

# EMAS SARY

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## CONSECRATED FOR PARTNERSHIP

God can enable us to give even when we do not have enough.

Early Macedonian Christians were not wealthy people, but when they heard about an opportunity to help others, **their first action was to dedicate themselves to God**, then with joy and urgent pleas insisted on giving.

David, a wealthy king, gave massive amounts of gold from “personal treasures” for the temple his son would build. David involved the nation in fundraising for the construction **by inviting people to consecrate themselves to God**.

Consecrating oneself to God is the first step to His partnership. If I first put myself at God’s disposal for sacred work, I gain the confidence to ask Him to supply for that work. If it is clear to me that **He is my Partner**, I am confident that I will not be “out of

pocket” by giving to or doing the work He shares with me.

When David reflected on Whom he was giving gold to for the building, he realized that he had given nothing, except what he had gotten from God. In fact, David could have given more if he had asked God for more to give.

God gives resources in proportion to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus, so that always, having everything we need, we can be conduits of His generosity. Therefore, **IMMANUEL**, in practical terms means in Him the eternal and infinite source of every good thing including eternal life is with us.

It is my prayer that after reading this page you will consecrate yourself to God for partnership with Him in 2025.

May you find joy and gratitude reading

the following pages, in learning how your consecration and partnership have been a blessing.

May God be with you, as He always has been.

On behalf of us all,  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Dr. Peter Agwa  
Executive Director.



*Key Bible texts: 1 Kings 17, 1 Chronicles 29, 2 Corinthians 8 & 9, Philippians 4*

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Photo courtesy China South Surgical Team, Physiotherapy during exploratory trip 2024

# ABOUNDING GRACE

In 2024 we encountered God's abounding grace in many tangible ways.

In May, we told you about the **China South** Team's trip to **Tanzania** which is laying the foundation for more service there as well as in **Cambodia**, these exploratory trips are ongoing as God leads us. Our Karanda team (**Zimbabwe**) encouraged Pastors and are planning next steps.

The latest updates from **Burkina Faso** team is that the site blueprints are ready for the prospective construction of the medical facility in Songdin, however, of concern is a reliable water source. Please continue to pray for this vital resource.

The Gambade Medical Clinic in **Haiti** has seen over 7,000 patients since the opening in March 20, 2023. The staff continues to offer excellent curative and preventative services to the community and to the surrounding areas. **The Starfish Program** for malnourished children continues to be a blessing serving about 75 children diagnosed with moderate to severe malnutrition.

Please pray for our **Haiti** partners in Port-au-Prince as they navigate tremendous challenges because of the local gang activity. Your contribution helps to offer education and food to 150 children living in poverty at the epicenter of gang violence. The needs remain urgent.

In **Myanmar**, Typhoon Yagi hit hard, particularly in the cities of Naypyidaw, Taungoo, and Kalaw. Our partner on the ground and our local volunteer teams spent more than six weeks travelling to hard-to-reach villages to deliver aid and medical assistance to flood victims and local churches.

The **China West** Team sent a

*Compiled by Melony Teague*

Medical and dental team to Mongolia, the team reported God's faithfulness once again.

"When the mission team arrived at Chinggis Khan city in **Mongolia**, the local hospital was not ready to have the team serve there." Said team leader Dr. Wang. "Our alternative was to serve in the local church. However, some team members were concerned about their licenses to serve in the church."

Dr. Wang reported that on the same afternoon, the local government asked them to serve the prisoners in the local jail, which they did. The next day, the government minister personally guaranteed that the team could serve in the church and the local hospital would be ready to welcome the team next year. Dr. Vincent Wang said, "God made a way where there seemed to be no way."

Dr. Tham and the **China East** Team thank God for the opportunity to finally be able to provide financial support for an employment skills training program designed to equip and employ individuals with cognitive and mental health disabilities, with an aim to promote social advocacy. Dr. Tham reported that the doors were finally opened to allow the EMAS Stimulus Grant (set up in 2022) to be used in this

Photo Myanmar team below, Typhoon relief



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way. The money will be used by the Program (many of the members Christian) to develop and expand their foundations such that they can raise internal awareness for the needs of such programs in the country and self-sufficiency for their model of training and care.

In addition, Dr. Tham highlighted the recent EMAS Mental Health Virtual Rounds where team members gave presentations to host sites with 3 sessions in November, 2024. "In many ways," he said, "this is a continuation of virtual conferences given in 2020 and 2022. We praise the Lord that over the years of missions into China, we have developed close friendships among the allied health professionals and doctors that are helping to arrange this opportunity to maintain contact despite the COVID pandemic and current



Photo: Zimbabwe, 2024 Gutu Workshop attendees at Gutu Mission Hospital

uncertainty around traveling into China as a team.”

Virtual presentations provided an opportunity to reach many with the lectures and interactive sharing. The presentations in 2022 were broadcast to over 4000 people! This speaks to the potential of using this technology.

The Dental Mission to **Honduras** is in conjunction with World Gospel Mission School in Catacamas. The mission attends to dental needs of the children and residents of the surrounding area. We're able to do preventative and basic restorative treatment in a clinic that is on the school property. We work as part of the outreach of the WGM program. The dental visits help show Christian love and concern for the whole person's wellbeing.

Over the years, we have heard stories of the impact of the outreach of the school and the changed lives. The dental mission, although a small part of the school outreach, has been a much appreciated part meeting the needs of the under privileged and showing the love of God. Dr. Robert Clark recalls the following:

“One individual comes to mind on our last trip. I was told that he was withdrawn and never smiling. I had him in for several visits and was able to restore his broken dentition. We were told he hasn't stopped smiling since. This demonstration of care allows

witnessing opportunities for the local missionaries.”

As for their plans for 2026, he says, “Our small dental team is hoping to expand to include doctors and nurses and to do outreach to the local villages. We have been told of the needs in the area and are looking to have a small team to explore those needs.” If you would like to volunteer, please contact the EMAS Canada office.

A successful 2024 Ride for Gutu Mission Hospital raised funds for another obstetric and neonatal care workshops facilitated at Gutu Mission Hospital in **Zimbabwe**. For the first time the program was led, supervised, and fully coordinated by our partners; and taught by Gutu Mission Hospital midwives who we trained in previous workshops over the past two years. “When I feared we would not have enough funds to pay the national doctors who supervise our training program in Zimbabwe, the lead obstetrician offered to serve for all 4 days pro bono including costs of travel.” Dr. Peter Agwa said, “We were able to raise enough funds for this year's program so everyone got fair compensation on time.”

Dr. Philip and Dr. Nancy Wood visit **DR Congo** each year to complement our support of post-graduate Congolese students who are earning either a Masters or a PhD. In January 2024, Dr. Philip and Dr. Nancy Wood saw God intervene

in a smooth transition through customs at Bunia airport on their arrival. “We sensed the Lord's protection on our computers as we did not burn out any chargers this year although we had burned out 4 the year before,” said Dr. Nancy Wood.

The pair drove more than 1000km in the city to church and on a few visits without accidents, even returning home after dark once or twice. Without streetlights, it is difficult to see people walking or riding a bike on rural roads. “During our time in DR Congo to encourage, we had 31 special meals with colleagues and one for students we support, and we had 31 personal mentoring sessions with staff of the college or hospital who want to go on with the LORD,” said Dr. Nancy Wood. In addition to the Woods, there is a team on the ground who appreciate knowing that they are loved and helped in various ways, especially through prayers.

A Medical and Dental team has just returned from Bali, **Indonesia** to serve those in need there.

Operation Esperanza, a team who have been serving for over 25 years, had another successful trip this year providing life-changing hip and knee surgeries to those in need in **Ecuador**. Another **Vietnam** and **Cambodia** Team trip is scheduled for early 2025.

We are grateful for God's grace and we are thankful for your support and commitment to serving those in need.

Keep checking our website, as more details are released at

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# NEWS FROM THE OFFICE



Photo: Chi Mandivenga

In **September, 2024**, we welcomed Chishuvo (Chi) Mandivenga to our staff as Administrative Assistant. She has volunteered on our Zimbabwe teams since 2015 and joins EMAS Canada after six years at Sick Kids Hospital where she has been a project manager with extensive experience in Africa. She will manage our national office and support the Executive Director and Board during our strategic planning and its implementation into 2025.

Thank you to all who supported the **RIDE FOR GUTU MISSION HOSPITAL 2024**. The two-day ride from Dundas to Port Dover and back in September raised just over \$55,000 in support of Gutu Mission Hospital. Improvements to the water supply to the maternity wing are already underway. (Photo right)

For more information go to: [www.ride.emascanada.org](http://www.ride.emascanada.org)



The EMAS Myanmar team hosted a **WALK/CYCLE FOR MYANMAR** on September 21st and raised just over \$11,000 to support our partners in Myanmar.

If you would like to volunteer to serve with EMAS Canada there are several opportunities available, including serving on the EMAS Canada Board. To volunteer, please connect with Peter Agwa: [peter@emascanada.org](mailto:peter@emascanada.org)

## PLEASE NOTE:

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