

Science with a Mission, Inc.
"Providing Diagnostics for the Developing World"
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Haiti

For two years, Foundation Good Samaritan in Action (FGSA) has awarded SMI a grant to be used predominantly to underwrite diagnostics for use in Haiti. Below is a thank you letter written by one of the organizations who has benefited from these grants:

"The thermometer registered 104.4 degrees and Nathalie began to cry. Her son, Wadler, had been running fevers for 5 days now, but none were as high as today's fever.



He was so hot in her arms and she didn't know what to do. She brought him to the Real Hope For Haiti clinic in Cazale. After talking to Nathalie, the nurse decided to perform a malaria test from Science with a Mission. It was positive.



Wadler received medication and made a full recovery within a week.

If this quick test was not available at our clinic, Nathalie would have had to take Wadler to the next town to do blood tests. This would have cost her \$15 and 2 days

out of her work. The results would take 3 days to receive and treatment would have been delayed.

Science with a Mission offers tests that are easy, quick, and accurate. They provide peace of mind for the caregiver and health professional. Time and money is saved for the patient and institution. We greatly appreciate these tests and the service that Science with a Mission gives to medical missionaries around the world.

Foundation Good Samaritan in Action has awarded a \$500.00 grant for Real Hope For Haiti to purchase these wonderful tests. Malaria, HIV, syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia were properly and accurately diagnosed and treated because of your generous and helpful gift. These funds were put to good use to help hundreds of ill Haitians. Your grant is making a difference in the lives of many. We are extremely grateful for this huge blessing to the work here. As your name suggests, you are truly Good Samaritans, finding those in need to help. Your commitment to "action" is evident and reaching the poorest of the poor and sickest of the sick in rural Haiti. We pray that God will bless you abundantly so that you may be able to do even more for His children and to His Glory. Thank you!

To God be the Glory,
Lori"

Mark from Niger

"Dear Alynne,
Thanks so much for your hard work in getting the material to us - it has arrived and already proving its worth.
The Lords rich blessings on you.
Mark"

Kevin from South Sudan

SMI diagnostics have been to the newest country in the world....South Sudan.

Kevin writes: "We WILL be in the "New Southern Sudan". In the diocese of Maridi on the border of Uganda. Bishop Justin is the youngest Episcopal (Anglican) Bishop in Sudan and celebrates his 10th year as bishop. I first went to Maridi 10 years ago and it has been a remarkable relationship since." Fun fact for me: Kevin lives a short distance from where I used to live in upstate NY.

Uganda



Child waiting to be tested for malaria

Vicki wrote: "Our team returned last night from Uganda. Wanted to share some photos with you and let you know that the **rapid tests kits were such a blessing**. In the past, everyone seen in the clinic with a fever would have been given malaria meds, a pain/fever reducer, and antibiotics. Not a good use of resources. However, this year, thanks to the kits only three out of ten actually had malaria. Everyone was treated appropriately.

Blessings,
Vicki"

I later found out that Vicki is working on two islands in Lake Victoria. Her ministry (Uganda Tree of Life Ministry) has been doing some medical missions there (once a year) for about four years. The trouble with that is for the other 51 weeks of the year there is no healthcare. She will be leaving in February for a quick ten day trip to visit with the village chiefs and the health workers they have chosen. The workers will then be trained in basic health care, so some assistance can be available year-round. Vicki will also be going over in Aug for a couple of months. So much is happening there and all very exciting.



Betty using an SMI malaria test to check the young boy to the left. He did have malaria and received the medicine he needed to get better.

In case you were curious...

Our legal name is **Science with a Mission, Inc.** The only letters capitalized are SMI. This is how we get our acronym. (We are not SWAM or SWAMI.)

Welcome to 2012, everyone! May you be a light in the world in which you live.

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