

REACH INTERNATIONAL HEALTHCARE AND TRAINING, INC.

Reaching the Isolated and Impoverished with Medical Care

Sharing Christ's love through sacrificial service



July 2011



We need your PRAYERS

Sam has been experiencing some major health problems for some time, which became

quite urgent at the end of June. After a series of tests and consultations with both Filipino doctors and U.S. doctors, Sam was advised to go as quickly as possible to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN for further evaluation. Due to Sam's weakened state it was even necessary for us to request a wheelchair to meet us at the plane upon arrival at every airport along the way. We flew directly into Minneapolis, MN on Tues., July 5. We rejoice that God already was at work to prepare our way – as He had connected us with doctors from Mayo at the conference we went to in Thailand last Feb. One allowed us to stay at his house during our time in Rochester and the other set up the appointments for Sam's evaluation at Mayo Clinic.

After many tests (and **many dollars**), the conclusion of the Mayo clinic work-up for Sam is:

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Our AMAZING Staff/Team

Is carrying on the work - just as if we were there. Having been well trained by us already, they are experts in teaching the healthcare worker classes, seeing patients during clinics (and referring out

the ones whom they are unable to treat), taking care of the office and of course every one of them sees this as a ministry to those in need, following the example of Christ to share His love - both by word and deed.

With our Vonage phone and email, we can communicate with them weekly. We're proud of them, they are doing an incredible job and we have peace taking the time we need here in the U.S. for Sam to recover. (See their field report from last week, July 11-15, 2011 below).

We very much need your continued support for them to carry-on. There are many people who are counting on our Reach Team being in their communities as already scheduled - beyond this year.



Field Report

By: **Jordan Boado, R.N.**
Team Leader

Monday July 11, 2011 The team moved out early and traveled to Tinoto, Maasim, Sarangani Province to work with the office of the Governor – providing a free Medical Outreach Clinic there. The team assisted in taking vital signs, with our four (U.S.) interns gaining experience and skills in that area, while our three nurses saw patients

with the assistance (and supervision as needed) of Dr. Lasaro of the Philippine National Police (PNP). That day we saw more than 500 patients. We stayed at the Kaspala Hall (the guest house at the government offices at the capitol of Sarangani Province) that evening.

Early morning Tuesday July 12 (Through Thurs, July 14) to the mountain village of Datal Angas, Alabel, Sarangani of the Integrated Brgy. Defense Force (IBDF). 125 people

The training went well as the participants were able to theoretical and practical in as understandable a way as able to teach and participate as well. After training hours, close game and although we lost, the team enjoyed the



the team traveled to a trail where we hiked for 2½ hours Province and taught First Aid Training there to members joined us during the training.

learn new ideas, information, and drills that were both possible. The 4 interns who are here from the U.S. were the team joined a friendly volleyball competition. It was a game and so did the crowd.

It rained very hard during those days and made the road was nearly impassable, with dangerous slopes, curves, and drift lines. We were warned that we might have to wait a little longer before we could go home. Good thing after two days, God give us bright sunlight that dried the road a little bit. With skill and persistence, Pastor Ian was able to conquer the muddy road, and truly God protected us along the way until we reached home.



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(Dr. Sam) Cont...

The conclusion of the Mayo clinic work-up for Sam is:

Secondary to his unusual sleep disorder and worsening of his sleep, missionary stresses, and self imposed fast pace for many years, Sam's health has deteriorated to the place that he had evidence of declined health in multiple body systems.

Fortunately his major systems are beginning to heal and his thorough checkup at Mayo Clinic indicates an expected full recovery. However he was informed that this will take 6 months to 2 years.

He is on a doctor ordered planned routine to get his body systems (including - and especially - sleep) back to their normal state. He is on strict orders to limit his activities over the next 6 months (possibly longer) and will need to return to Mayo Clinic at the end of August to check on his progress.

We will stay in the U.S. for 6 months while Sam follows the doctor's orders and recuperates. We plan to return to the Philippines at the first of January, if all goes well.

A statement from our U.S. Board:

We, the Board of Directors, greet you in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We are thankful that Dr. Sam and Sherri and Lindsey are able to return to the States to pursue ongoing health care for Dr. Sam and much-needed rest and recuperation for the next 6 months.

We write to you to urge and encourage you to continue to pray and support the Evans family and the ongoing ministry in Mindanao, Philippines. Without the vision that God has given Dr. Sam and Sherri, to establish and maintain the program there, the ministry would be at a standstill.

It is essential that their support continues while they are here in the states to allow the work to go on. We also realize that their expenses will increase with their medical costs, so we ask you to prayerfully consider "enlarging your territory" by increasing your giving and support.

From Dr. Pete Hutchinson (who has come to work with Sam a number of times on short-term trips):

"Dr Evans is invaluable to God's work on the Island of Mindanao (Philippines). His skill set makes him uniquely qualified to fill this important role. His SURGICAL SKILLS are EXCELLENT and ON PAR with ANY SURGEON I HAVE WORKED WITH. I would encourage everyone who is supporting the Evans' ministry to lift Dr. Sam in prayer and also to prayerfully consider financial support at this time."

Sincerely, Dr. Peter Hutchinson
Medical Director, Cascade Valley Hospital EMERGENCY
Department, Arlington, WA

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PNWU Med. Student at their school in Washington

Visitors & Interns

In June we were blessed and greatly encouraged by a visit from Dr. Anthony Sheplay from California, who came to work with us for 2 weeks. He was one of the Drs who saw Sam's health failing and strongly encouraged Sam to come to

the U.S. for further evaluation.

While he was with us, a GREAT group of 11 med. Students from PNWU (Pacific Northwest University in



PNWU Med Students with Dr. Sam & our Reach Team and the Governor of Sarangani Prov., Phil.

Washington State) came to do a short 2-week internship with us.

Two weeks after the PNWU group left, 4 more interns (pre-med) arrived, led by Michael Pattison (a graduate of Faith Academy Davao – where our daughter, Lindsey, goes to school). Sam was able to spend the morning doing some teaching with them before we left for the U.S. Our team is continuing their internship in our absence, and the reports we're getting are GOOD!



Flora Mae was fitted with a new leg brace The 2nd week of this month (July) – as was discussed between Sam and the chief Philippine Ortho. Doc. This will help her leg heal more correctly. Rev. Ian and Nen Otbot, on our staff, are caring for Flora Mae and Rico during our absence.

Thank you, again for your prayers and support!

Dr. Sam & Sherri Evans

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