

Bob & Diana Mason

Medical and Dental Ministry

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Dear Friends,

Every year in early August a new class of 1st year medical students arrive. And those first few days are critical for them and they are critical for us.

We do as much as we can to connect with them. Bob gets a few minutes to speak to the entire class during their first day of orientation. We show up at various events—the school welcome picnic, the white coat ceremony (the public event at which each student is given their white lab coat). We participate in the club fair during orientation, we invite many of them over for a home-cooked meal, and we meet them individually over a meal or coffee.

Within a few short days, these students will begin the arduous and grueling journey of becoming physicians. They will be expected to learn encyclopedic volumes of information and develop the skills to help heal the human body.

While they will rarely admit it, they are scarred and uncertain if they can accomplish the task before them. Quickly their schedules fill and their routines are set. Yet, they are eager to find community. Those who are Christians often arrive wanting to learn how they can integrate their faith into their future patient care. They also do not want to see their focus on God slip away in the midst of a demanding calendar. But they are unsure how and where to do all this. And that's where we come in.

You help us connect with these gifted students. You help us offer the hope and sustaining power that only Jesus provides. You help them see that they can learn to provide a higher level of medical and spiritual care to their future patients.

Please pray for us during these critically significant days. Thank you for shaping a new class for all of eternity.

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Upcoming METS Ministry Events

- Sept. 2-3, 2016 METS/CMDA Southern California Student Leadership Retreat
- Oct 28-29, 2016 METS Whole Person Care Conference, Houston, TX
- Nov. 12, 2016 Preceptorship Reunion & New Faculty Training, Louisville, KY
- Dec 6-10, 2016 METS Whole Person Care Conference, Havana, Cuba
- Mar 18-25, 2017 Dominican Republic Medical Missions Trip
- Jun 9-11, 2017 METS Whole Person Care Conference, Redlands, CA
- Jun 8-Jul 12, 2017 Whole Person Care Preceptorship, Redlands, CA
- July 1-8, 2017 Pre-Med/Pre-Pre Healthcare Student Mission, Redlands, CA



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