# Science with a Mission, Inc. "Providing Diagnostics for the Developing World" Jan/Feb/Mar 2014 Newsletter

#### Malaria Gets Personal

James and Rachael are Assemblies of God missionaries who founded ARISE Haiti ministries in 2008. Recently, Rachael told me about her personal gratitude for our malaria diagnostics:

"We have served in Haiti for 5 years and thanks to God we have been fairly healthy.

In late November I woke up with fever and chills. I tried to carry on, but had severe bone pain. I told my husband (jokingly) I think I have malaria. Within 3 hours the pain was so severe; I called our nurse and had her go get me one of the rapid tests for malaria. It was positive for P. falciparum malaria (so thankful for the sensitivity of the tests). Thanks to God's provision, someone on a previous team had left malaria medication, and it was the exact medication needed to treat that strain. That particular strain is more challenging to treat here, and often goes into cerebral malaria which can be fatal. Without the access to the test, I most likely would not have been able to receive the fast treatment that I needed. Believe me....I thanked God for Science with a Mission MANY times that week as I personally realized how important the testing was.

Blessed by you, Rachael and Arise Haiti medical staff"

### **Child Deaths from Malaria Halved**

I want to be certain you know we are making strides against malaria. Info from the World Health Organization:

"Malaria control has **saved 3.3 million lives** since 2000 – 3 million of them children under 5, according to the **2013 World Malaria Report**, which was published by WHO. Nearly 70 percent of these lives saved were in the 10 countries with the highest malaria burden. This progress against malaria is responsible for fully 20 percent of the reduction in child mortality since 2000 and stands out as one of the **great success stories in global health.**"

#### <u>Thanks</u>

Do you remember the diagnostics we were able to donate to organizations after some of you gave money in a loved one's memory? Your generosity is reaping rewards:



Our ministry is appreciated by many...like those served by Touch a Life in Ghana

### **Cambodia**

Maury-Lynn took her donated diagnostics to Cambodia and served the medical needs of people in very poor villages, like that shown below:



And yet....

...she found happiness amidst the slums.



And remember, the organizations we partner with do not only care about the <u>physical</u> well-being of the folks they see.



One hundred and twenty-six people were baptized in Piopet, Cambodia.

#### <u>Uganda</u>

#### "Hi Alynne-

I just opened your email today and was without words as I read "Paid in full. You owe nothing." It was a bit of an emotional moment to think that someone like you, whom I've never met, would act in such a generous and unexpected way. So, thank you. I'm moved, honored, humbled to be in this place of service. I love the idea of honoring your relatives by serving well, and will certainly send pictures of our time in Uganda. Pray for us if it comes to mind. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for connecting. I am so grateful! Blessings to you, Susan"

## <u>Nepal</u>

"Hi Alynne,

I just got back from a visit to Chaurjhari Mission Hospital... I asked the Lab Technician and also the Administrator, and they both have expressed their gratitude to [SMI] for the lab tests they received through HDCS. If you remember, I left these tests (worth \$5000!) given me by a girl from [Highrock Brookline Church] at the HDCS office in Kathmandu as they were not allowed into India, and some of them found their way to this remote mission hospital instead. The hospital has used up all the tests and wondered if they can have more. The junior doctor and his lab assistant colleague have great faith in them! So I thought I should inform you about this transaction and the great help it has been to the people of this remote area.

I should inform you that when we traveled to get to this place, because all the flights to this place have been cancelled, we had to **walk 5 hours after a grueling 16 hour jeep drive from Kathmandu** and the jeep broke down due to roads damaged by heavy rain.

I thought this news should bring **satisfaction** to you as you strive to serve the Lord Jesus with your efforts! Best wishes, Samson"

I hope all these stories bring **satisfaction** to YOU. Your prayers, financial gifts, donated time, etc. keep this ministry moving forward seeking to be used by God around the globe.

#### Happy 2014 everyone!

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