

# Bob & Diana Mason

## Medical and Dental Ministry

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### ***UCLA Students Discover Whole Person Care***

Wow! You helped make it happen again— and this time with a future generation of top notch pre-med students at UCLA.

Last month UCLA undergrad student Lauryn asked Bob to speak to the Emergency Medicine Research Associates (EMRA) club. Lauryn, a Christ-follower, attended our 2013 Pre-Med/Pre-Pro Health Student Mission and has a desire to be “salt and light” among her secular friends in EMRA (a prestigious student organization that provides medical clinical research opportunities for predominantly top pre-med students. Only 10% of recent EMRA applicants were invited to join).

When she first suggested the idea to EMRA organizers, some—especially one atheist— were hesitant. They feared that a Christian presentation about whole person care would lack sensitivity, be judgmental, and include lots of ranting. When Lauryn assured them such would not happen, the leaders were willing to try it.

We arrived at the campus lecture hall early. Bob made his way around the room—introducing himself to different students, engaging in brief conversations with some, and joking with others. His presentation included an introduction to whole person care, the ethical basis for such care, stories of God changing lives, small group discussion, Q&A.

We were unsure how this predominantly secular audience would respond. But God showed up! Comments like...

*“I really enjoyed the presentation and speaking with you before. You presented extremely valid and important points and you opened me up to a more wholistic approach to medicine. I will keep what you taught through out my future medical career.”*

*“I don’t identify as a Christian, but I enjoyed the presentation thoroughly.”*

*“The topic of the crossroads between physician care and spiritual care is a sensitive one and I think one that is too often avoided because of its nature. The speaker tonight opened discussion on such topics and got me thinking about things that I previously hadn’t delved very deeply into and which I believe can have a profound positive impact on patient care. I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed this evening and to thank you for arranging such a great speaker on a topic that otherwise we might not have been exposed to.”*

*“It was a unique change in pace for our program that was long due.”*

Since that presentation, Lauryn has had numerous conversations about faith with club members. One Hindu student asked Bob how to pray to the Christian God. And many more now see how God and faith make a difference in life and in patient care. All glory goes to Him. **Thank you** for the difference you are making at UCLA and beyond.



#### Upcoming METS Whole Person Care Events

March 27-28 Indianapolis \* June 13-16 Redlands, CA

Whole Person Care Preceptorship June 14-July 15 2015

Pre-Med / Pre-Pro Health Student Mission July 4-11, 2015

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