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Prayer Requests:

- Safety for Drs. Tom and Karen as they travel to clinics and hospitals.
- An easy clearance and speedy unloading of the two containers from WAEMM/Arms around Africa/ Christian Relief
- Wisdom as we are presented with the many problems of the 12 hospitals and the 30 clinic members of CHASL.
- Continued prayers for good health for Ruth Pierson and Grace Payne.

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A New Position and New Challenges



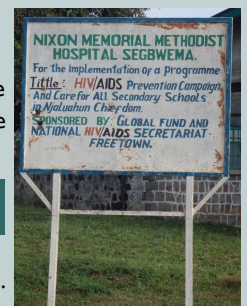
Kissy UMC

Scripture talks about a time for everything. Often we like to stay with what is familiar and comfortable. But sometimes, there is a need for change. Rather than fear the change, we should embrace it. Especially if it is sent from above. Our four years at KWH have been challenging but they have left us with wonderful memories. In that time, we also met many other healthcare professionals from Sierra Leone. Probably the most influential was the staff from CHASL (Christian Health Association of Sierra Leone), They helped us understand that although our work at Kamakwie might be completed, our work in Sierra Leone was far from done. CHASL has 12 hospitals and many clinics. KWH is only one of these hospitals and the needs at all of them is great. Some have doctors, many of which have not had a vacation day in many years. Some don't even have doctors. All of them need supplies and medications. All would like training in areas they feel they need help with. Most of them need some type of help with power. All of them would like guests who would come along side the staff and help in nursing, in administration and in assisting their physicians. At every facility we visit they express the needs they have. Many we can help with. Many we just pray that the Lord will bring partners to WAEMM, who can help. Thousands of patients depend on these medical facilities every day. Most are located in areas where there is no government hospital. The patients come expecting the faith based institution to care



Panguma Hospital

For them and their families. Often the patients have nothing to pay for the services. More obstetric deliveries are done in the faith based hospitals than in the government hospitals. They come because the caregivers treat them with the love of Jesus.



Nixon Memorial Methodist Hospital

Upcoming Projects

Even before we arrived and fully understood the scope of our new position, help was on its way. In early June two forty foot containers were loaded by the WAEMM, Arms Around Africa, Christian Relief and Through These Hands volunteers. The containers contain medical supplies, medications, and the electrical supplies to install a 7 KVA solar system at Panguma Hospital. The four hospitals chosen to receive these two containers of supplies were Kissy UMC Hospital, Panguma Hospital (Catholic/UMC), Nixon Memorial Methodist Hospital and Kamakwie Wesleyan Hospital. There will be some supplies for all the hospitals and clinics. Future shipments will be designated for other facilities as we have the time to visit them and have them express their needs. Christian Relief and MAP international are sending a 20 ft. container of medications next month. The clearing of all these items will be handled by CHASL and all clearing costs will be paid for by donations to WAEMM. Special thanks to Bolt Express for shipping from Toledo to PA.





The Jesus film showing in many Sierra Leone tribal languages. Now also available in Fula!

If you want to hear a story about how God has worked in the ministry, check out our blog at <http://waemm.wordpress.com/>

We are new to this blogging but will try to give more updates on a weekly basis!

We're on the Web!

www.waemm.com
Donations can be made through the web site or by mailing contributions to WAEMM

New Development in Evangelism

Recently, while in the US, we were in Florida. I have never believed in coincidence, choosing rather to believe each encounter and each circumstance has a purpose. In Sierra Leone, although English is the national language, most people actually converse in Krio, a type of broken English. And many people in the provinces where we work can only communicate in their tribal languages. We had often wished the Jesus film was available in Fula but had been told by Global Partners that it was not available. While in Florida, we were looking for something to do that was less expensive than Mickey Land and found the Jesus film project. We toured the facility, even getting to try our hand at reading for a translation, and found that indeed Fula was available. We were happy to bring this version to the hospital chaplains along with all the other tribal languages. Then on Sunday we went to visit Lakeland Wesleyan Church and met missionaries there from Michigan who were taking audio bibles to people all over the world in their "heart" language, or the language they pray in. After some investigation we found that the Krio language is available for the whole new testament. Most people in Sierra Leone can read some English but have a difficult time truly understanding it, and Krio is not read by many, it is a spoken language. These units are about the size of a cell phone, and have a built in solar panel for charging. The person can choose the book, verse and chapter they want to study. Each unit costs \$35. It can be attached to a small solar powered speaker for an addition \$10. Can you imagine the difference this will make for new Christians who have met Christ through the Jesus film and go back to their villages to study the word?

Our Newest CHASL Contacts and Their Needs

Kamakwie Wesleyan Hospital - They request help with medical supplies and medications. They request help mentoring their new doctor. Although we will be doing this while we are in Sierra Leone, when we go back to the US for Aug. -Sept to raise our support, he will again be alone. If there are physicians, especially surgeons and OB's who would be willing to work with him please contact Mr. Brimah Samura hcm673@yahoo.com

Panguma Hospital - They request coverage for their doctor while he takes a holiday every three months. Drs. Tom and Karen will be doing this starting next week. They request training in ultrasound. They request medical supplies and medications. They request visits from a dentist. When the solar is in, they would like simple laboratory equipment and training to run it.

Nixon Hospital - They request specialists in surgery, orthopedics and OB. They request that Drs. Tom and Karen come and help their overburdened single physician whenever possible. They have a nurses school and the principal, Mr. Vandy requests nurses to come to teach and to mentor. They need carpenters, electricians and plumbers to help upgrade their guest housing and wards. They request medical supplies and more trained staff.

Kissy UMC Hospital - They request the help of the Asher's and any other physicians who can help. They have just built a new maternity and pediatric hospital and request more training for their staff in these areas. They request supplies for the hospital. They request medical equipment.

All hospitals request biomedical repairman and pastors willing to come and help their chaplains.

Asher Family Update

Marc graduated from WVU in May. This was the first time the entire family (with the addition of two lovely girlfriends) was together. We had a wonderful time. Marc is now studying for his LSATs and will apply for law school.

Matt is working for WVU engineering dept. this summer. He will be a Junior this fall.

Mimi and Chris are well. Mimi is still teaching in Wisconsin and enjoys her four year olds.

Please continue to pray for our family as we are so far apart.

Every day we pray for you, our prayer and financial supporters. We are very aware that none of this would be possible without you and we are so very thankful. God bless you! Drs. Thomas and Karen Asher