to fill our teams. Most of them will need another doctor and one nurse or pharmacist. Then we also need a couple of people who can have no healthcare background at all, or students in the healthcare professions. Can you come? If interested, please contact Katie White (717-909-2442; Katie.white@abwe.org). Shortly, we will be posting all these 2021 trips at <https://www.abwe.org/serve/focuses/healthcare>

Many of you know that before leading these teams to various countries, we ministered at a jungle hospital in the Amazon jungle of Brazil. The area was hit by Covid 19 in past months with many becoming sick and

some deaths. Raimunda was one of the first employees at our hospital more than 30 years ago. She continued her education while working (at the opening of the hospital, most of our employees only had a grade school education), served faithfully, and nursed many patients back to health. We just found out that she was one of the first deaths in our jungle city.

In personal news, Sandy has had bilateral cataract surgery, and all went well. She sees better now than at anytime in her whole life. We have returned to Sunday church services, which are much better than the TV streaming. We do sit in the back with our masks on and are the first ones to leave. No one in our family has had Covid...yet. I have been helping at a free clinic across town in one of the most ethnically diverse communities in the whole country. Since we have several medical schools in the area, I've had medical students ministering with me; and I've enjoyed mentoring them in praying for patients.

Our two grandsons, Nathan and Connor, have just turned 13. At their birthday party, their dad prayed for them. Then I suggested I pray for their mom and dad! Our three granddaughters in Texas, Katrina, Lauren, and Maia, are all teenagers now. Yes, we daily pray for those parents as well as the grandkids. Our son, Matthew, has a part-time job with a pay raise already and room for advancement.

Thank you so much for your prayers and your support through the years.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas. May God keep each of you in strength, peace, wisdom, joy, and blessing in Christ.

Your medical missionaries to the world,

Jack and Sandy Sorg

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India needs the good news of salvation to turn from idols to the true God.



Moldova, a forgotten nation, is effectively reached with medical missions.



In **Liberia** we will be partnering with missionary PA's.



National healthcare worker praying with a patient in our evangelistic clinic in **Uganda**.

Note: no picture from **Zambia**, because 2021 will be our first ABWE medical team trip to that country.