

## Mission Report Capetown, South Africa, November 2008



We feel we had a very successful trip to Capetown. We saw over 947 patients for medical and glasses. (We ran out of glasses!) We had over 67 conversions--3 of them were Muslims. Dr. Bonijo dressed many wounds. She saw two Muslim gentlemen who had chemical burns from cement. She dressed their wounds on Friday and told them to come back on Saturday and Sunday. They did not appear on Saturday, but on Sunday the less severely burned gentleman arrived with fresh fish for her as a thank you for taking



The man who brought the fish

care of them. He said that he had been fishing all day Saturday because he wanted to show his appreciation. He also told her that his cousin, whose burns were much more severe, had gone to the hospital on Saturday because his pain was too great. They were both very appreciative for the care that we provided and that none of us shooed them away. The people in the Nazarene Church in Capricorn seemed very well prepared for the mission. They are determined to provide follow up and to continue to witness to their neighbors. We are so very proud of our team members! Donna, Jamie, and Kim adjusted to their roles as medical providers very well and competently. Duane did a marvelous job with the glasses. Nancy kept the stream of patients flowing. Dan was quite busy with a picture ministry—taking pictures of people and giving them prints of the pictures. He printed almost 400 pictures. We feel this was an important part of the ministry and we will continue to improve upon this.



One of the highlights for the team was going to the orphanage in Barcelona. The children were so thrilled to get a picture of themselves. Of course, all of our hearts were melted by the stories of how these children were found. Many were left in a garbage dump when they were very small infants, frequently under the age of 4 months. One boy was left in a garbage bag by his mother to die when he was 4 months old after she found out she was HIV+. He was discovered in the bag when the mother was brought to the police station after trying—and failing—to kill herself.



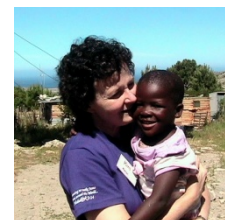
We were thrilled to see how the Holy Spirit brought the team together. Everyone had a critical role on the team and we could not have done what we did without even one of them. Two people whom Bob knows from Durban, South Africa, came and joined our team for the big crusade in Capricorn over the weekend. They worked in the pharmacy area and in the counseling area. They expressed their thanks for being included in the team and they were amazed at the unity of purpose and love we shared with them. Of course, Pastor Bob had everything very organized for us. He runs these crusades very well. We were all able to do home visits which was eye-opening for everyone. All three of the nurses performed well.

The Holy Spirit provided them with the knowledge they needed to do physical exams and the words to say to the people they saw. We had only one minor "emergency" when a patient fainted from heat after

waiting in the sun for a couple hours. This was easily treated with shade and water.



On Sunday, the team divided into two groups of five for church services. Nancy, Duane, Donna, Kim, and Kari attended church at the Nazarene church where the medical crusade was being held. The pastor there decided that the service would consist of us giving our testimonies. We were told afterward that the church members were encouraged to



know that white people have the same problems that black people have and that only God can heal these wounds and give us fulfillment. Dan, Bonijo, Jamie, Pam and Vas (the two from Durban), went to Pastor Bob's church. Pastor Bob preached that God wants us to be extraordinary Christians not ordinary Christians. (All of us had gone to Bob's church on Wednesday night for the midweek service and given our testimonies there.) We had a short day at the medical crusade, then the church served us a wonderful chicken dinner as a thank you for doing this medical mission. We continually told them that it was our privilege to work with them, not the other way around. The evening ended with a debriefing session at Wellwood Lodge. Dan and I then gave everyone a verse that we felt described the personal attributes they showed during the week. We then closed with communion. God was with us in a tremendous way during this service.



Dan had the privilege of talking to a Muslim woman during the crusade at Capricorn. She told him that "her" people never

provide this kind of help to her and her family. She was impressed and intrigued that a group of Christians would show Muslims this kind of love. Please pray that the Muslims in the community will continue to see the love of Jesus Christ through the words and actions of the church members there in Capricorn. Please pray that the nonchurched will also continue to see the love of Jesus Christ in the words and actions of the church members. As you all know, we cannot argue a person into heaven. We need to do it by being Christ's hands and feet to those around us. Please pray for the church members as the hard work for them continues.



Dan and Kari spent three days with ministry partners in Johannesburg before heading back home to North Dakota. We spent one day in the township of Soweto with Clive Durston. We provided medical care to people at a church, and we visited an aftercare center. We talked with women who provide aftercare and feeding programs to poor children in Soweto. They used to have funding to provide food for over 300 children, but now the funding has decreased to only thirty. Please pray

that God will provide funding so that all of the children can be fed. We also spent two days with Graham and Eileen Greene with their ministry in Diepsloot. We provided medical care to many AIDS patients. Over the three days, we saw another 75 patients. (Boy did we miss the rest of the team!) We helped with food distribution also. The Greene's are in desperate need of a pick up to deliver their food packages. Please pray that the necessary funds will come in for this.



In Christ's love,

Dan and Kari Sikkink  
Master's Heart Ministries



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