2016
The Year in Review

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From The President

Radiating Hope in the Middle East

Today, the Great Physician continues to move and live through the lives of hundreds of thousands of his disciples in the land he once called home. In more than 18 H.O.M.E. clinics and hospitals from Beirut to Baghdad, from Amman to Cairo, the Great Physician is moving in the Middle East. Through His gracious, loving pierced hands, He is touching the lives and the hearts of many, giving hope to the hopeless and life abundant to those who are dying.

As you read through the following pages, you will get a glimpse of what HOME is: the spirit of healing grace and reconciliation that flows through godly healthcare professionals, reaching out with the Lord’s healing touch to the suffering, offering His Cure of loving kindness.

With warm gratitude for your partnership,

Issam Raad, MD, FACP, FIDSA, FSHEA
H.O.M.E. in Iraq
Relief Amid the Rubble

The situation in Baghdad is still unstable. When the Iraqi army began liberating Fallujah, a new flow of hundreds of refugees came into Baghdad. Our team from the Grace Clinic went to West Baghdad close to Bzaibez Bridge, the only escape exit for the refugees coming from Fallujah, to check on the families who live there in extremely poor conditions. After introducing themselves and through a lot of negotiations, they finally got the approval to take a few families to live in the nearby Rasheed camp.

The families moved to the Rasheed camp, and immediately Grace Clinic looked into their basic needs, food, clothes and medicine. Ahmad told our team that he and his family nearly died on that bridge. They had no food for two days and things were going from bad to worst. But he said: "Now I found what the difference is between your people and our people, between darkness and light. Our people want to kill, but you want to save and help ..." he kept repeating this as he hugged the doctor and all the team.

Praise God who is using our team as tools to show God's love and mercy to all people irrespective of racial and religious background...for "God is love".
In February, H.O.M.E. was asked to provide nursing education for the staff of Mauritania’s oncology hospital as well as education for La Hospital de la Fraternidad, which is a H.O.M.E. hospital directed by one of our doctors. A 4-day oncology conference was held in the capital city at the oncology hospital and a 2-day infectious disease conference at La Hospital de la Fraternidad. Outlines and curriculum were developed with the help of nurses, physicians, mid-level providers and infection control staff at MD Anderson Cancer Center, in Texas, USA.

The H.O.M.E. team prepared certificates to give out at the end of the training and the hospital decided to do a closing ceremony in which the mayor, the US Ambassador’s representative, and other government and community leaders attended. God is good and continues to amaze H.O.M.E. with the work He is doing and the things He allows us to be a part of. The doors He has opened in areas of the world we thought were impossible to be reached is amazing. As we feel that He has chosen to give H.O.M.E. great favor with government officials and hospitals in the region and for that, we are so thankful!
H.O.M.E. in the West Bank
Reaching the Suffering with Love

Our West Bank Field Director Dr. George Kawaneh reports:
We are thankful to the Lord for HOME supporting this work in the West Bank. Our ministry is growing and with new depths. Challenges are always there but we trust the Lord who is above all. We recently had an eye clinic for three days: a clinic in the morning followed by home visits in the afternoon. This allowed us to follow up with the families especially the new ones. The beneficiaries from the clinic were around 350 people as we gave out reading and vision glasses.

However, our team takes care of more than the physical needs. We had an 8-year old boy who isolates himself from others, does not participate in any activity, comes wearing dirty clothes and feels rejected by other boys in the school. Two people from our team were taking care of him, playing with him, talking to him and giving him more attention. His family is known to be poor and his father has a mental illness. However, after he attended the teaching course with our team at his school, he started to participate and wear clean outfits. Pray that these children would come to experience God in their lives and that the planted seed would grow and bear fruit.

Pray that the Lord would protect the team and all volunteers so that they can be a blessing and encouragement for those who will be attending the clinic as well as the children who will be joining the summer camp.

Thank you for partnering with us. It would be impossible to serve our God without your support and the support of others.
The H.O.M.E.’s Al Hayat Medical & Community Center in Dohuk, Kurdistan province, Iraq, provides numerous services for the community and is based in an apartment complex that houses 1,400 displaced families (Syrian and Iraqi). The weekly services offered are: diabetes and hypertension testing (along with education), English language training, women’s fitness classes, funding for medical services for critically ill children in the community, mobilization distribution (wheelchairs and walkers). Also, as shown on the right, HOME has purchased a new mobile clinic that will be ready in a month time, in preparation for the massive exodus of more refugees from Mosul, which is currently under ISIS.

In partnership with another non-governmental organization, this center conducts regularly large distributions of food and hygiene products for the community. Volunteer doctors, nurses, dentists, and pharmacists are there on a monthly basis, forming medical teams that provide services to the community. All doctor visits and medications are free of charge to the patients that come in. The center also leads two large children’s programs pertaining to teaching principles of health. The center provided 500 coats to displaced families in this community in addition to a monthly food distribution for that population (2 chickens, one flat of eggs, and 5 kilos of fruit and vegetables).

With all this being said, none of these things would have been possible without the mighty Hand of our Lord. He has opened so many doors for us. Through these projects we are able to get into people's homes and share His love. He is at work in people's lives!
H.O.M.E. in Egypt
*Nursing & Family Medicine Training Program*

The nursing teaching program started May 2016 at the Evangelical Mission Hospital in Aswan (Al Germaniyya) with 17 students to become nurse assistants.

Professor Liliane Narouz reported: “Starting a nursing program now is completely different from other courses we have done before, because this time we know that all graduates will continue to work there.” Sister Barbara Wiesner adds: “For many years we have been praying and hoping to have a teaching program for assistant nurses in our hospital. This dream has come true. We are very thankful to H.O.M.E. for the resources, for the excellent teachers they are sending from Cairo and for the spiritual input.” Some of the comments from the students were: “This has been completely different than any other program. We learned that nursing is a great responsibility and we learned it the right way. We learned how to properly care for the patients. The program opened our hearts to love nursing more than ever before. It encouraged us not to do it only as a job to earn money, but to deal with the patients in an honest way and with the love of God.”

The Family Medicine Training: In collaboration with ICMDA, HOME adopted training one of the Egyptian doctors with a burden for ministry towards earning a Master Degree in Family Medicine from the University of Edinburgh. He started the two-year degree back in January 2016 and, upon graduation and training completion, he will minister in areas with medical and spiritual needs, being a light in these dark places. He has previously served in one of the needy countries but war drove out of there and back to his home country. He is still in contact with people from that country and helps out once a week in one of the hospitals as well as mobile units that reach remote areas. He ended his first academic year with honors. We pray that the Lord would grant him success in his second academic year and that He would lead him to continue his ministry.
The HOME Director of the mobile clinic who is serving in Upper Egypt (in Asyout and Sohag) relates to us the following story: “One of our patients was addicted to Tramadol (a very strong addictive pain killer), and this was causing him marital issues. When he came and told me the story, I prayed with him and prescribed to him a different analgesic and some vitamins although such cases require different treatments. God touched him as he stopped taking Tramadol, and his relationship with his wife and children was revitalized. He then became the reason behind the sobriety of 12 other Tramadol cases from among his acquaintances. They saw how he was freed from it and started to quit, one after the other or sometimes in pairs. I prayed with them and also prescribed to them analgesics and vitamins. It was a true miracle!”

We thank God for the HOME medical clinics which takes place an average of ten times per month in different areas of Upper Egypt. Everyone is welcomed with love, and difficult cases are referred to hospitals that work with HOME where they can receive exceptional service for reasonable prices. The people of Al-Nauba group and Al-Chalatin group (close to the Sudanese borders) welcome our medical ministry with open arms, although they don't accept any other groups at all.

They always ask about the reason behind the love and care with which we treat them. Our answer is: God loves you and He is sending you these people, doctors and medications, because He cares. Such trips for these groups require a lot of security procedures and clearances.
South Sudan is still suffering from successive decade-long wars, leaving behind thousands dead, injured, disabled, widowed and orphaned in addition to massive destruction. The health sector, also shattered, is in dire need for medical services, which in turn, are scarce and often even absent.

HOME has been lending a helping hand since 2012 through its Good Shepherd Clinic in Juba, which consists of two consultation rooms, a small operation room, a pharmacy, a laboratory, two drug stores and a short stay ward. The team includes one doctor, two medical assistants, seven nurses, two midwives, six lab assistants, a driver, a watchman and three custodians. The clinic is open six days a week, welcoming an average of 215 patients every month. The team also seeks to carry out monthly mobile medical outreach in remote areas.

However, due to the unfortunate lack of medication, these visits are sometimes canceled. Nevertheless, the team has been able to conduct several mobile outreach trips providing consultations, medical treatment and children vaccinations. There is a great need for laboratory equipment updates, more medicine, and further training for the staff.

In spite of it all, the HOME team stays strong and driven by their love for the work and ministry. The obstacles seldom easy, but God is faithful and always provides in His time.
H.O.M.E. in Jordan  
*Beacon of Hope to the Hopeless*

The Zarqa Clinic experienced a significant spike in the number of patients treated in March, reaching 703 patients. In addition, 177 patients were treated for dental care. First Aid and small surgeries have now become a part of our treatment options. The 700,000 Syrians and the many Iraqi refugees in Jordan, continue to face immense challenges, especially those who are not living in camps. Reduced levels of assistance and access to services have forced many to seek out non-governmental or UN facilities. In turn, our patient load has increased tremendously. The clinic is a beacon of hope to the hopeless during a time of need, when people feel forgotten and worthless. Through our work at the clinic, we also have the opportunity to interact with many people from all sectors of the society. A special celebration was organized for the patients and their families recently, and 35 Syrian families were able to attend.

*His Light Radiating from Annoor Sanatorium*

Aileen Coleman, nurse and Director of Annoor Sanitarium related to us the following: “We have been treating the sick and suffering with chest diseases from all around Jordan and nearby countries (Syria, KSA, Iraq, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Palestine and Egypt). These days the number of outpatients have increased tremendously. As a result of the difficult circumstances, we see many cases of depression among the refugees and the homeless coming from neighboring war-torn countries. Also, the number of people infected with TB, has also increased.

As difficult as these circumstances have been on those families, they have been really touched and felt comforted by the love and care that they have received from the healthcare workers at our hospital, who do not only care for the physical needs but also the spiritual ones.
H.O.M.E. in Syria

Despair & Darkness vs. Grace That Exceeds All

Our brothers and sisters in Syria continue their relentless service to the poor and the hurting who found refuge in Damascus, fleeing their homes in hostile regions in the country. Here's a living testimony from our HOME Physician Leader at the Medical Center in Damascus, Syria:

"In this raging and persistent war, and in those difficult times in which we live, we are noticing a rise in humanitarian needs. Every day, life for many people is becoming harder and harsher due to high cost of living and lack of medicine, especially for fatal diseases such as cancer. This shortage of medical treatment resulted in more health complications. To top all this, the threat of death or injury still lurks because of the bombs that terrorists drop randomly on civilians and this results in total destruction, migration and displacement of many people.

All these factors created a feeling of despair and hopelessness in innocent civilians. We continue to garner all its humanitarian and medical cadres to show the love of God to all with no exceptions, and amidst all this devastation, we are experiencing the good hand of God that supports us and His grace and strength that surround and help us to stand beside the needy, the sick and the oppressed. We are reaching out to so many people with medical and humanitarian relief.

It is true that we are experiencing trying times, but for us it a time of grace that exceeds all others. Verily I say that these are the days in which we are witnessing the presence of God who is alive in everything we do. His presence is especially felt in the way He protects his children just as He promised "who by God's power are being guarded." There were innumerable times when we shared our hope with people who are in dire need for someone to give them a glimpse of hope"
Elpis H.O.M.E. Clinic was inaugurated in June 2014 in Beirut. It provides primary medical care and health education programs. The Family Medicine Department of the American University of Beirut Medical Center (AUBMC) now sends fourth year residents to the Clinic as part of their training rotation. We offer Internal Medicine, General Surgery, Pediatrics, OBGYN, Dermatology, ENT, Orthopedic Surgery, and psychological counseling. In addition, ultrasound diagnostic system and endoscopic diagnostic and therapeutic procedures will be offered in the coming months.

The clinic also pursues the excellence of medicine and specialized treatment for the neediest in holistic ways. “Elpis” is a Greek word that means “joyful and confident expectation and hope of eternity”. We, as a community of medicine, want Elpis HOME clinic to be a place of hope for people who are suffering, a place that gives a reason to live for even in the midst of pain and suffering.

Another part of the Elpis Clinic is the Mobile Clinic ministry that began in 2006. The purpose is to take the advanced techniques of modern medicine to the neediest in remote areas. A team of doctors and nurses participates in these monthly medical outreaches, treating various illnesses and providing medications gratis to patients. In addition to basic healthcare, our volunteers pray with the refugees while waiting to see the doctors. As the work of the mobile clinic has significantly increased, the need for other referral clinics has become indispensable. Many of the patients seen through the mobile clinics often require treatments that go beyond the basic medical care given by such units. Other patients also need to be referred to hospitals to receive the necessary advanced and extensive treatments and surgeries.
H.O.M.E. on Satellite TV
*Medical Media to the Millions*

Realizing the important role satellite TV plays in reaching out to the people around the world and especially in the Middle East, H.O.M.E. has initiated a ministry called Medical Media to the Millions. This project involves producing an Arabic medical TV program "Life & Medicine" in which H.O.M.E. expert members in various fields of medicine discuss a medical condition and then use it as an illustration to a life-changing message.

Arab Satellite TV stations (such as SAT7 TV) have been airing these TV programs on a weekly basis to approximately 40 million viewers in the Middle East. To date, HOME has produced over 130 episodes. A set of 52 "Life & Medicine" new episodes was recorded at the Sat7 studios in Egypt. These medical programs include top medical specialists, dealing with issues such as, cardiology, neonatal care in rural regions and breast feeding, abortion, sexual abuse, sexually transmitted diseases, menstrual disorders and pelvic inflammatory diseases, obstructive diseases urinary tract, prostate and testes diseases, ophthalmologist, hepatology; injuries, bleeding and burns, vaccinations, critical situations that face mothers and psychiatric diseases of the children, appendicitis, stomach cancer, and morbid obesity, pediatric dental diseases, low back pain, types of bones fractures, skeletal deformities of children, tropical medicine, infectious mononucleosis, food poisoning and meningitis, hypertension, chest pain and many more.

Through each of these varied medical topics, a spiritual truth is introduced, with a reference to our loving Creator who created us in His image. It is also an opportunity to motivate the medical students and encouraging them to have a mission to their communities.
HOME-DWAM 2016 Conference in Egypt
Training Arab Healthcare Workers to Serve Other Arabs

The HOME DWAM (Doctors With A Mission) annual conference, held this past February in Egypt, was a true blessing! The conference was co-sponsored by ACMA, CMF and CNF.

The gathering, titled "...The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber... (Romans 13:11a)" and subtitled "Dream Right", welcomed 425 individuals including medical field workers, physicians, pharmacists, dentists, nurses, medical students, and other healthcare workers as well as visitors from numerous countries such as South Sudan, England, the United States, and various others. Hosting 11 speakers from different countries, the conference held 19 workshops and six medical lectures, in addition to a presentation about the various HOME ministries.

Established around five years ago, HOME's DWAM School of Medical Training in Egypt is the first of its kind in the Arab World. Its main purpose is to have a special training for physicians and healthcare workers for four to six months within the Harpur Hospital. Ever since 2011, the school has graduated over 45 physicians, pharmacists and nurses who, upon completing the program, proceeded to serve in Jordan, Sudan, Yemen, and several other Arab countries.

The DWAM program is a major milestone; having Arabs serve other Arabs is unheard of in that part of the world! Arabs have traditionally depended on the West. Undeniably, this is the first time in centuries that physicians and healthcare professionals from the Middle East are trained and sent to serve their own people.
2016 Annual H.O.M.E. Middle East Summit

This past July, H.O.M.E. leaders, members and friends from North America and all over the Middle East came together to attend the 13th Annual HOME Middle East Summit.

The conference included a wide range of activities, such as heart shaking messages, medical lectures & workshops, planning & strategic meetings and more! We heard about the great relief work in Syria where hope is overcoming despair and the extensive relief in Iraq. Dr. David Thompson and sister Aileen Coleman gave very touching messages. It was a great blessing to see the good work that was done in the spirit of grace and unity despite the dark times that Syria, Iraq, South Sudan, Egypt, North Africa and other countries are passing through.

The conference also included a celebratory ceremony that took place in Beirut; conference attendees as well as the HOME family in Lebanon attended this special event and heard Dr. Raad share from the heart about the work done in the Middle East.

After the conference, the teams made visits to various areas of Lebanon but most importantly visited many local clinics tending to the physical and spiritual needs of the suffering population of Lebanon, including Syrian refugees. Hundreds of patients were seen over 4 days of field clinics. We had with us a large medical team from North America who came just to serve. With the help of the local Lebanese HOME medical team they treated many adults and children, while others with them made it a point to keep the children entertained but, most importantly, prayed with the adults and their families. The sick and the refugees were deeply touched to have someone pray that God’s mercy would fall on their bleeding country. It was a great time of sharing the love of God with these very dear people.
Over the last few years, HOME has been blessed to see how the Lord has been moving our ministry in exciting new directions, allowing us to reach more needy people in different parts of the world. To further the Kingdom of God, we ask that you join your hearts to ours and join hands with us as partners with HOME in accomplishing what the Lord has burdened us to do through these various projects.

About H.O.M.E

Health Outreach to the Middle East (H.O.M.E) is a Christian, interdenominational organization that exists to bring physical, psychological and spiritual healing to the poor and suffering people in the Middle East.

For a multitude of reason, from armed conflicts, political and economic difficulties, to resource scarcity, many impoverished people live in this part of the world and are deprived of appropriate healthcare. The missions of H.O.M.E is to provide adequate and high quality healthcare services to even the poorest of the poor. What sets H.O.M.E apart from other non-profit and faith-based organizations is the fact that its leaders are Bible-believing physicians who themselves are from the Middle East, and are also well connected with other healthcare workers from that part of the world. In addition, H.O.M.E donations are unique in that 100% of the contributions go directly to the mission field; H.O.M.E administrative costs are covered through external funds.

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