



Blessings All Around

Let the people praise you O God; Let the peoples praise Thee. Then the land will yield its harvest; and God, our God will bless us. Psalm 67:5-6

There have been many new and exciting happenings at Healing Touch Burn Clinic these past few months. All of the awareness I have been doing at the hospitals in Jos seems to be paying off, as we have had many new patients referred for pressure garments. This is a great encouragement and spurs me on to continue to do more seminars and visits to other hospitals in the surrounding areas. As well as burns, we have also had patients referred with various problems like varicose veins and skin grafts for severe wounds, who can also benefit from pressure garments. I am looking forward to hearing the patients' comments and seeing what benefit the garments will have for them.

The most exciting moment happened this month, as one of my patients stopped by the clinic to see me. He has worn his pressure garment for nine months for a burn he sustained on his left arm and back of his neck. When he removed his pressure garment, there were no scars on his arm or neck. I jumped for joy! What a blessing for this boy who could have been scarred for life.

On another day a group of four people stopped by the clinic and wanted to see what was inside. They said that as they were walking by they saw the sign board and wanted to know what pressure garments would do for burns. I explained what pressure garments were and showed them some sample garments. They said they have a ten year-old boy who had been burned and was receiving treatment at a hospital. I told them to return when all the dressings were finished and I would fit him for a pressure garment. They handed me some literature before they left and I realized they were Jehovah Witnesses. This might be more than just an opportunity to provide a pressure garment, but also a chance to share about Christ. There are M*slims, Jehovah Witnesses and unbelievers who will come to Healing Touch and that provides some great opportunities to share about Christ.



Pressure garment for skin graft on her foot

One part of Gidan Bege (House of Hope) ministry is reaching out to handicapped people by providing them with wheelchairs. We had the privilege of giving out wheelchairs to six people who were victims of polio or other injuries that left them unable to walk. A team from Ireland was visiting here and they donated the money to buy the wheelchairs. They were also at the program to present the wheelchairs. It was great to see the smiles on the peoples' faces as they climbed into their



wheelchairs. What a blessing for them to be able to get around without having to crawl on the ground or be carried by a family member. I spent most of my time there adjusting the leg rests on the wheelchairs as most of them were too high or too low for their feet to reach. After sharing a word from scripture, we prayed for them and watched them roll away pushing themselves in their wheelchair. It is not just the one who receives that is blessed, but also the one who gives.



Doctor from Irish team presenting wheelchairs

A Miracle of Survival



Sarah and Rachel

I met these two sweet girls in the hospital after receiving a referral for therapy for Rachel. It was then that I heard their sad but miraculous story. Their family was attacked in their home by men wielding guns and knives intending to kill all of them. Their father was killed, their mother was shot in the leg, Sarah was shot in the foot and Rachel was slashed down the neck and her arm was broken. It is a miracle that the three of them survived especially Rachel, as her injuries were so severe. Sarah and her mother healed fairly quickly and were able to go home, but Rachel had to remain in the hospital for a long time due to the deep gash in her neck and the surgery on her arm. Because Rachel had a deep wound on her arm, she had to have an external fixator put on her arm to stabilize the bones so the wound could be cleaned and dressed. These are two strong girls. They would give me a smile when I came to their room even though they were injured and had been through a horrible trauma. When Rachel was finally able to be discharged, the bill was very expensive and the family was still paying the remainder of the bill for Sarah's hospitalization. I was happy to assist them and pay part of the bill. Rachel will come to see me for hand therapy when the external fixator is removed.

This is just one of the many stories of families who have been attacked while in their homes. The major crisis of attacks in large market areas and government buildings has calmed now, but these random silent killings, men attacking one house in the area, killing everyone in the house and then leaving, are still occurring. We praise God for saving the lives of these two girls and their mother. Pray for continued healing for this family and the many other families that have been victims of these attacks. Pray also for peace and that these killings will cease.

Praise:

- The wonderful way God is working through the Burn Garment Clinic.
- God saved the lives of Rachel, Sarah and their mother.
- Continued connections with other hospitals around Jos.
- Positive responses from the patients about the burn garments.
- We praise God that Joel has finished wearing his burn garment and has no scars on his arm.

Prayer Request:

- Pray for City Ministries as we are under financial strain and now is the time to buy grains and Christmas clothes/shoes for the children.
- Pray for me as I continue to set up seminars to increase the awareness for the burn garment clinic.
- Pray for Iyabo as she learns better ways to sew the burn garments.
- Pray that the burn clinic will be a means to share the gospel.
- Pray for a Nigerian Physical Therapist for the hospital.
- Pray for all the preparations for our annual SIM Spiritual Life Conference in January. Pray that it will be a good time of fellowship, rest and spiritual renewal.

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