

# Bob & Diana Mason

## The Medical and Dental Ministry

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### Making a Difference on Skid Row

From Los Angeles to Florida to the Heartland,  
You are helping many hear the Gospel through Healthcare

*“Hi! Remember me?”* Alice (name changed) had just finished seeing a physician in the Christian free health clinic on Skid Row. Lisa, one of the clinic staff, peered into Alice’s eyes, but could not recall meeting her.

Skid Row in Los Angeles is home to some 4000 homeless. Some live on the streets in cardboard boxes. They consider themselves lucky if they are able to carry their possessions in shopping carts.

*“It’s me...Alice.”* Then Lisa remembered. Alice and her dog had once lived in a box on the sidewalk in front of the clinic.

*“People always walked by me. But you always stopped and prayed for me...and I will never forget how you care for me.”*

Perhaps in part through Lisa’s prayers and kindness, Alice had decided to go to rehab. And now Alice was clean, well groomed, and appropriately dressed. And Lisa knew she was no longer living in the box out front.

While you may not realize it, daily you are helping people like Alice. Many Christian inner-city clinics are staffed by health professionals that your investments in this ministry have helped train. God is equipping many who serve the underserved to give both medical and spiritual care—to homeless women, children, youth, and men. And many of these are getting off the streets and into their own homes, churches, and jobs. Lives are being changed.

Last week your impact expanded even more. We wish you could have been with Bob in Atlanta as he trained many at the national meeting of Christian Community Health Fellowship (CCHF) - a community of Christian healthcare professionals who are committed to living out the gospel through healthcare among the poor.

Since Bob’s return to California, many of those present are requesting more resources. *“I was taking notes furiously and could not capture everything you said. I have already begun working at a whole new level of caring, compassion, and intimacy with patients,”* emailed one physician. Others are requesting the session notes so they can train staff and volunteers in their clinics.

Though you may not go this week to Skid Row or the poorer sections of Orlando, Tulsa, Memphis, Michigan, New England, or countless other areas, in those communities you are making a difference. We are so grateful that God is using you in life-changing ways as you join us in this ministry to which He has called us. Thank you.

#### Upcoming METS Whole Person Care Events

June 14-17—Redlands, CA \* October—Russia \* December—Cuba

**Whole Person Care Preceptorship** June 14-July 16, 2014

**Pre-Med / Pre-Pro Health Student Project** July 5-15, 2014



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