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MOMENTUM

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EMAS Canada is authorized by Jesus Christ to proclaim God's love to all the world. EMAS Canada has always had momentum.

Momentum = Mass x Velocity

It is the tendency of an object in motion to continue moving in the same direction. For EMAS Canada, gaining momentum is an ever increasing number of **Christ-centered healthcare teams proclaiming God's love to all the world through healing and teaching.** God's love, is EMAS lingo for the Gospel of Jesus Christ (John 3:16).

We are committed to seeing more and more teams with ever increasing skill and competence reaching more and more people. We believe our calling is to all the world. For over 65 years we have operated from Canadian bases doing short term missions and cultivating long-term relationships with national partners abroad.

We see positive changes around us, for example, many countries where we work now have more healthcare professionals, giving us opportunity to embed the EMAS Vision in those countries. This means more and more of our colleagues becoming workers for the kingdom among their own people and to their neighbors. Increasing the number of workers (Mass) will please Jesus Christ (Matt. 9:35-38). It will also increase the rapidity of access to the Gospel



(Velocity) through His all year round presence in, and availability through national workers. God's operational bases spreading across the globe.

We are recruiting and training and mobilizing more teams in Canada for opportunities in Africa, Asia Pacific and the Caribbean Islands. We are renewing our focus on teaching and enabling national healthcare professionals to do what we are doing.

We want to see ***“the Gospel bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world”*** (Col.1:6) The Lord's message ringing out and known everywhere (I Thess.1:8-10.) The Colossians learned about God's love from one of their own. The Thessalonian disciples of Jesus spread His message to their neighbors and into Macedonia, such examples inspire us in our capacity building to

pass on a passion for the Gospel and mentoring others in skills for mission.

We have Divine approval for our actions (Matt.28:18-20), we are compelled by Christ's command and propelled by His promise, therefore we are resolute in our mission. The Gospel of Jesus Christ, is a definite pronouncement by God (Isaiah 9:1-7). God always implements His pronouncements. This is the kind of thing He has zeal for..... Increasing our momentum.

As you read stories, in the following pages, about God increasing our momentum please join this exciting movement by giving to our **Overseas Ministry Support Fund.**

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All scripture references are from the NIV Bible (2011)

USING OUR TALENTS TO BLESS OTHERS IN ZIMBABWE

By Dr. Ajit Vargis

HEALING THROUGH DENTISTRY

I ask myself after every mission trip, “Why did God choose to put me where I am?”

When I see the need in Zimbabwe the same question arises, and my answer is: The Lord blesses and gives talents to all and they are to be used to love and bless others.

The opportunity to live in Canada, travel and be a witness for Jesus Christ while providing physical healing through dental care is my blessing. Dentistry is my talent.

I visited Zimbabwe in April, 2015 leading an EMAS team. It was a scouting trip to assess the need for dental care at Karanda Mission Hospital. The team provided dental care, general surgery and participated in leading a Vacation Bible School (VBS) for the youth from the hospital and surrounding community.

The team of nine included my assistant, a surgeon, an anaesthetist, four support workers and Dr. Agwa of EMAS Canada.

The need for dental care at Karanda is dire. Seeing the severity of advanced but treatable disease with rotten teeth and associated abscess formation was heartbreaking for the whole team. Knowing that patients had endured such pain, as in some cases for two years, was distressing. Due to poverty, and inaccessibility of dental care, most of the population choose local remedies and live with pain and swelling while complications develop.

One particular young man needed removal of his wisdom tooth and had



Photo: VBS KIDS PROGRAM

The children at Karanda were on a semester break, so we put together a VBS-style children's program.

been suffering with pain for almost 18 months. Without X-rays, limited equipment and much sympathy I saw the urgent need to help this patient. After about an hour, and having already removed three of the four wisdom teeth, the bottom right side tooth was not willing to come out. I worked for another 15-20 minutes, sensing frustration and facing possible defeat, I stopped, turned to the wall behind me and silently prayed for help.

It is amazing when our God, Creator of everything helps, in the next ten minutes we were done and the patient, my assistant and I said, “Hallelujah.” All I could think of was to praise God for His blessings. Seeing gratitude in his eyes and accepting the warm hug of thanks, filled my heart with the joy of serving and being a witness for Christ.

In eight days my assistant and I were able to provide dental care to over

340 people with many stories of how God made all this possible. Even so, we did not scratch the surface of the dental needs at Karanda.

In all this, I am thankful that God gave me the talent of dentistry, in order to heal and teach in His name.

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BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST IN THIS WORLD

Dr. James Yeung

This is my third year of attending EMAS' Ningxia team, the first as a certified physician. The last time I attended was ten years ago. One thing that caught my attention that I hadn't noticed before were the sheer number of Muslim mosques in every city. Every small town we visited, the largest building was often a mosque. I was reminded that still after 25 years of ministry in this region, there are so many who do not know of the name of Jesus.

The Lord stirred in my heart compassion for the people of Ningxia. It reminded me of the story in Matthew 9 when Jesus looked on the crowds and had compassion on them, for they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

On a day off, in a small town, a few of the younger team members wandered around the city to buy some fruit from the local market. While there, we stumbled across a blind man who was sitting at the footsteps of a large Muslim mosque. He seemed disgruntled and was making various groaning noises. Presumably he was

a beggar. Our team members paused and gave him some water to drink. While doing so, our team members felt God's call to do more than this. We walked through the local market to buy him more fruit, water, and a new pair of shoes. We prayed together before deciding to give him these items.

When we approached him to talk to him, he covered his ears and didn't want anyone to talk to him. Somewhat perplexed, we simply handed him the goods. Then as we did so, one of our team members decided to start singing a hymn to him. His demeanor quickly changed. His abrasive attitude subsided and a smile came across his face. As he rummaged through the items, he found the pair of shoes and his overwhelming joy was shown as he gave a hearty laugh.

While this story may seem ordinary and could possibly happen in any inner city across North America, I was particularly struck by the idea that we were bringing God's kingdom to a place of darkness. We were being the hands and feet of Christ at the footsteps of a Muslim mosque. This image is stuck in my mind of God's call for us to bring His kingdom here on earth today.

While there was no spiritual conversion on the spot or healing from his blindness, we prayed and continue to pray that God would reveal Himself to this man so that he can see and know the One who created him.

Will you consider being the hands and feet of Christ by bringing God's kingdom here on earth wherever God calls you?



Photo: The blind man's new shoes

WE ARE GROWING

Philippines:

This multidisciplinary exploratory team is for a hospital based mission. It will be providing healthcare with opportunities for clinical teaching in February 2016.

Nigeria:

Neonatal resuscitation teaching team. Experience in pediatrics, Midwifery and/or pediatric nursing necessary. BLS and NALS certification are valued. Team will train RNs, midwives, traditional birth attendants and junior doctors. Date to be fixed in consultation with team members.

South Sudan:

Teaching team of MDs, RNs and PAs for the National Institute of Health Sciences, Jonglei. Based in Kampala, teaching will be in English to a class of about 50 Sudanese nursing, midwifery and clinical officer students. Course work is both didactic and bedside. Will include lessons in foundations of the Christian faith and skills for integrating Christian witness into clinical situations. Spring 2016 dates will be fixed in consultation with team members.

Zimbabwe:

This multidisciplinary exploratory team is for a hospital based mission scheduled for March 2016. It will be evaluating potential for collaboration with the health ministries of the Reformed Church in Zimbabwe through its hospitals in Masvingo District.

For more information on our exploratory initiatives please contact Dr. Peter Agwa
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HOPE AND HEALING IN CHINA SOUTH

By Dr. Lawrence Lau

In May this year, 72 members, of the EMAS China South team traveled to Yunnan to bring hope and healing to patients in remote mountainous regions in China. The team consisted of surgeons, anesthesiologists, nurses, pharmacists, an occupational therapist and a physiotherapist who performed 49 operations. Together they brought hope to these patients, most of whom were children who were suffering from burns, congenital deformities, cleft palate, cleft lips, trauma, cancer and other diseases. Surgery not only improved their daily function, it transformed their lives from total dependence on others to becoming productive members of society. They are often despised because of their disfigurement and disabilities, and therefore surgery not only heals their physical bodies, it also gives them back their self-esteem and dignity.

Your support enabled us to provide more care for these patients which also has a tremendous impact on the families, relieving them from the burden of medical cost and freeing them to return to work.

We helped a small child who should have received cleft lip surgery soon after birth, but the family could not afford it. He was malnourished because he was unable to eat and chew properly. The surgery has greatly improved his nutritional status and we expect him to catch up with his growth very soon.



Photos: Before and After surgery

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UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

VIETNAM

Oct. 17 - Nov. 1, 2015

CHINA SOUTH MEDICAL

Nov. 2 - 12, 2015

CHINA SOUTH SURGICAL

Nov. 8 - 21, 2015 (Surgery)
Nov. 15 - 27, 2015 (Post-Op)

CHINA EAST

Oct. 30 - Nov. 14, 2015 (Urban)
Nov. 6 - 14, 2015 (Rural)

GUANGDONG

Nov. 7 - 13, 2015

MYANMAR (Hong Kong)

Nov. 8 - 16, 2015

Thank You for praying for these teams as they serve. For more dates go to: <http://www.emascanada.org/join-us/upcoming/>

GIVE THE GIFT OF SERVICE

If you would like to volunteer to go on an EMAS missions trip there are several opportunities available to serve with our teams to heal and teach in a Christ-like manner.

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