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The Medical and Dental Ministry

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Developing Professional Leaders

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors for our Medical and Dental Ministry, we were charged with building a new generation of teaching faculty for our METS Whole Person Care Conferences. Last month at our Jackson, MS conference, we saw God do a significant work towards that end.

Many on our Jackson teaching team were new faculty. But, they are not new to our ministry.

Jordan Whatley, MD is a dermatologist in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. As a first year medical student, Jordan desired to serve God as a physician, but was not exactly sure how to do that. During the summer 2004, he attended our summer preceptorship and learned that integration was helpful, practical, and appreciated by patients. As a physician, he has been faithful to the vision God gave him. At the Jackson conference, Jordan co-taught the session on the ethical basis for whole person care.

Helena Torres, PharmD practices in a hospital. Like Jordan, Helena attended our 2009 summer preceptorship and was curious to discover if whole person care principles work in pharmacy. She quickly discovered they do. Helena frequently prays with patients and has served on several overseas medical mission trips. She joined Jordan in teaching the session on the ethical basis for whole person care.

Chris Peoples, MD is in his first year of family medicine residency in Memphis. Bob connected with Chris at the local medical school. Chris participated in our Bible studies, weekly spiritual care practicums, and attended our 2009 preceptorship. As a resident, Chris is known at the hospital for carrying a guitar on his back and frequently offers to sing worship songs and hymns for his patients. In Jackson, Chris lead the session on sharing the gospel with those patients who want to connect with God.

Trish Whatley, MD is an internal medicine/pediatric physician and is married to Jordan. As a medical student, Trish attended one of our conferences in Houston, along with many of her classmates. When they returned to their Med School, one of their professors asked them to host a whole person care forum for other students and faculty. Trish frequently addresses the spiritual needs of her patients. Because of the skills she has developed in this area, Trish lead the session on taking a spiritual history with patients.

Of course, most exciting was seeing this new group of faculty build into a new group of health professionals and introduce them to the biblical principles of integrating their Christian faith into their patient care and practices. During our field hospital practicum, many patients and family members expressed a desire to know more about a personal relationship with God and some indicated decisions for Christ.

We are so grateful to see how God is growing a force of faithful medical ambassadors for the Kingdom. We could not do this without your prayerful and financial partnership. Thanks so much.

Upcoming METS Whole Person Care Conferences

June 15-19, 2013 Redlands, CA * October 2013 Payson, AZ * January 2014 Houston, TX

Whole Person Care Preceptorship

June 15-July 17, 2013

Pre-Med / Pre-Pro Health Student Project

July 6-16, 2013



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