

# Those Peculiar Johnsons

I Peter 2:9 "...You are God's peculiar people..." • December 2015

No one knows whose womb holds the chief! African Proverb



## By His Grace and With Your Gifts, 2015 was wonderful!

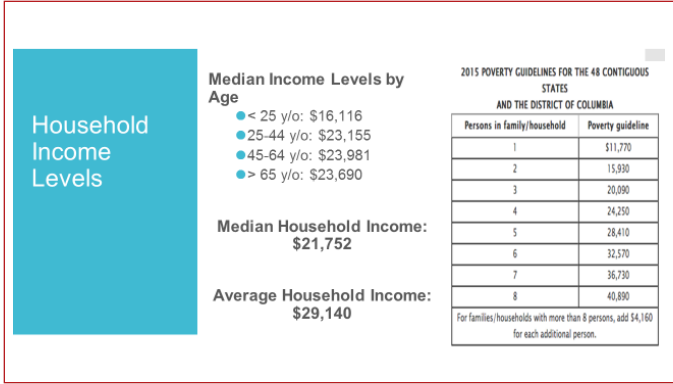
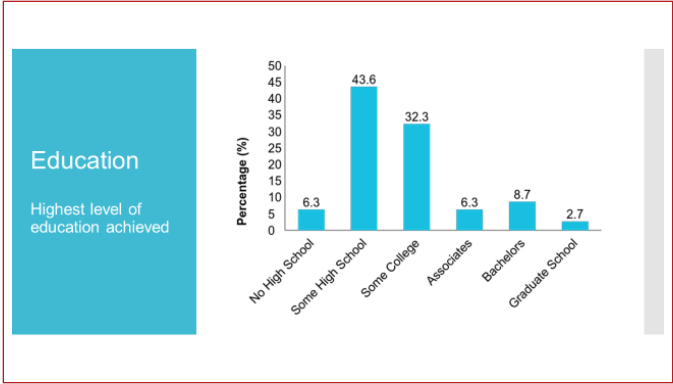


Inside and outside of Miriam Medical Clinics

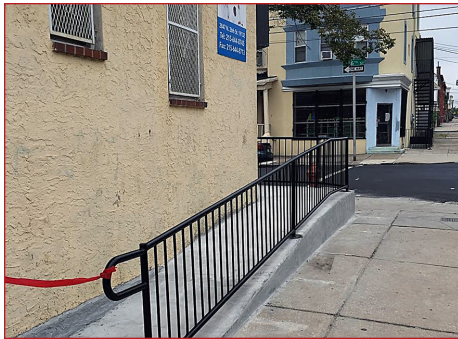
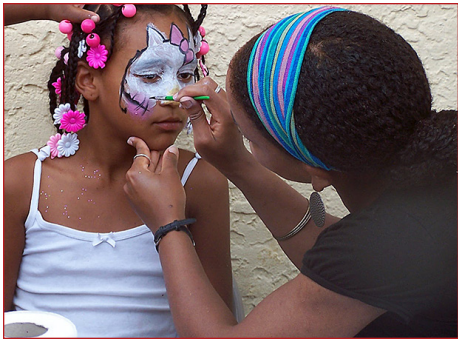
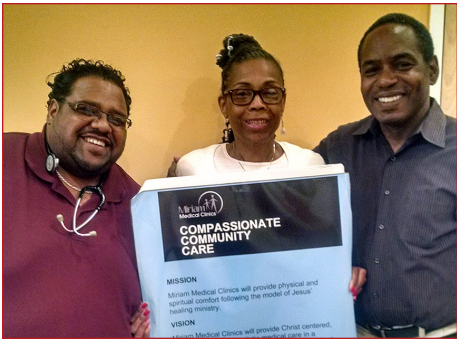
With your gifts and by His grace, 2015 was a year of service. Miriam Medical Clinics held its first annual banquet and its second street fair this year to continue our outreach to the community we serve. We are in the 19132 Zip Code of Philadelphia. It has the distinction of being one of the poorest communities in the city and nation. To quote the city's own statistics:

Philadelphia is home to 5 medical schools and over 80 hospitals and health centers, yet numerous barriers to health care access remain, including the cost of care, uninsurance and underinsurance, limited primary care capacity, and disparate geographic availability of services.

Philadelphia is the poorest of the 10 largest cities in the U.S. with nearly 1 out of 3 of all residents and nearly 2 out of 5 children living below the poverty line. [http://www.phila.gov/health/pdfs/CHAreport\\_52114\\_final.pdf](http://www.phila.gov/health/pdfs/CHAreport_52114_final.pdf)



These statistics show the stark reality of the people we serve. We look on them with the compassion of Christ, not the judgment of men. Below are some pictures of our volunteers and the community. We have installed a new ramp to accommodate the disabled.







We provide primary health care, on average for 18 patients per week. We now have a volunteer podiatrist once per month and will have the services of a volunteer dentist by the beginning of 2016.

We visited men in prison and helped their families visit as well. The family members are encouraged by our willingness to provide transportation and take time to go with them as they visit their loved ones. It is helping to grow the vision of the church by reaching those whom many of us would consider unworthy of Christ. But then again, neither are we.



We were part of saving dozens of lives within the womb. The Hope Pregnancy Center Philadelphia is not part of WGM, but I serve as the medical director. We need your help at [www.philadelphiapregnancy.org](http://www.philadelphiapregnancy.org).

Here is one testimony from a mother. “The ultrasound I saw of my baby completely changed my world. Up until that point, I was able to tell myself that it was nothing but a “bag of cells” and that abortion would be an easy solution to my problems. But once I saw and heard the heartbeat, I knew without a doubt it was a life and abortion was no longer an option.” – “Anita,” HOPE client whose baby will celebrate his first Christmas this year

Like so many of our clients, “Anita” came to the HOPE Center seriously considering an abortion. However, her and her baby’s lives were changed by the compassion and hope she found at HOPE. Through counseling, ultrasound education, and other supportive resources, we empowered her to understand the sanctity of *both* their lives.

At 18 weeks, the baby can hear the mother’s voice.



We ministered health care and helped advance the gospel of Christ to over 800 Haitians during our visit to Haiti early this year. This outreach was done in conjunction with several churches in the Philadelphia area. We purchased, sorted, and counted the medications as well as mobilized the volunteers for this trip.

**By His Grace and With Your Gifts, 2016 will be another prosperous year in Christ.**



In Christ,  
Michael,  
for all of those Peculiar Johnsons



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