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"And Elijah took the child...and delivered him to his mother." (I Kings 17:23)

I hate ordering shots for kids. You could, maybe, count on one hand, for sure two, the number of kids who receive injections at our clinic in any year. Those children are really sick. Three-year-old Widjina was one of

them. I could hear her screaming from the time she arrived before 6:30 am. She had a high fever, shrieked with movement of her head or legs, and refused to let me examine her belly. I often ask God for wisdom, and this time correct first treatment was urgently important. We gave her medications for malaria and possible meningitis (the shot), and two hours later the fever was breaking, she was sitting quietly in her mother's arms, and finally let me examine her. Over the next week I treated her for pneumonia and possible typhoid fever, and at the end of that time she was playing and eating well. I discharged her to the care of her mother, who was praising God for the healing of her daughter. These people are Christians from a very rural area about an hour south of here. Because you prayed, God gave wisdom and a mother has her healthy child at home.



S.L. is an elderly man who came with congestive heart failure that he had neglected. He could barely sleep, even when sitting up, because he was so short of breath. He felt much better after losing more than 20% of his body weight in excess fluid and taking other needed medications. Neither he nor his wife are believers. Because you prayed, S.L. is alive, and both of these people are hearing the Gospel at each return visit.

Everything does not always turn out the way we hope. Some problems require advanced testing or special treatment that is not available in the entire region. People are not always honest about what treatment they have already received (medical or voodoo), or they do not know the names of the medications. I suspect some problems would stump doctors in developed nations. But because you pray, God blesses His Word and the medications, and we can do more than we think possible.

**Praise** This has been one of the worst years I can remember for upper respiratory infections. Our patients have all gotten better, for which we praise God.

I am grateful to work with a staff that listens to the patients and then tells me the things that the patients forgot or did not think important. I enjoy sharing medical knowledge, and my workers have learned. We are in the process of making the property more level. A man with a tractor got much of the work done in one day, and a small crew is working to finish the job.

**Projects** I am asking God for His direction about a possible large project. I would like to have an answer about whether to go ahead or not by the end of June.

**Prayer** It is already very hot here. We have been working in 90-degree heat, and the temperatures in the building stay in the mid-80's most of the night. It is not always easy to be patient when people are vague about their symptoms or think I can't be speaking Creole because I am white. (That does have its funny moments.) The challenge is greater on days when we have 17-20 new consultations in addition to 25 return visit patients. Please pray for grace and patience with people who want to rattle off a list of problems and get prescriptions—don't bother them with questions. But that didn't work already, which is why they are coming to me!

"When we work, we work. When we pray, God works." Thank you for being a partner in the ministry here through your prayer support!

In our Lord's service,

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"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8)
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