

Science with a Mission, Inc.
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Yikes, I'm late!

I had a minor cold for about 10 days and did not want to give it to my volunteers (who are mainly over 70 years old) so I was doing all the assembly work alone. I was able to keep up with all the orders that came in but I ran our inventory down to almost nothing. I still thought we'd be okay as my volunteers came back two weeks ago...BUT in the next 2 days we received orders for more tests than we usually sell in one month. Sooo, we've been focusing hard on assembly work and NOT writing the newsletter and NOT writing thank you notes from donations NOT getting year-end statements out to our monthly supporters. But that is changing now. Thanks for your patience. Here is our latest update...

Niger (Northern Africa)

"Greetings Alynne!

I wanted to give you a quick update on our medical mission that was in Niger. We did 6 days of clinic and were able to see **over 2,600 people** between **medical and eye care exams**. We saw more malaria this year than we have seen in the last 5 years. We used all of the tests that we had and used most of our malaria treatments that we had purchased in Niger.

Once again, **your tests were so valuable to us** and to the people we were serving. I am so thankful for the amazing team of people that came to serve with me this year. They were fantastic.

We had one case of malaria that was a young girl, probably 10 or 11 years old.

She was so ill that her family brought her to us on a donkey cart.



Patient arriving on a donkey cart

When I got to the cart I could find only a faint pulse and very shallow breathing. Her eyes had already rolled back into her head. We **prayed over her** and then brought the malaria test to the donkey cart to check her for malaria. She was a positive case. We then moved her quickly to our table inside the clinic where a team member was able to get in an IV line for fluids. One of my doctors was able to give her a quick shot of anti-nausea meds and we let her rest. With a half-liter of fluids in her, we gave her the first dose of her malaria treatment.

Four hours later we gave her the second treatment. Then 2 hours later she was sitting up and smiling. She returned to the clinic the next day to share with us that **she was healed**. It truly was a miracle. She was literally back from near death. **We were all Praising God.**

The second photo [next page] is of her return to the clinic the following day. She and I are hugging in the background of the photo.



Thank you so much for your amazing tests! They are truly a gift to us as we work in this malaria riddled country. Blessings,
Amy”

My response: As soon as I read Amy’s E-mail, I stopped what I was doing and gave thanks to God – for sparing that little girl’s life, for Amy and her heart for the people of Niger, for her team, for access to medicine, etc. etc. I don’t know about you, but I ABSOLUTELY LOVE hearing stories like this!

Notes from Around the World

“Oh goodness. I just got back to this email. What a gift! Thank you for covering this cost. I can pretty much guarantee that we will use some of these tests, but we pray for God’s protection particularly from the severe cerebral malaria. May your blessing be multiplied! Thanks, Kacie”

“Thank you so much!!

What a blessing. I will send a thank you when I return from Haiti. Hopefully I will have stories of specific blessings.
Julie”

“Malaria tests arrived this last weekend - THANK YOU! We have been using more than usual as a result of the new chikungunya fever that has struck in force. LOTS of high fevers although not the typical shaking chills of malaria. Very similar to dengue but shorter lasting thankfully. Sandy”

We shipped an order for 90 malaria tests to be taken to The Gambia. This marks the 71st different country where our tests have been used. Another group wrote and let us know they are building a lab in Benin in 2016. They hope to supply it with our diagnostics in the future...so country number 72 may be just around the corner.

Quilts and Crafts

Our Quilt Show and Craft Fair will be at the Covenant Congregational Church (North Easton) on Saturday April 2nd. The cost is \$5 to view all the quilts in the sanctuary. The Craft Fair is free and located downstairs in the multi-purpose room.

For more information about the Quilt Show, please contact Hazel Hayes at 508-238-0202 or hohaz@verizon.net. For questions or to request an application to rent a table at the Craft Fair, please contact Carole Giberti at 508-238-0002 or cgiberti@verizon.net.

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