

SEPTEMBER 4, 2024 UPDATE

“SPIRITUAL EYES ARE OPENED”



We love hosting teams from different countries with different denominations but all sharing the love of Christ. The world will believe and know that Jesus was sent by our Heavenly Father to save them when we come together as one. We have one God and Father, one Lord, one Spirit, one faith and we are all one body. Last July we hosted a short term team with members from Mexico and Atlanta. The Lord blessed the work of their hands. Many



who were spiritually blind can now see and have confessed that Jesus is the Savior and He is the way, the truth and the life. For some it was their first opportunity and might very well be their last chance to hear the good news of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Words cannot adequately describe the expressions on the faces of the patients who were completely blind but after the surgery and they were able to see again. During the surgeries the patients have the opportunity to listen to the scrip-



tures in their own language. We thank God for Renew Outreach Ministries for developing the audio bibles. This medical outreach will be one to be remembered for a lifetime. Dr. Luz (Light) came from Chihuahua, Mexico to train the clinical workers at Bethany Village how to perform pterygia surgery! Dr. Luz is very passionate in her calling from God to go into developing nations and teach them how to perform pterygia surgery. She is one of the best in

her field and is a very capable and competent instructor. This means that after the clinical workers have completed the training, patients in need of this type of surgery will no longer have to wait for a medical short-term team to come to Ghana to get the help they need. More than 800 patients were served and a hundred cataracts and pterygia surgeries were preformed.

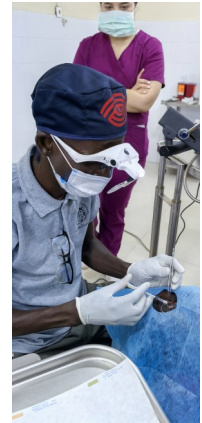


Dr. Javier Castillo, Juan Carlos, and Ada Elizabeth have become very dear to us and consider them family. They have been faithful throughout the years and has been a part of every team from Mexico. May the Lord reward them greatly for their faithfulness and their desire to see everyone come into the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The medical team exemplified tender care for each patient. Dr. Edgar has joined this faithful team. Dr. Edgar heard the call of God to go into all the nations while in elementary school. This was his first trip to Africa.



The Gospel is presented before each patient is served.

Little did Joseph know when he joined the ministry team of Alabaster Project that one day he would perform eye surgeries. →→



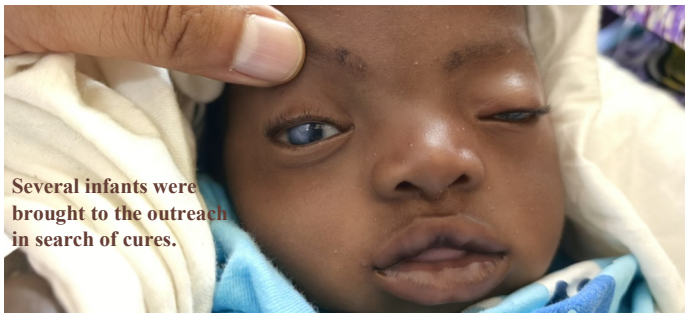
It was exciting to be able to host Josh and Raina Bray and their daughters, Bethany, and Audry. We have known this family for more than twenty years and God put it on their heart and our heart to have them serve with us in Ghana. Josh is the director of Safehouse Outreach where we served with Josh's father, Philip Bray, bringing hope and restoration to the homeless of metro Atlanta for ten years before going to world missions.

Long-time friend, Lee Blich, volunteered to come and help us with the various ministries of Alabaster Project. As a retired law enforcement officer, he provided added



security and helped in the dental and eye care clinics. Lee has been to Ghana on three different occasions. He enjoyed the discipleship meetings in the various villages where we all learn practical ways of applying God's word to our daily living, which in fact, is what life is all about.





Several infants were brought to the outreach in search of cures.



We pray for the infants that help can be provided for them.

OBEDIENCE

For the past ten years whenever the dental clinic would run out of anesthesia, Dr. Eric Duncan would frequently send us an email asking, "Do you need any anesthesia?"



We are sure God is speaking to him on our behalf. Thank God for faithful servants who hear and obey the voice of God.



OUR FAMILY IS INCREASING

God has increased us by giving us another granddaughter. Baby Eliana is the first child of John and Esther who serve God in North Africa. She is our first grandchild to be born in the Sahara Desert. Eliana is a sweet baby who is just content to just sleep despite daily temperatures above 100 degrees. Her name means, "Oath of God and God has favored me". What a blessing to see our children having children of their own.



By God's grace, the work of making disciples continues in North Africa. One of the leaders of the community has agreed to meet and hear the teachings of Christ.

The solar panels have been installed for the dental and eye clinic. This is such a blessing as there is not much electricity where we live. In addition, a 5,000 gallon water tank has been purchased and installed to insure clean water is available for the clinic. *Please continue to pray and we will see a mighty harvest of those appointed for salvation. Amen.*





Dr. Castillo's mother and aunt, Lidia and Sonia Velázquez Flores had dreamed for years of serving in Africa finally saw their dream come true. They came to Ghana and witnessed the love of Christ to those who had not heard of His mercy and grace. It was a joy to have them come and help us. Lidia not only worked in the clinic but she, who is an excellent cook, also helped with the preparation of the meals.

THANK YOU!!

We thank everyone for their prayers and support which is making a difference in the Kingdom of God. May the Lord bless you with everlasting mercy and grace for the love you have towards those who have not heard. May all your needs be provided to you and your posterity. Amen.

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