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Whew!

“Your flight is delayed.” That’s not what you want to hear while traveling. Unfortunately, the FAA was having a temporary meltdown that grounded all US flights.

We had just finished a meeting in New Orleans with the Cru staff who will be leading 100+ worldwide summer mission trips. While there, Bob was also able to speak to healthcare students at **LSU** and **Tulane**.



Our flight was scheduled to depart 9:25 am and arrive Chicago at 11:45 am. That allowed time to be at the inner-city **Lawndale Christian Health Center** by 3 pm where Bob was scheduled to train the Family Medicine Residency interns to care for the spiritual needs of their patients. But that now seemed doubtful since our departure was delayed to 2:25 PM.

We decided to head to the airport. We prayed. Soon, our departure for the 2.5 hour flight was moved up to 10:19 am, only to be delayed to 11:40 and then delayed again to 12:11 pm. We arrived into Chicago at 2:27 pm. Lawndale is a 20-40 minute drive away.



Upon our arrival, we had to wait 15 minutes on the plane for the jetway operator to arrive. Lawndale had a car waiting at the curb. By God’s grace the training began only few minutes late.

The next day, Bob spoke to another group of healthcare students at **Midwestern University**. The talk *“Taking a Spiritual History: Good Medicine for Patients and Professionals?”* attracted students and faculty identifying as Christian, Muslim, Jewish, atheist, and none. Before and afterwards, Christians were able to have significant spiritual conversations with the diverse group. Pray God uses all this to bring many closer to himself. That night, Bob repeated this talk at **Rush University** to students representing several Chicago health science campuses.

We returned to California on Friday. After a few hours rest, Bob was at the **Cru So Cal Winter Conference** near Los Angeles. He joined Andrew Wai, MD to host a session for undergrad students about how they could live on mission in a healthcare career. Most were amazed at the many opportunities to be “salt and light” to those who are ill. Somehow, an engineering major student found our session and exclaimed, *“I can use this in my work!”*



Tomorrow we travel to Dallas for our METS Whole Person Care Conference. Then on to **Rocky Vista University** in Utah to again show Christian healthcare students how they can live on mission. Please pray we don’t get a text saying *“Your flight has been delayed!”*

Bob & Diana

Upcoming Events **JOIN US!!!**

January 21, 2023 Dallas METS Conference
January 23, 2023 Speak at Rocky Vista Med School, Utah
Jan. 31-Feb. 2—Speak at several medical schools in Phoenix
March 17—Speak at CCHF National Meeting
June 18-July 15, 2023 Whole Person Care Preceptorship



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