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VOICE OF MCM

The Love passed on to Mobile clinic

Mobile Clinic in Gere Church

On March 4 - 7, a mobile Clinic was held in the Gere Church (YDBB) four days. The Missionary Society from Korea contacted the dental team about a potential medical mission. After consulting with Pastor Kim, we chose Gere Church which had not had received any medical mission before.

The treatment was divided into three categories: Dentistry, Internal Medicine, and Pediatrics. For pediatrics, peds specialist elder Yoon and two nurses came from the United States to join this mobile clinic. In addition, the Missionary Team prepared bread, water, and snacks for the locals. During the mobile clinic, around 300 patients were treated in internal medicine and pediatrics, with 50 in surgery and 60 in dentistry (35 extractions and 17 dentures).

Although there were many patients, the treatment was successful with help from church workers in Gere. One patient who needed a more thorough checkup was able to visit a hospital with a church worker to receive medical treatment by a specialist on the 18th.

Although Protestantism is stronger than Islam in the Halaba region where the Gere Church is located, please pray that this mobile clinic will help locals realize the love of God and re-embrace God's Word.

MID Charity Concert

On March 27 and May 21, the 9th and 10th MID Charity Concerts were held in the Grace Wing lobby of MCM Hospital. The charity concert began in September last year under the initiative of Dr. Philip.

The 9th concert featured CCM singers from outside performing, instead of classical music. There was a large crowd in attendance for this. The 10th concert was a classical performance by an orchestra composed of Dr. Philip, Dr. Jeffrey, and several others. This concert featured Pastor Song's Amharic praise.

The purpose of the charity concert has been to pay for operations for children of underprivileged families. Currently, a several children have received surgeries, but many more still need treatment. We ask for your attention and help.

Please pray that the charity concerts will continue to go well in the future.

The 9th concert's collection was 6,870 Birr ($90). The 10th concert's collection was 7,430 Birr ($140).

MMC Cadaver Ceremony

On April 3, a memorial service for the Cadaver of MMC was held in the small chapel of GMIC in a solemn atmosphere.

The service began with an opening prayer by Rev. Kim, continued with Dr. Laura Johnson's brief description of the event, Mr. Abay's tribute, Dr. Roger Holland's eulogy, and was concluded with a benediction from Rev. Song. The new third-year students – who were entering their Clinical rotations – each paid tribute to the cadaver by lighting a candle and placing a rose on the casket.

We wish God bless the unknown man and his family, whose body was offered to further the anatomy training of MMC students. Please pray for the fulfillment of MMC's vision in the future.

Surgical Intensive Care Unit Opening Ceremony

On April 8, a ceremony was held to commemorate the opening of the new surgical intensive care unit (a.k.a. SICU) which was completed next to the operating room of the Shalom Wing. The opening ceremony was attended by Dr. Solomon, Vice President Kang, the head of nursing dept. Sr. Lee, the nursing staff as well as MCM staff, Rev. Kim, and Rev. Henock. SICU consists of four beds, with newly installed equipment and other necessary supplies for ICU procured from South Korea.

"The facility will be used as a SICU or a post-op recovery unit from now on," Sr. lee said at the ceremony. "It starts small now with only four beds, but we hope it will continue to improve and provide the best medical care for many patients."

We hope the SICU will produce good results for the recovery of many surgical patients. We ask you to pray for the SICU to run well.

Mobile Clinic in Bulbula Yonsei Church

A mobile clinic was held with The Korea Expressway Corporation at the Bulbula Yonsei Church on May 9 and 10. The Korea Expressway Corporation, among its overseas business branches, wanted to provide medical services in the Ziway region of Ethiopia for social contribution projects. For this purpose, a mobile clinic was held with help from the African Future Foundation and MCM Hospital.

The treatment was divided into dental and internal medicine fields. In dentistry, extra time was required to make dentures, so they headed for Bulbula province a day early and started the treatment. The African Future Foundation provided necessary accommodation and car rental services there, and the Korea Expressway Corporation distributed bread and bananas to locals.

A total of 32 people, including 17 from Korea Highway Corporation, two from the African Future Foundation and 13 from MCM hospital, participated in the mobile clinic. The total number of patients seen was estimated at 200 for general care and 60 for dentistry (24 extractions and 13 dentures).

On the first day, about 300 patients came, but poor on-site order management and severe droughts caused strong sandstorms, which made medical treatment difficult. But on the second day, effective management led to smooth treatment.

Thanks to the cooperation of the Korea expressway Corp. and the Africa Future Foundation. We would like to thank God for the safe progress of the mobile clinic. Please pray with us that God would allow the circumstances and resources to continue the providing of medical benefits, including mobile clinics, to Bulbula and the nearby Ziway region.

The 68th Korean War Veterans' Ceremony & SeoRyung LionsClub Donation Ceremony

On May 11, a ceremony was held at the Korean Monument Center to mark the departure of the Kagnew Battalion of Ethiopia during the Korean War. The event, with the help of the Veterans Association, commemorates the participation and sacrifice of the Kagnew unit made up of the guards of Ethiopia's Emperor Haile during the Korean War.

More than 350 people attended the event, including Ethiopian Ambassador Lim Hoon-min, high-ranking officials from the Ethiopia's House of Representatives and Foreign Ministry, diplomatic corps, military officials, and Korean residents. The event included a memorial service for veterans, a luncheon at the embassy, and a joint wedding ceremony for the descendants of five.

This event was also visited by members of the Lions Club. On the following day, another ceremony was held to donate medicine for the veterans' dentures project at MCM hospital.

We ask you to pray for the veterans who fought for our country so that we can return the love we received without forgetting.

MMC White Coat Ceremony

All MMC first-year students each receive an MMC white coat and a stethoscope, and then recite the Christian physician's oath before facing patients through clinical classes. The sixth White Coat Ceremony was successfully held on May 18 in the presence of the university faculty, faculty members, invited guests, and parents.

The most important element in this Ceremony was the oath proclaiming that the students must have a good heart for their patients in front of their families, faculty, and colleagues, and fulfill their duty of caring with respect. Dr. Andrew DeCort gave a moving speech on how doctors should be effectively-ethical, respectful, and caring.

Please pray that God's big plans would take place in the future of our students who begin their medical studies with earnest hearts through the White Coat Ceremony.

God works through faithful servants

On June 8, a ceremony was held in the Zambia Livingston Memorial Church to celebrate the dedication of its new elementary school building and the completion of the new main building sponsored by the Myungsung Church of Korea.

After the service, a tape-cutting ceremony was held for the annex building and the unveiling ceremony of the first stone of the memorial church attended by 80 people including Rev. Dr. Peter Landerman, General Assembly President of the Union Presbyterian Church/Cape Town, Reverend Fanji, Zambia Presbyterian General, Mr. Moon Hong-Ryang, Director of administration at MMC, six members of the North Carolina Church's vision trip team, representatives of the church and province, as well as locals and students.

When Rev. Kim Sam-Hwan, senior church officials, elders and other members of the church visited the country on March 15, 2017, to expand the scope of missionary work in South and North Africa, they saw the shortage of kindergartens and elementary school facilities run by the church. They added a large school building, a library, and other facilities attached to the restaurant with donations and prayers by Myungsung Church members.

We thank the Lord for joining us in raising faithful people to work, and thank the members of the Myungsung Church, Rev. Kim Sam-Hwan and the Woman Mission.

We believe God's wonderful plans will proceed with dedication, grateful patronage, the earnest prayer and passion of the servants of the faithful God. We thank God for faithful servants such as Dr. David Livingstone, a medical missionary and explorer from Scotland's Presbyterian Church who first set foot in Zambia in 1843, South African Engineers who came to build a bridge connecting the Victoria Falls Valley and founded the Livingstone Memorial Church in 1923, Dr. Christopher M'Kwandawire, Senior Pastor of Livingstone Church, many missionaries willing to devote their lives to evangelizing Africa, and the elder pastor Kim who has made up his mind to broaden the ground of the African mission.

Texas Spine Surgery

Doctors, nurses and engineers from Texas Spine visited MCM Hospital from June 10-20 to perform surgery on Ethiopian patients with spinal deformities.

Texas Spine is a charity in which surgeons in the state of Texas work for African patients with spinal cord injuries, providing direct surgical assistance or financial support. The Jewish Society also provides financial support for related activities.

Patients are typically found and selected by Texas Spine or the Jewish Society for free surgery, while MCM Hospital rents operating rooms and other equipment for surgery. Last year, a total of 27 surgeries were performed. Another 18 cases have been reported this year.

We ask for you to pray that Texas Spine and MCM Hospital will continue to provide high-quality medical care to patients suffering from spinal deformities.

The first quadruple childbirth

On June 24, the first quadruple childbirth operation at MCM Hospital was carried out. Although the initial results of the mother's first visit to the hospital turned out to be triplets, the fourth fetus was found during a Caesarean operation.

The mother was offered to give birth at MCM Hospital because there was no facility for giving birth to triplets in the hospital where she was previously treated. For this reason, she visited MCM Hospital and underwent a C-section on the 32nd week of pregnancy due to dangers associated with high blood pressure caused by pregnancy poisoning (preeclampsia).

Currently, the baby is being treated in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) and is growing healthy after overcoming the crisis. However, the cost of treatment and future care for quadruplets is extravagant, putting a heavy burden on the parents.

Interviews have been conducted to raise financial support, and we hope you will pray with us for future financial support as well as the health of the mother and the babies.

Research Methodology Lecture

On June 29, Myungsung Medical College prepared a training on the basic research methodology and SPSS social software in accordance with the important assessment of research papers, and discussion for the application of knowledge and technical mastery of knowledge achieved so far.

Participants in this workshop consisted of 20 specialists working for MMC and 13 general physicians. Upon the completion of the training, certificates were awarded by the CEO of MCM hospital, Dr. Kim, the dean of MMC, Dr. Roger Holland, and the Administrative Vice Dean of MMC, Mr. Henry Moon.

The trainees thanked the staff for the occasion and provided positive feedback. There was an in-depth discussion between leaders and participants on how to enhance research performance at hospitals and universities. We ask you to pray for the future contribution to medical development through research conducted at MCM and MMC.

View of MCM Compound

190306 Visit at the Korean War Veterans

190319 Visit at the Ministry of Environment

View of MCM Compound

190307 Endoscopic Room visit by Dr. Hyun, Dr, Choi

190417 Interview of the descendants of Korean War veter-

190518 Korean Tennis Game by Korea Ambassy

190620 Visitation of Brazil Amazon Vision Trip Team

190620 Endoscopic Room visit by Dr. Kim

Prayer Requests

1. For the stability of Ethiopia's economy and society
2. For every single person in the MCM compound to know and become one with God through Jesus Christ
3. For the holistic well-being of the ministry staff, as well as for them to bear with faith God's calling
4. For the spiritual growth and spiritual receptiveness of MMC students
5. For the MCM volunteers, students, and ministry staff to have a heart of worship and to live in God's grace.
6. For the construction of missions-based churches in Ethiopia, raising up ministers, and the provision of resources and workforce.
7. To bless all the churches and pastors praying for us, as well as their fellow staff.

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