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## Generations

A few years ago, Amy Hayton, MD, an assistant dean at the medical school, asked us to help teach classes for first and second year med students in spiritual care. The classes involve lectures, role play, patient visits at the med center, coaching, and evaluation.

This has been particularly exciting for us as we're seeing a new generation established. You may recall from a previous letter that we met Amy when she was a med student. Now she's working to include spiritual care training throughout the med school curriculum—from the first day students arrive on campus to graduation.



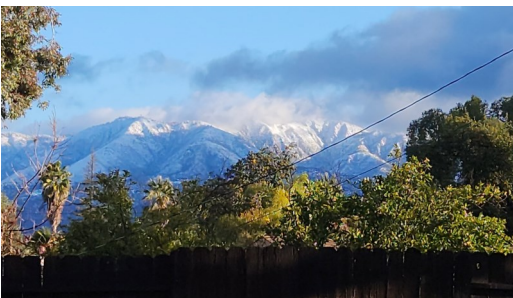
Several of the current med students that we've already trained in whole person care did some of the teaching in class and coaching during the patient visits.

Your prayers and gifts are affecting generations. After the class ended, students wrote:

*"Initially hesitant..., I have come to realize spiritual care's importance in addressing the needs of patients ."*

*"Taking the time to inquire about spiritual needs will form closer bonds with our patients. If not for that, what will bring us in to work each day? What will keep us pushing forward in our practice? Certainly not money or fame...no doubt that leads to burnout, which is the opposite of what we want."*

*"This has bolstered my courage in taking a spiritual history and praying with patients. Prior to this class I was very cautious in bringing up spiritual topics with patients out of fear that I would offend them."*



Winter is one of our favorite times of the year in Southern California. The rains and a record-breaking blizzard –though catastrophic for many in the local mountain communities—have created idyllic views. Snow is on the peaks and canyons have been transformed from dull brown to vivid green.

The top picture is looking north from our backyard. The bottom picture is a canyon 6 minutes south where we've taken weekend hikes.



Please pray for those adversely affected by the storms. Some have lost their lives. A few have had their roofs collapse from the weight of the snow. Others still have cars buried in snow and are unable to drive to get food.

*Bob & Diana*



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