

Science with a Mission, Inc.
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Ebola

It seems only reasonable that we start with the hottest topic in international health....Ebola. Science with a Mission has been impacted by this outbreak in two different ways. First, we have had several large orders (several thousand tests) canceled as well as other orders which were never even placed due to mission trips to Africa being canceled. We are grateful for the care being exercised by mission agencies around the world to protect volunteers and staff alike. On the flip side, we (with a foundation in TX) have had the opportunity to **ship two large boxes of malaria and typhoid tests directly to Liberia.** You see...malaria, typhoid and Ebola all have similar initial symptoms (including fever, headache, vomiting, muscle ache, etc.). Given the highly infectious nature of Ebola, workers need to determine quickly if a patient needs to be quarantined...but there is no rapid test for Ebola. So by testing anyone with the symptoms listed above for malaria and typhoid, medical staff can more quickly determine if someone may have the Ebola virus. It's a tiny step, but we are happy to be able to help in this way.

Creative and Compassionate

I did not ask permission to share these stories, so I will refer to the individuals as X and Y. (You can file this under choosing to seek forgiveness rather than permission.) Recently X turned 28 years old. Instead of gifts, meals, and cards, she asked her friends to donate money to Science with a Mission for her birthday. Then she used that money to sponsor Steve during the Rodman Ride for Kids – which added another ten percent to the total donation. Woohoo! Then there is Y. Y, along with her fiancé, decided that in lieu of favors for the guests at their wedding, they would donate to two charities that are important to each of them. Y chose SMI. Thanks so

much for your creativity and compassion helping to move this ministry forward.



Sharon and Ted are both medical doctors who specialize in tropical infectious diseases. Above: Sharon with child in Western Africa with mild malaria.



Positive Malaria test (P. falciparum) Western Africa

Flip the page for an answer to prayer...

E-mail received from Peg:

"Thank you so much Alynne! I just got home from Haiti & was setting up a final budget for our team & **praying about our funds**, when I opened this email. **I love surprise blessings!** I will send a thank you to Katie. Blessings, Peg"

Ghana

"I am so grateful to you for all that you have done in spite of the short notice. Please forgive me. Next time I will have to search for the internet access wherever I can to ensure that I give an advance notice to avoid jumping the queue to cause inconvenience to the good work you are doing. **There is going to be an outreach soon at a site that we want to plant a church.** It is my prayer that many will be blessed by the exercise. May the Lord richly bless you. If I am able to take pictures I shall send you copies to see the work going on in Ghana and the people that are being blessed by your kindness. Once again thank you very much. Irene"

Haiti

"...We are seeing 130-140 [patients] a day in a tent that is 105 most of the day. The last 2 days we've had a light crowd which is rare. We saw everyone yesterday which was a delight for me who has to tell them to go home at the end of the day without getting help. **Three accepted Christ yesterday and one today. It makes it all worthwhile.** Blessings to you for the important work you are doing. Those in the field do appreciate it. Sandy"



HIV testing in Haiti

I pass along these next E-mails as the words of thanks belong to you just as much as to me:

"Dear Alynne, abundant blessings to you and yours! Thank you so much for everything you do!

My name is Rob ... and I just wanted to say how much of a joy your enthusiasm and caring has been! I've been reading all the emails but haven't yet said thank you. THANK YOU!

Our dear friend and partner, Kyirsty, who will graduate from nursing school next month, will travel to volunteer in India immediately after, and **the diagnostic tools are what she's most excited about.** I'm cc'ing Kyirsty, and we will make sure to gather as much feedback and reporting as possible to share back. Please let me know if a tax deductible receipt or anything else we could do might be of help. Thank you again! Rob"

Can you name each language (without help from the internet)?

"Thank You, Tack, Danke, Cheers!, Obrigado, Merci, Kiitos, Takk, Спасибо, ありがとう, iGracias
Dennis"

I'll leave you with the blessing I received from Dennis:

"Thanks for all your help. You are amazing. **May your week be blessed with an increase in your awareness of the presence of the Father, and a great increase in Joy and Peace.**"

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