## Science with a Mission, Inc. "Providing Diagnostics for the Developing World" Aug/Sep/Oct 2016 Newsletter

BECAUSE OF YOU...we have sent out over 340,000 diagnostic tests.

BECAUSE OF YOU...our tests have been used in 72 different countries – some of the poorest places on earth.

## **BECAUSE OF YOU...we are going to celebrate!**

Everyone is invited to a Thank You Picnic on Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12:30 – 4pm at Borderland State Park (North Easton/Sharon, MA).

This is not a fundraiser. This is <u>us</u> thanking <u>you</u>. Don't get us wrong. We know this is the Lord's ministry. But we also know that you have followed His prompting to come along side us and support Science with a Mission. So we want to say thanks. And how better to do that than with free food and games? It will help us with planning if you can let us know if you will be coming. Please drop us an E-mail or call (contact info at bottom of newsletter) to respond.

Please note that there is no cost to you for the picnic, but there is a \$5 parking fee at Borderland if you don't have a parking pass. If you are a MA resident aged 62 years or older, you may pay a one-time fee of \$10 for a Senior Mass Parks Pass. (Good for all MA state parks for life)

## What difference have you made?

Dani and her family serve in northern Africa. Let's allow Dani to tell you (and show you) the impact you are having:



Dani and Jonathan's family: 4 children - Isaiah, Anna, Grace, and Micaela



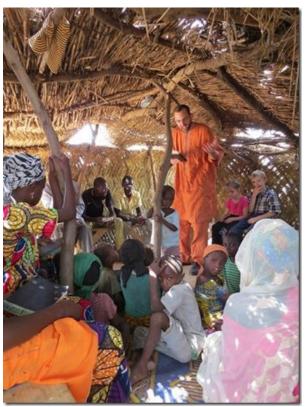
Village street in Niger



Fifty percent of Niger's population is under the age of 15 (LOTS of children everywhere!). About 1 in 5 dies before they reach the age of 5. The diagnostic tests (in our case, malaria tests) literally save lives. If we can know a child has malaria early on, we can get them the treatment they need before they are too sick to respond well to it. Also, if we know a malaria test is negative, we can look for other possible causes of fever and sickness.



"This little fellow came to our house with a nasty ear infection. Since he was burning up with fever, I also tested him for malaria, too, which came back positive. I was able to treat him for both and pray with him. What a blessing it was when he returned a few days later, beaming from ear to ear, completely well again. Praise God!"



Jonathan sharing from God's Word in a stick village church

This is just one example of one family in one country – so please do not question the impact you are having.

## He's at it again!

Once again, Steve will be riding 50 miles in the Rodman Ride for Kids using Science with a Mission as his charity. If you would like to donate, go to www.rodmanforkids.org, click on the green "Ride for Kids" square, then click on "Donate to an Affiliated Charity". Scroll to find "Rodman Ride for Kids" and select it. On the left side of the page, select "Donate to a rider". Type in Steven Willette and hit "search". Next, click on the hyperlink that appears with his name. Your donation is taxdeductible and SMI will receive your donation PLUS 6%. You can give until the end of November. Thanks.

If you prefer, you can go on Facebook and look up Steven Willette. He has a link on his page for donations as well. Alternatively, you can postal mail a check (made out to "Rodman Ride/SMI") to the address below if that is easier.

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" Philippians 4:4 Giving thanks when things are going well is easy – yet we are called to do so in all circumstances. (Just look up 1 Thessalonians 5:18 if you don't believe me.) It's hard. Some of you have recently lost family members you dearly love. Others of you are facing your own medical challenges. Yet we are called to rejoice and give thanks. Please know that in the coming months, I'll be praying that you are given the strength to do just that.

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