

THOSE PECULIAR JOHNSONS

1 Peter 2:9 "...You are God's peculiar people..."
No one knows whose womb holds the chief! —African Proverb



"DID YOU TELL HIM GOODBYE?"

That was the rhetorical question my colleague asked me. I had been speaking of a man I picked up who was begging on the streets and had asked me to drop him off at a homeless shelter. He got into the car and told me of his recent hospital discharge for pneumonia.

It was a short ride. The aroma and the other parts of the story made it seem long.

At the shelter, a crowd stood waiting for the doors to open. It was cloudy and cold. Tattered layers of clothing would offer extra comfort in the crowded sleeping areas. Personal hygiene was a problem. Clustered, people shared body heat and viral and bacterial infections by coughing.

Did I tell him goodbye?

I had left him in a place where he might suffer a more serious illness than the one for which he had been treated.

Miriam Medical Clinics is vital for serving the poor. We cannot diminish pandemic, but we can address illnesses that weaken the immune systems.

WE ARE BUILDING

Miriam Medical Clinics is on the move, and we are building on several fronts. We are building a team. These are the team members of Miriam Medical Clinics.

Our administrative team is growing.

Meet Carolyn King, our website coordinator. You can see her work at www.miriammedical.org. Carolyn brings over 30 years of combined service and experience as a computer scientist and professor for the Department of Defense, several Maryland Universities, and Public Schools. Currently she serves as an adjunct associate professor in the University of Maryland's Information Systems Department. Volunteering at her local homeless shelter and supporting the Miriam Medical Center's website are among her many philanthropic activities.



Carolyn King



Kay Johnson

Kay Johnson is the MMC administrator. Kay brings over 30 years of experience in health-care administration both here in the US and in Kenya. Her expertise includes planning and developing support for existing agencies that serve the underserved.



Jackie Exum, RN

Jackie Exum, RN, is the MMC volunteer coordinator. Jackie has both international and local experience in helping those who cannot help themselves. She oversees the mission outreach, traveling to Africa, Haiti, and Cuba with her local church and coordinates visiting women's prisons in Pennsylvania.

Neil Pitts, Pharm. D., is the MMC executive officer and has over 30 years of experience serving the underserved in Kenya, Haiti, and Philadelphia. Neil's experience includes clinical research pharmacology, teaching at pharmacy and medical schools in Philadelphia, and coordinating the rotation of students at MMC.

Hima Potluri is a medical graduate with an interest in public health and serving the community. She has set up health camps on the island of St. Kitts and in New Jersey, where she helps provide healthcare to newly arrived elderly immigrants. She is a former president of the AMSA.

Michael Johnson, MD, is the medical director and has over 35 years of experience in working with those who have few resources for life. This includes 20 years in Kenya and several ventures into Haiti. MMC is a natural outgrowth and continuation of the services he helped provide in those nations.



(From left to right): Neil Pitts, Pharm. D.; Hima Potluri; Michael Johnson, MD

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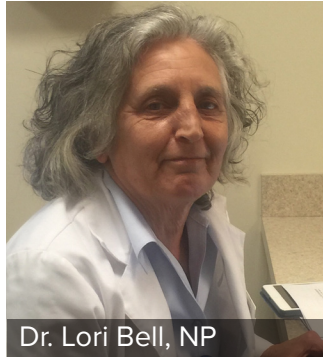
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Dr. Kia D. West is a family medicine doctor in Feasterville, Pennsylvania. She received her medical degree from Howard University College of Medicine and has been in practice between 11–20 years. She specializes in nutrition and obesity management.



Dr. Lori Bell, NP, has both international and nationwide experience of 40 years. She has worked as a nurse educator, an advanced practice nurse, and a public health professional with US and international experience. She has expertise in clinical care of all ages, teaching, capacity building, training, monitoring and evaluation. She also has a talent for analysis and creative solutions in low-resource environments.



Dr. Akili H. Debrady is a family medicine doctor in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and is affiliated with Chestnut Hill Hospital. He received his medical degree from Temple University School of Medicine and has been in practice between 11–20 years.



Patricia Imms, RN, is a clinical research coordinator and psychiatric nurse with the University of Pennsylvania Center for the Treatment and Study of Anxiety. She has practiced as a psychiatric nurse for over 30 years and has conducted clinical research in depressive and anxiety disorders for the past 20 years. Recognized as an expert in patient relations, counseling and behavioral issues, she brings vital resources to address psychiatric disorders often overlooked in our communities.



Wema Debrady is one of our new volunteers with Miriam Medical. She has worked as a physician assistant in the several hospitals in the US and overseas in many countries recently, working with women and educating them about breast self-exams and blood pressure screenings.



Jennifer Glusman, MAT, is a third-year medical student at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) and a new liaison for Miriam Medical Clinics. Jenny was a high school science teacher on the south side of Chicago for three years before starting medical school. She is dedicated to increasing health care access in underserved communities, such as those in west and north Philadelphia. She does this through her work as the senior director of the PCOM student-run clinic, which sets up pop-up clinics that provide primary care to residents of four local homeless shelters on a monthly basis.

We are building a network, and medical schools are taking notice. We are building a reputation, and communities are taking notice. Miriam continues to host community clinical conferences discussing a variety of issues from mental health, substance abuse, and heart disease to sexually-transmitted diseases.

Dr. Gerald Devaughn, cardiologist, and Wayne Kenney, behavioral therapist and addiction counselor, are both contributors to Miriam Medical Clinics' Community Conference.



This is the team you are building at Miriam Medical Clinics. We ask you to continue to support this effort as we renovate our second site in South Philadelphia. **We are still short another \$40,000 for completion.**



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