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A Crash & Two Angels

Most young men don't begin their week thinking they'll end up in the hospital. But that's exactly what happened to Alex (*name changed*). He got up, got on his motorcycle, crashed, and found himself lying in a hospital bed.

That same week Matthew and Andrew, two first year medical students, were in their class on whole person care. For the last few years, one of the school deans has asked us to help coordinate this training.

In the class we show that caring for the whole person is professionally ethical and helpful to patients. We train the students to take a spiritual history. We call on physicians to share how they practice spiritual care with their patients. And more.

On a Wednesday, Bob equipped the students to sensitively and relevantly share the Gospel. Of course, this is not done with every patient every day. But we have long known and seen that healthcare professionals and students often have patients who want to connect with God in a more meaningful.

For years Alex had rebuffed the biblical truths his family had told him about. In fact, earlier that day his parents had again shared with him about the hope they had found in Jesus.

Later Alex had learned that another patient at the hospital had died from injuries sustained in a motorcycle crash. He was troubled.

That same day, we took the class to the Medical Center to practice taking spiritual histories with real patients. It was then Matthew and Andrew met Alex. As they conducted a spiritual history with Alex, it became clear Alex had a spiritual need. He wanted/consented to talk more.

As we had covered in class, Andrew explained to Alex that we live in a broken world separated from God because of our sin. But Jesus has paid the price for that sin and offers us forgiveness and eternal life. If we trust in his payment on the cross, He will become our Savior and Lord.

As they were talking, Alex's parents and sister arrived. They immediately recognized that for the first time in his life, Alex was seriously considering Christ.

Within a few minutes and with his family gathered around his hospital bed, **Alex became a forgiven child of the creator God.**

Alex's mom could hardly contain herself. **"You are angels!!!"** she exclaimed to Andrew and Matthew. "No, we're only medical students." Still, those medical students had become uniquely equipped to care for the whole person.

Clearly, we could not have been here to teach that class without your help. Thank you for helping send "angels" into clinics and hospitals to share the hope of Jesus.

Bob & Diana

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