

Bob & Diana Mason

Medical and Dental Ministry

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Surprise!

Ever wonder if your partnership and investments in this ministry are making a difference? Occasionally, we wonder if and how God is working through this as well. But then, out of nowhere, God surprises us...

As I (Bob) exited a popular local coffee shop late Tuesday afternoon, my phone rang. It was Audley calling. We first connected with Audley when he was a medical student in Southern California. Audley occasionally attended our weekly Spiritual Care Practicums. That call was the first time we had talked in almost 10 years and we had little idea of what he was doing. As we chatted, he shared that with his patients in Detroit he often prays and discusses how God can make a difference in their lives. We had no idea that he was living out his faith in this way.

The next day while at the Medical School, I noticed a familiar person walking by. It was Ryan, another former medical student who had attended one of our METS Conferences and occasional spiritual care practicums. Ryan is now serving as a medical missionary in Malawi and a program director for the Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons. In some parts of Africa, there is only 1 surgeon for every 250,000 people. Ryan and PAACS seek to train African physicians to become surgeons and remain in their country. Ryan told me, "The same things you taught me about sharing the gospel with my patients I am now teaching to these African physicians in Malawi."

On Thursday, Bob spoke by phone with David in Memphis. Like Audley and Ryan, we met David when he was a first year med student. He attended the Whole Person Care Preceptorship. "Bob, I am using what I learned from you. I get to pray with my patients and often share the gospel. Many have come to Christ."

Weeks later while walking through the Exhibit Hall during the Medical School alumni reunion, Bob was talking with another physician from Florida. He asked Bob what type of work he did. As Bob explained our ministry, this guy blurted out, "Are you the ones who do that spiritual care training on Friday afternoons? I attended that when I was a student here. You taught us to ask our patients, 'Would it be helpful to you if I pray for you'. I use that all the time!"

So, are your investments in this ministry making a difference? Ask a surgeon-in-training in Africa. Ask a new Christ-follower in Memphis. And please ask God to continue to bless and multiply this ministry to which He has called us all. Thank you!

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Upcoming Ministry Events

May 19 Bob speaks at CCHF National Meeting, Cincinnati, OH
May 21 Bob trains Cru students for Africa summer mission, New York City
May 23 Bob speaks to CMDA staff and associates, Bristol, TN
Jun 9-11 METS Whole Person Care Conference, Redlands, CA
June 10-11 METS Whole Person Care Conference, Tulsa OK
Jun 8-Jul 12 Whole Person Care Preceptorship, Redlands, CA
July 1-8 Pre-Med/Pre-Pre Healthcare Student Mission, Redlands, CA
September 23 METS Whole Person Care Conference, Boston, MA
Fall 2017 METS Conferences in Houston, Detroit—Dates TBA



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