

MISSION POSSIBLE

With Hearts of Gratitude

*“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus”
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Medical Clinic Is Growing



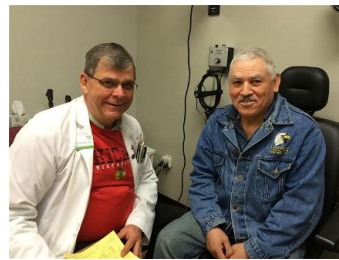
We have never had a waiting list for our medical clinics until just recently. One tends to think that the Affordable Health Care Act has everyone covered, but this is far from true. While the poorest have been blessed by Medicaid coverage, those who are just above the 125% of poverty line are still unable to afford insurance on the exchanges. It remains cheaper to pay the fine at tax time than to afford the monthly premiums - even with the available subsidies. **Dr. Ken Kavanaugh** and some pre-med students from Wheaton College have helped lead the way to 252 medical visits.

600th Hygiene Visit



Thanks to volunteers like **Anne Raynor, Patty Edwards, and Calli Willet**, we are excited to report over 660 patients have received free dental hygiene services to date. We praise God for the countless teeth being saved, infections thwarted, and all the severe gum disease that is being reversed. Overall, the demand for services in our dental clinic remains at an all time high. Our patients are still averaging about a year on the wait list before their first appointment. Adding the second dental chair has been tremendously helpful but we still need more volunteers. Help us spread the word!

400th Vision Patient



Dr. Chuck Dunning (pictured above) has been a regular part of our vision team for nearly three years now. But with the recent addition of **Dr. Michael Sperlakis** and **Dr. Carla Adams** to our growing eye care team, we are now able to see more patients than ever before. To date, we have now been able to provide 423 exams and 321 pair of prescription glasses to those in need. A large majority of our patients have never seen an eye doctor or have been without glasses for years. It is incredibly rewarding and a huge blessing when those new glasses arrive and they can see clearly for the first time in a long time.

13,500 Pounds and Counting



Now in the third season, the **Garden of Hope / Jardin De L'Esperanza** is well underway with help from community partners including: Wheatland Salem, Christ Community, First Presbyterian, Harvest Bible Chapel, Community 4:12, Grace Community, Luz Divina, The Edge Church, Anglican Church of the Resurrection (Wheaton), Community Christian, Aurora Christian High School, plus the Radius and Riverwood Camps. By September, 13,500 pounds of fresh produce will have been made available to those within walking distance. Evangelism and prayer opportunities are increasing every week.

Holistically Meeting Human Needs in Christ's Name

FIRST FRIDAYS: SUPPORTING CHRISTIAN ART AND MUSIC



MEET MISSION POSSIBLE FIRST FRIDAY ARTISTS AND MUSICIANS

Nancy Gatfield and **Stefanie Anderson** were the feature artists for our May event. Both showed their poured acrylics while Nancy displayed her masterful pastels and Stefanie featured her large display of gospel centered ceramics. These ladies represent Lord of Life and Grace Point churches.

Also on May 1, **Pastor Ivan Truman** and **Tim Fowlks** from Grace Community Church in Yorkville were certainly rocking the smooth sounds of West Virginia folk worship. The banjo, auto harp, and acoustic guitar brought out the toe tapping and foot stomping in everyone that attended.

Both recent graduates of the American Academy of Art in Chicago, **Jess Bryant** and **Nick Podraza** brought the best of their recent works on June 5. It was a blessing to celebrate the gifts the Lord has given these young Christian artists as they begin their foray into new careers in the art world.

Representing Grace Point Church in Naperville, **Dr. Everton Walters** brought an entertaining night of gospel worship for our June event. The very large crowd enjoyed the inspirational and melodic tones of one of Jamaica's best gospel artists. His love of the Lord was contagious!

ACT LIKE MEN CONFERENCE

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In January, our board of directors unanimously voted to send a handful of the men for whom we care to the Chicago Act Like Men conference in June at the historic Moody Church. Originally thought of as an opportunity to encourage a few of our "recovery" patrons in their walk with Jesus, it actually turned out to be a time of refreshing and renewal for patron and volunteer alike. Half of the twelve men attending were actually regular volunteers of Mission Possible. This shows, once again, that God had plans of which we know nothing (Jeremiah 33:3). Each of the men attending spoke of a moment of impact over the course of the two day event. These are commonly called "mountain top experiences." One of the men even went forward on Friday night to firm up his profession of faith in Jesus for the forgiveness of sin and the hope of eternity with Him! We praise God for what He did and what He will continue to do in each of their lives. Though the mountain tops are glorious (and valleys of life are sometimes excruciating), they are but only momentary. Since reality reveals that life is really lived out in the foothills, please pray that the all the men would be able to apply and live out what they learned at this very special event every day in the trenches of their Christian walk. This was an incredibly unique and wonderful opportunity to encourage these men on their journey towards leading God glorifying lives. We hope there will be more like it to come!

Support our vision with your prayers and/or donations!

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