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## The Least of These

At one time, the Woodlawn community in Birmingham, AL was known as “a really great section of Birmingham...A section typical of the fine things in life.” A gothic high school campus, spring-fed pools and more. Social and economic upheaval brought blight to the once cherished community.

Decades later, a young Christ follower named Robert Record knew God wanted to use him to make a difference in impoverished communities like Woodlawn. He did not know how, but he knew that’s what God wanted. Near the end of his undergrad college days, God revealed that was through medicine. He attended med school then found himself standing across the street from Woodlawn High School (left) sharing his God-given dream with a troubled Black student. “You’re a leader and you can be part of this.” Robert told the teen.

Dr. Record (seated far right in the bottom picture) started Christ Health, a clinic across from Woodlawn High, dedicated to caring for the underserved and sharing the hope of Christ with the patients. Things grew. Today there are multiple sites and services plus a family medicine residency. Currently two preceptorship alums are residents at Christ Health.

With all the growth, a need developed for new spiritual care training with the residents, new physicians and support staff. “Call Bob,” the preceptorship alums urged leadership.



That call was made. Last month Bob spent several days at Christ Health (CH). He spoke at their monthly all staff gathering. He advised administrative and medical support staff. He accompanied physicians and residents as they saw patients. He lectured at the weekly residency training session.

The needs these people are addressing are overwhelming. One patient we saw shared that 4 of her children have been murdered in the last 4 years.

Yet together, we were encouraged and renewed in our common mission of proclaiming the gospel of Christ in and through healthcare.

And remember the troubled kid Dr. Record met near Woodlawn High? That’s Demetri and he’s seated on the right in the above picture to the left. He found Christ and now serves as their Chief Culture Officer!

Pray God uses Christ Health to bring more life change like Demetri!

*Bob & Diana*

### Upcoming Events **JOIN US!!!**

June 16-July 13 Redlands, CA Whole Person Care Preceptorship  
July 22-23 Loma Linda, CA, Training with Family Medicine Interns  
October 12, 2024 Miami, METS Whole Person Care Conference  
October 18-19 Boston, METS Whole Person Care Conference  
November 7-9 Speak at Global Missions Health Conference  
April 11-12, 2025 Tulsa, METS Whole Person Care Conference



**Fun Fact:** This CH building was a fire station. Notice the red fireman’s pole to Bob’s left!



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