

Bob & Diana Mason

The Medical and Dental Ministry

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At Thanksgiving, Two Special Thank You Notes...

Because You Are Making a Difference in Student and Patient Lives

We met Akira Kobayashi during his first year of medical school. Over the last 3 1/2 years you have made it possible for us to connect with him through Bible studies, one-on-one mentoring appointments, and weekly spiritual care practicums. He writes:

“A sincere thank you to everyone involved in making the Mason’s ministry possible. It is a blessing to have godly mentors reminding us about the real reason we are here in medical school—to glorify God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Bob has been a mentor to me, always flexible to meet with me to talk about the struggles I am going through. Bob has also shared his own struggles and what it means for him to walk a Christian walk, which has helped me mature in Christ.

“This ministry has also helped teach me how to bring the gospel into my interaction with patients. Although I go to a Christian medical school, almost no training is given in sharing the gospel or eliciting a spiritual history from a patient. The Masons and others have helped me become comfortable asking patients about their religion and spirituality. It has been an enormously helpful tool in getting to know my patients and their struggles and has deeply enriched my relationships with them.

“Recently, I had a patient who had attempted to overdose on pills after she found out that her husband was cheating on her. She felt that if she didn’t have the love of her husband, her life was not worth living. I asked if it would be helpful to her to pray about her marriage. She agreed, and I prayed that God would help heal their marriage—but also that she would see herself as valuable as God sees her, so valuable that Christ died for her. When I finished praying, she thanked me again and again and she told me that she felt like a burden was lifted off of her. Moments like these are possible because of my training with the Masons. Thanks to your investments, this is just one of tens of thousands of spiritual conversations I will have with patients.

Tony Pinette will serve as a physician in the US Air Force once he completes his training. He and Bob meet weekly for mentoring and discipleship. Tony writes:

“I cannot emphasize enough how much your support has already changed my life, as well as many of my peers and our patients. We have all been very blessed and I want you to know that great things are happening here and around the world.

“I am grateful for the opportunities for spiritual growth that I have through this ministry. In contrast to the highly secular realm of medicine, it’s refreshing to connect with mentors, healthcare professionals, peers, and patients who still believe our faith is our greatest priority and guiding force in our lives and careers. I have benefitted from the weekly spiritual care practicums, giving me the confidence to take that critical first step of initiating spiritual care with patients. The conversations I have had with physicians who already perform spiritual care have been a great blessing, allowing me to understand and experience how a Christian physician integrates faith into everyday practice. Additionally, I have vastly grown spiritually from Bible studies and Bob’s mentorship. He and Diana are doing the same for many other students. I know all this would not be possible without your generosity, so thank you and God bless you!

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