



Assisting laboratories
in the name of Jesus Christ
in mission hospitals and clinics
in developing countries.

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Reporting What God Is Doing

Acts 14:27 NIV

Dr. Bud Morton, serving in Papua New Guinea, recently wrote: "You make things so much better here." What a perfect description of the purpose of this ministry - assisting missionaries who serve on the forefront of medical evangelism.

All of us here at WWVLAB are thankful. . . .

- to God for the privilege of serving in His name in this way
- for you who constantly encourage us by your prayers, notes and gifts which help to make this work possible
- for the impact that God has allowed medical missions to have around the world

There is not often room in the Spring and Summer issues of this newsletter to include many notes we receive from the missionaries we serve - so it has become our tradition to use the Fall issue as a celebration of thanksgiving as we share more of them with you.

May your hearts be touched by thanksgiving for what God is doing and moved to pray for them as you read their words.

Tansen Mission Hospital - Nepal

We received this note shortly after Ed Bos returned from the hospital after setting up new testing and training their staff:

Thank you for all your help. Last week we ran the first set of thyroid tests. After a few technical difficulties things went quite well. Everyone is quite excited about being able to do these tests here.

Yesterday we had a patient come to the hospital who had been bitten by a snake. While receiving antivenom he stopped breathing, so we had to put him on the ventilator. We sent his lab studies and they all came back quickly thanks to the new instrumentation and the training of the lab staff. He started to breathe on his own today, so we were able to disconnect him from the ventilator. I anticipate that he will have a full recovery. The services which we were able to provide would not have been possible without the visit from the team from CBC and WWL. Thank you so much for your partnership.

And a few months later we were thrilled to hear that our commitment to ongoing support for mission labs was a specific encouragement to them:

I think that they (lab staff) are so used to having no technical support with previously purchased machines that they did not realize that you really do respond to emails right away. To me, that is one of the best aspects of the service you provide. Not only are the machines inexpensive and reliable, we do not feel abandoned once they have been installed.

Seventh Day Adventist Hospital Ile-Ife - Nigeria

John Brashler brought new equipment and taught six students from two hospitals how to do 15 new tests. These will strengthen the ministries of these hospitals to the local population and their relationships in the medical community. We were encouraged by this note from the missionary physician:

Always appreciate your help! We are really enjoying the machine. We are doing many more tests than we ever expected and are discovering simple medical conditions which can be treated easily. We have had several cases of infertility and with the machine we discovered they had elevated prolactin levels. After starting them on medication, they have started having normal periods and one has even become pregnant after years of trying. So thank you guys so much for helping to make this machine a reality for us here!

Centre Medico-Social - Senegal

Received from Dr. Ousmane Soh shortly after Ed Bos' return from setting up the lab at this Luke Society clinic:

Praise God, we had 77 patients for the lab last month, we use to have 10 to 15/month! It helped us to be blessing to many, including liver cirrhosis, nephrotic syndrome patients and many others, may God bless you and yours.

Baptist Convention Health Board - Cameroon

Our assistance to the many Baptist hospitals and clinics in Cameroon is done through the Central Pharmacy:

Thank you for all your hard work and efforts to keep our Central Pharmacy supplied. Thousands of patients in Cameroon benefit from your services.

Koutiala Hospital for Women and Children - Mali

Ed Bonvillain, serving in the lab at this Christian and Missionary Alliance hospital, spent several days at WWVLAB for training in preparation for bringing new analyzers with him when he returned. It was exciting for us to later receive this note from one of his colleagues:

It is incredible how much our Lab has been upgraded by the time Ed B. spent with you and the equipment that you have so well put together for the 3rd world. We are now able to do tests that would have been sent to the capital before.

Short-Term Medical Outreach Team - Niger

This note from a leader of a team sent by an Illinois church to Niger certainly captures the purpose of medical missions:

Thanks. I appreciate learning of you and your work... God bless you and I am praying that as we use something as simple as a Hct (Hematocrit) check that we will open doors/reach the Tuareg people of Abalak/Niger...

Lulwanda Children's Home - Uganda

From a nurse who returned to Uganda after a visit to WWVLAB for training:

Thanks for all you do in this world of need as extensions of Jesus's healing hands.

The requests for help continue to come. In this year, as of October 30, we have sent 646 shipments to 137 mission hospitals in 54 countries, done 11 field training trips and hosted 4 missionaries for training here at WWVLAB. How thankful we are to do whatever we can to "make things better" for them!

With thanksgiving in His service,

 and all of us at WWVLAB

Oct. 7 was an exciting day at WWVLAB ~

A missionary physician with whom we have worked for many years, Dr. Dennis Palmer, arrived from Cameroon to spend the day with us. It is a busy one!

- Dennis is brainstorming with Ed Bos and Terry Coleman about how we can assist with their need for more training visits by our staff and for hospital information system software. When they finish, Ed will give him some additional analyzer training
- John Brashler and Maury Pickens are busy servicing three analyzers that Dennis brought back so they can return to the field with the him tomorrow enabling their labs to be back at full strength in a matter of days
- Peggy Crismond and Carol Bos are processing his and other shipments. His van will soon be packed to the hilt and he will be on his way back to the Chicago airport

The pace can be a bit overwhelming on days like this - but it is why WWVLAB exists!

