

Those Peculiar Johnsons

1 Peter 2:9 "...You are God's peculiar people..." • Summer 2015

No one knows whose womb holds the chief! African Proverb

Miriam Medical Clinics, Inc. Open for Business...Looking for Help

And Jesus went about all Galilee...healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. (Matthew 4:23)

It is really official now and we're excited. Miriam Medical Clinics, Inc., is open and we are looking for help. Since our opening in September 2014, we have provided service to almost 200 people for a wide variety of medical issues. Our volunteer staff includes two physicians, one pharmacist, and one nurse and administrator. We have hired one part-time receptionist and are preparing to hire our first professional medical staff. Between renovating the 900 square feet of space and sourcing equipment from Goodwill, Mission Aid, and others, we never have any real downtime. We are fully operational with an electronic medical record system called Practice Fusion, which works well, but, best of all, it is free. Advancing toward service remote to the clinic, we're incorporating telemedicine as well as partnering with visiting nurses to conduct home visits. Quite a switch from the traditional model of healthcare! But then, we've stepped out of the norm before (sort of like that guy we're following).

In all of this, though, we've kept our expenses down as much as possible, our biggest outlay being rent paid to Berean Baptist Church and liability coverage. Smaller expenses include office supplies, phone and internet services, and medical supplies.

One might ask why we are looking for help. What kind of help do we need? The answer is: we want to provide better full-round services to our patient population. Our intent is to be literally one stop to fulfill all of the medical needs,

many of which spill over into socioeconomic issues—simple things it would seem, such as keeping the lights and water on for families on fixed (or no) income so there is no conflict in deciding whether to buy medicines, groceries, or keep the lights on.

Helping find affordable diagnostic centers for laboratory, X-rays, pharmacies, and gaining access to appropriate consultants require much more effort than our skeleton crew can provide. Yet for nine months we've managed. So we are open for business, and this is why we need help. We need

- Nurses
- Social Workers
- Dental Hygienists
- Diabetic Teachers/Nutritionists
- Counselors
- Fund Raisers/Grant Writers

We are on our way to contributing to a higher level of healthcare in Philadelphia. But in order for this to be fully implemented, we need your prayers. We are keeping in mind, above all, that this is Jesus' ministry.

We are hosting our first annual fundraising banquet on Saturday, October 3, 2015. We are asking you to contribute to the success of Miriam by giving. We need to raise \$100,000 to meet our objectives for 2015-2016. With your help, we can do it.

Out of Nazareth

This ministry continues to challenge us and our church community. With an ever-increasing number of Returning Citizens, we find it very difficult to begin to understand the

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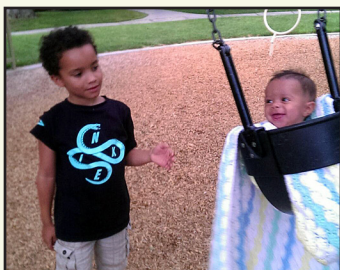
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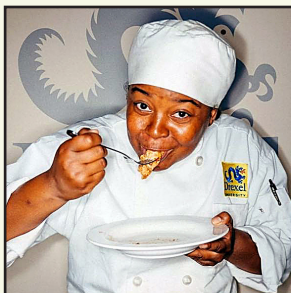
very bleak prospects they face for being a normal part of their families or society. We are working with several other churches to enhance our prison visits and provide transportation to family members who have loved ones behind bars. Some have not visited in years or decades. This continues to enhance the mission outreach of our churches.

The Only Thing Constant Is Change



Our family continues to grow and, by God's grace, prosper. Elijah and Jennifer gave birth to Tyson Michael on March 23, 2015. Elijah's surgical practice is doing well. Jennifer works as a nurse in one of the Vegas area hospitals and Levi is learning the joy of having a brother.

Keturah Ruth graduated from Drexel University on June 12, 2015 with a BS in Hospitality Management and Culinary. She is working full-time at one of the major airlines and working as a teaching assistant at Drexel University two evenings a week.



Christina enjoys her work at a medical billing auditing firm and gives a loving hand to mentoring and loving her nieces.

Emmanuel and Talisi are busy raising their three daughters, Tyra, Kaylee, and Alicia, while they both work full-time jobs.

Kay spends her time between Miriam Medical as office manager and church treasurer for our local congregation. Her favorite of all is babysitting.



I work part time as a primary care physician and as a volunteer to Miriam Medical. My favorite, of course, is still reading and writing.

In Christ,
Michael,
for all of those Peculiar Johnsons

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