



2023 Year in Review



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A glimpse at what your support made possible:

As a result of your generosity and support, not only have I had the opportunity to continue caring for palliative care patients and reaching the group that I am passionate about being a voice for, but I have also been able to start a community art program. One to two times per month 12 to 25 women are gathering to be creative together. While to some this may not seem like much, it is a novel opportunity for these women and it builds community, grows confidence, and inevitably has added health benefits. It has allowed me to build new relationships and play a different role in my life and community. This has encouraged me and strengthened me to keep pressing on. I'm excited to see how this group continues to grow and develop.

A word that came to mind while visiting a palliative care patient that seems to stick with my team and me is perseverance. We stick with ill individuals sometimes for many, many years. As a team, we try to think of and implement everything we possibly can to enhance the quality of life for those on our census. This includes nutritional supplements, art activities, lotions that we mix, song and dance, medications, and vitamins. Once in a while, we get a glimpse that there's a miracle in the mix of all our caring, and all the striving to add quality to lives. This happened once this year, I felt the Lord say to me, "Your perseverance is what has made her well." It's not easy but we will continue to persevere and it's these that we'll keep being a voice for (Proverbs 31:8-9).



Our challenges of 2023

The healthcare system in developing countries is shockingly complicated, difficult, and dysfunctional. This makes our job in working with the system very difficult—information is not well shared, patient education rarely occurs, and a low level of medication compliance or health knowledge keeps people from understanding what is best for their health and well-being. It seems that only by God's grace some people do recover and healing occurs. It

makes us, as a team, depend on the Lord deeply as many of the people we work with don't understand deeply why recommendations are made or what is best for their loved ones.

Please Pray

- Please pray for strength and wisdom as we work in the healthcare system. May we be the ones with the patience to teach, care, listen, and advise.
- Please pray for us as a family as there is much to juggle between ministry, homeschooling, and all the other demands of being seen as a missionary in this culture.
- May this year be a year where I can grow closer to the heart of God, know his deep love for me, and give out of the overflow in my own heart.



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