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FDM-Medical Clinic, Yulansoni, TZ

"If you want to go fast, travel alone. But if you want to go far, travel together."

—African Proverb

News from Our Current Mission Trip

September 9:

We were up late last night repacking supplies and planning activities for our first full day at the Clinic.

A lengthy new section of paved road has greatly improved the trip to Yulansoni — a 2-hour trip now takes an hour and a half.

Brother William showed us the site of the FDM supply truck accident. We were thrilled to see Pastor Charles back in action at the clinic — in his usual high-spirited form as he opened the fellowship service in prayer, song and dance. It made for a wonderful, joy-filled welcoming.

We were so happy to see the new overnight clinic building that was simply lines drawn on the ground and pick-and-shovel work two years ago.

The materials for the school desks were on hand. We finished two today with the help of master carpenter Julius and Pastor Charles. The desk making emphasized traditional methods — hand tools (hand saw, hand planes, chisels) and no pre-cut parts (except for the raw material cut to length).

The pre-schoolers sang "Jesus Loves Me" to us in English. We couldn't help but think of the "tent-making" ministry of St. Paul — practicing his trade and evangelizing at the same time.

We made plans for the water harvesting system for the pre-school roof. We set up and ran the eye clinic. A great start on a great work!

September 11:

The eye clinic was open again today. We successfully fitted eyeglasses to a small number of people, including a 92 year old man with 10 wives and 50 children!



Everyone on the team is in good health.

We spent last night camping in the Iramba Valley. Our new 3" thick mattresses worked GREAT! The "meals in a bag" were tasty, prepared with hot water prepared for us by the locals. A "drive-in movie screen" had been set up next to the clinic, and Brother Charles led a Billy Graham-style crusade. Many people (about 50) came forward after the sermons and the Jesus film in Swahili. A second such event is scheduled for Friday, September 12.

We have worked on shelving improvements at the clinic. A trip to the "Home Depot" netted us a bunch of lumber and tools. Tomorrow all will be taken to the clinic site, along with the gutters for the pre-school.

VBS has been a great success! The children have been singing "Jesus Loves Me" in English for us every day. The children LOVE the puppet shows! When they saw us setting up the "stage" across one of the open windows, they automatically rotated all their chairs in anticipation — no asking required! They loved making their own paper-bag hand puppets today. They were "thankful" - as we had been discussing being thankful to God. Indeed, we are all very, very thankful!

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The Gift of Healing

During a trip to the Yulansoni clinic, FDM Board member Bill Boone was called on to help Dr. Makala with a young spina bifida patient. When he returned to the US, Bill was able to raise the funds for this boy to be transported over 400 miles to Dar es Salaam for an operation. Dr. Makala's words describe the photos below.



The child is still on home physiotherapy and has started to walk with help. The parents and village are pleased. They are waiting for your next visit.

School Supplies-Thank You

FDM USA would like to thank the Staples Corporation -- and in particular the Staples store in Auburn, MA -- for providing pencil boxes for our preschool children in Yulansoni. Thank you, Staples!

Truck Involved in Accident

In late July the brakes of a truck carrying FDM supplies failed on a steep winding section of the mountains going downhill into the Iramba Valley. The vehicle failed to make a sharp right turn, then overturned and crossed back over the road, rolling and throwing medical and building supplies over the landscape. The driver and all others bailed out, some seriously injured, while Pastor Charles stayed with the vehicle. He was injured but able to run to get help for the others, three of whom were unconscious. He returned to pray over them until help arrived.

Serious as this accident was, the news is now good. All five passengers are out of the hospital and are recovering from their injuries. Pastor Charles is now back at work.

The total financial loss incurred by the accident was approximately \$3,500. FDM's loss was approximately \$600. In a marvelous expression of generosity, the villagers of Yulansoni have contributed \$275 toward the \$3,500. A number of families have contributed \$2-\$3; translated into American terms, Brother William says that this is the cost of 2-3 days' food for a family.

We might very humbly call to mind St. Paul's words about the impoverished Christians in the area of Macedonia:

"We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints."

(2 Cor. 8:1-4)

2009 Trip Opportunities

A trip to Tanzania is being planned for April 25 ~ May 6. This will be the first visit for several team members from the New England area. For more information, contact Jerry Warren at jmwa1@verizon.net.

Mauldin United Methodist Church in Mauldin, SC is also planning a mission trip. This will be the first trip to Tanzania that MUMC has led. The planned dates are for June 5-14, 2009 and they hope to have a team of 14 going to work with the Pre-school and orphanages similar to the current team this year. For more information about this trip, contact Steve Hendrix at : shendrix@hendrix-engineers.com

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