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Jack and Sandy Sorg Medical Mission Letter

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How are you enjoying the chilly nights? Winter's snow and ice are on the horizon for many of us. One of our great fears when driving in the "white stuff" is losing traction and spinning our tires. And so, we have the proverb "I'm 'spinning my wheels,'" meaning "going nowhere." We definitely were NOT "spinning our wheels" during our medical evangelism team trip to Moldova.

In the rural villages of this former Soviet dominated country, response to the Gospel is generally slow. The population is older (most of our patients were over 60), while the younger people are fleeing to the cities in Western Europe for jobs. Moreover, decades of atheistic communism and centuries of Eastern Orthodox religion have left people reluctant to listen to the Good News of salvation by grace through faith.



On this team trip in October, we enjoyed “good traction.” God graciously provided us with enough space in local churches and community centers to see patients in relative privacy. While privacy when seeing the doctor is obviously important, we found that the extra privacy in presenting the Gospel was of equal importance. People were afraid of what others would say if they showed interest in speaking to us about spiritual matters. The “closed doors” really helped.



We saw 341 number of patients, with an astounding 40 professions of faith. Even with over 50 who did not want to talk of spiritual matters or even pray with us, we still had this many professions of faith. God knew the hearts who were open to hear, and He drew them to our clinics. Other special blessings were the wonderful national helpers and spacious venues that allowed private spiritual discussions. Pray for the discipleship and growth of these new believers.

During the Moldova trip, we made a video challenging more laborers for the harvest. See that here by pasting this URL in your web browser.

<https://vimeo.com/878348696>

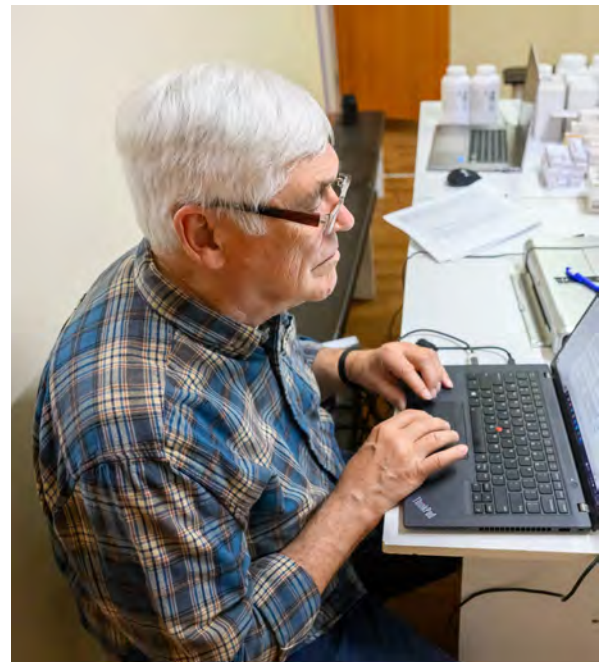


Our wonderful team at a sign for the first town in which we ministered

For the first half of the coming year, we are planning on medical teams to Liberia in January, Indonesia in March, Lebanon (or Argentina if Lebanon too dangerous) in April, and Zambia in June. Working with refugees in Lebanon has been planned for more than a year; however, the current fighting in the Middle East makes that unlikely. In Indonesia I will be helping a Christian university mobilize their student body and mentoring the use of our method of medical outreach. Pray that God will supply the funds for these trips. If you want to contribute our ministry or specifically for medicines and glasses, paste this URL in your web browser: <https://give.abwe.org/checkout?page=935>



Between the overseas trip, we have NOT been “spinning our wheels.” Besides some preaching and Sunday School teaching, I finished a paper called “Theology of Limits for Healthcare Missionaries,” that scripturally deals with the common problem of medical missionaries not taking breaks for their own spiritual and physical health. Then, I also finished up a “Healthcare Short-Term Leadership” manual, to help orient those new leaders coming on board to serve with medical evangelism. I’m also involved in a program of mentoring missionary-career doctors who are actively on the field. Moreover, I do medical missionary program consulting for three other mission agencies.





We were recently reminded of 1Peter 1:20 that the coming of Jesus was foreordained before the foundation of the world but was manifest (or revealed) in these last times. For God so loved the world that He gave Himself in the Person of Jesus, that whosoever believes on Him will have eternal life. What a message for this troubled earth! Blessings to all in this Christmas season.

My further email ministry is treating and consulting with missionaries around the world who want some primary treatment or a second opinion for them and their families. Lastly, I am locally mentoring a missionary outreach to Muslims in the Atlanta area. The above is besides my ongoing involvement with the International Healthcare Ministries (IHM) Department of our ABWE mission. This year marks 45 years with ABWE. Pray for us as the Lord continues to give us strength and open doors, that we will walk in wisdom and with His great blessing and fruitfulness.



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