

# Those Peculiar Johnsons

I Peter 2:9 "...You are God's peculiar people..." • Spring 2017

**No one knows whose womb holds the chief!** *African Proverb*

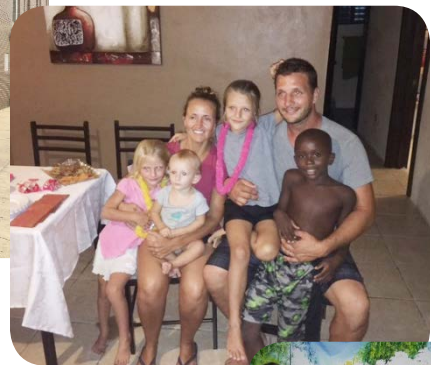
## What Happens When?

**What Happens When...**God's people with passion in Philadelphia meet Men With Vision from Marion, Indiana? Miriam Medical Clinics gains momentum. With this momentum, MMC will open the second site of service by August/September 2017. Tasker Street Missionary Baptist Church has provided the space to broaden the outreach and increase the impact of providing healthcare in Christ's name. MWV has agreed to provide the professional expertise and to work alongside our other partners—the Travis Manyon Foundation, Via Laulima Architects, and Equal Access Legal Services.

To date, we have over 1,700 patient visits with dental, podiatric, and medical care provided. In addition, we provide counseling for cigarette cessation, screening for behavioral illnesses, and healthcare for citizens returning from prison and halfway houses. We have also sponsored a series of community health clinical conferences and Sunday health moments at our supporting churches. We have had two successful fundraising banquets that have raised support for and awareness of the work of MMC. There is growing awareness of our presence and purpose; that's **What Happens When** vision meets passion.



**What Happens When...**God's same people with passion travel to work with a committed family in Haiti? We have yet another chance to make a difference in the lives of thousands of people for Christ. In February of this year, a team representing eight Philadelphia churches and one Los Angeles church performed a survey of the work of the Jason and Amanda Stolfus family. They have served in Haiti for over 10 years, helping before the earthquake in 2010 and during Hurricane Matthew in 2016. Their work includes agricultural development and rebuilding houses destroyed by these natural disasters. During our brief visit, we offered medical care for some common illnesses, which served to underscore that there are long-term commitments needed to support this family and the work God has given them. Please pray with us as we pursue how we can do more to help them. The commitment of the Stolfus family makes us even more passionate for this call of Christ.



**What Happens When...**God's people with passion visit men with purpose who are incarcerated? We get to see again just how those imprisoned behind bars can be free in Christ. Our most recent visit was to a maximum security prison housing over 3,400 souls for a variety of convictions. We found several men guilty—guilty of loving Jesus and proclaiming Him. As we closed our visit with a hymn and a prayer, one of the men told us that they were told they would be "written up" for disturbance. It upset us. He then said, "That's the way it is." Their purpose is to make Christ known in a closely watched and hostile environment. Ours is to encourage them with the passionate love of the Savior.

**What Happens When** those who have been blessed with education invest with those who are learning. Dr.'s Sterling and Michael Johnson made career day presentations to Kington Primary School's eager, restless and some doubtful minds. The K-8th graders were made aware of the value of an education and the myriad professional and employment opportunities available to those who are prepared for the future.

Just imagine **What Happens When** God keeps a husband and wife together for 40 years with purpose, passion, and vision. Our Creator God has allowed us to serve Him together in ways we could have never imagined. In the process, He has transformed us and the lives of people around us. We thank Him for bringing you alongside of us in these multiple venues, ministries, callings, and years. The question now is: **What Happens Next?**

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