

“You should meet Hoby!”

August 2020

That’s the advice that was given to us last year by a trusted friend. Hobart “Hoby” Lee, MD directs the family medicine residency at Loma Linda University Health. And God was in that counsel.

When we first connected with Hoby in Spring 2019, we discovered some common passions—a love for Christ and a desire to see more Christian healthcare professionals equipped to share the hope that Christ offers. At that meeting I invited him to attend our upcoming Whole Person Care Conference in June and requested that some of the 2019 preceptorship students might shadow some Christian family medicine residents we knew. He readily agreed to both.

Once he attended the conference, he asked if we might collaborate to see more of the family medicine residents equipped to provide whole person care to their patients. Perhaps they could attend one of our weekly spiritual care practicums at the med center? Perhaps we could do the training during the 2020 orientation for the new interns? We readily agreed to do both.

A few weeks ago we stood before a group of new intern physicians who were about to embark on the final phase of their professional training. Hoby had dedicated and set aside 10 hours of their orientation to learn the things that God has allowed us to teach so many others worldwide.

God also provided a great faculty team—Matt Fong, MD, a preceptorship alum from years past and Mitch and Robin—two senior family medicine residents who came to California from the former Resurrection Health program in Memphis.

Not only was there classroom training, role play, Q/A, but also direct patient visits where these interns could practice their newly acquired spiritual care skills.



Patient response was overwhelming positive. And the new interns benefited as well. Some comments:

“God has reminded me that I am a Christian who happens to be a healthcare professional.”

“I greatly valued this training. I now have a better, more crafted approach to spiritual care.”

“I plan to incorporate this into my ongoing patient interviews.”

“This increased my faith and gave me an openness in being able to share my faith in an ethical way.”

There will be ongoing opportunities for us to coach and encourage these new professionals in the coming months and years. Imagine how many lives may be impacted because of what God began and continued during those 10 hours together!

Even during this unprecedented pandemic, **God continues to open doors** to help advance the kingdom. This God-given mission continues. Thanks for walking with us in new opportunities!



Bob & Diana

Currently Scheduled Upcoming Events

Oct 2-3—METS Whole Person Care Conference, Tulsa OK

Oct 24-25—Bob speaks at virtual Remedy West

Nov 5-7—Bob speaks at virtual Global Missions Health Conference

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