

Science with a Mission, Inc.
“Providing Diagnostics for the Developing World”
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Yes, you are receiving this in 2025...but it is our Q4 newsletter. My bad.

Picnic in the Park



Friends, Food and Fun...need I say more?

It was so nice to spend a beautiful day at Frothingham Park with Science with a Mission partners. Even though this event is planned as a Thank You to supporters...I suspect that **I have the best time of everyone** present. You see there are many folks who are a part of this ministry – but I do not get to see them very often. So spending time catching up on each other’s lives (while munching on a sandwich, chips and cookies) is a blessing to me.



The corn hole competition was serious business

Haiti

Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers. Things are taking longer to get back under control - than most thought. While areas further away from the capital are not as affected by the gang activity – **serious flooding** is adding to the challenges of daily life. Second Mile Haiti is a ministry with 2 locations, providing Malnutrition Centers (for severely underweight children) and Maternity Centers. They are located in the northern part of the country.



Wading through water to receive care

Jenn noted “Today, even though it meant **wading through nearly 2 feet of water**, I watched **58 women walked through our gates** en route to see our midwives for prenatal care.”

FYI: This ministry uses many of our diagnostics in order to screen pregnant women for sexually transmitted infections. Thus, allowing them to be treated – and not pass the infection to their child.



Landslides and muddy roads have caused many delivery trucks to become stranded.

Good News in the Fight Against Cholera



- **More than 1.2 million cholera rapid diagnostic tests will be shipped to 14 countries in largest-ever global deployment, with the first shipment landing in Malawi.**
- **This first official deployment of tests through Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, will improve timely detection and monitoring of outbreaks, effectiveness of vaccination campaigns in response to current outbreaks, and targeting of future preventive vaccination efforts.**
- **The global cholera rapid diagnostic test procurement program is a collaboration between Gavi, WHO, UNICEF, FIND, and other partners.**

This rapid diagnostic test (RDT) for cholera signals the start of a global program that will see millions of tests

distributed to countries at high risk for cholera over the next several months. It is the **largest-ever global deployment** and includes those currently severely impacted by cholera outbreaks, such as Ethiopia, Somalia, Syria, and Zambia. I'm praising God for the incredible impact these diagnostics will have in managing this disease. **This is big, folks!**

Guessing Game

During one particular stretch in the fall - SMI received 8 orders for use in 8 different countries. That was unusual enough to make me want to have a guessing game. Feel free to submit your guesses of those 8 countries. [Put them in chronological order – to help us break any ties.]

Game will run through the month of January. Winner(s) will be announced in our 2025 Q1 newsletter. [Sorry, only 1 guess per person.]

For those that do not already know...I will be heading back to Guatemala on February 2nd. A team of folks from Grace Chapel will be serving with Potter's House Association. This will be my third trip and has become a highlight of my year.

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