

Seeing Dreams Come True

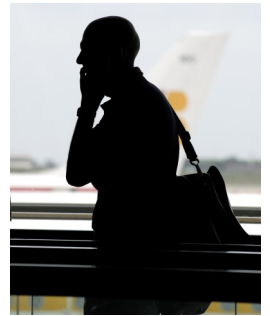
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Diana and I were walking through Chicago Midway Airport when my phone rang. Amy Hayton, MD, the assistant dean at the School of Medicine, was calling.

“Bob, I’m planning a new selective rotation on spiritual care for our first year med students. I’d like for you and Diana to help give leadership to that. Are you willing?”

Our history with Amy goes back a long way...



“I met Diana and Bob as a first year medical student. Weekly Bible studies, regular spiritual care practicums and meetings with Diana for mentoring were a major source of strength, encouragement and training in those early years. I met my husband at one of their conferences! I now use what I learned about spiritual care with my own patients daily and enjoy teaching students to do the same. It’s long been a dream of mine to see more of our students equipped with spiritual care skills. I, along with the dean of the medical school, were thrilled when the Masons agreed to help us make this dream a reality. “

In collaboration with Amy and other faculty, we designed a 2-week rotation to equip med students in patient spiritual care.

Student responses have been especially encouraging:

-One week ago, I was convinced that God had placed the desire in me to offer spiritual care to the people and patients that I would come into contact with. The only problem was that I didn’t know where or how to start ... I would definitely count this selective as one of the most spiritually empowering experiences of medical school so far.

-The patient (appropriate pandemic protocol observed) has not been going to church. After my spiritual history, I offered prayer. The patient accepted. After the prayer, the patient then expressed gratitude and that he felt better. He also wants to commit to going to church after his hospitalization.

-I really didn’t know what spiritual care looked like. I do now.

-I learned how valuable whole person care is. I want to continue providing it to my future patients. I’ve seen how calming prayer can be for patients, even to those who are not religious, and I want to be able to bring my patients peace in their times of distress.

-The most helpful session was with Bob Mason on how to take a spiritual history. This session is the one I referred to the most throughout the past two weeks.

In the end, Dr. Hayton noted, “Students were greatly impacted by this selective. I watched them move from anxiety to confidence that they could share God’s love and compassion with their patients. Many shared how God was real to them and reaffirmed why they came to medical school.”

Thanks for helping so many see dreams come true!



Learning Clinical Aspects of Care



Bob & Diana

Currently Scheduled Upcoming Events

Nov 13-14-Bob speaks at virtual Global Missions Health Conference

Jan 9-10-Bob speaks at virtual Remedy Conference

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