

Calvary Torch Missions: Rapha Mission Nigeria 2017.

Trip Report.

We arrived back to Washington DC, from a week mission's trip to Nigeria. WOW!! What abundant blessings it was to partner and work with the saints at St Michael Anglican Church and Community, Eziamma – Osuama, Isiala Mbano. We were also privileged to work with the Amauzari community in Isiala Mbano, all In Imo State of Nigeria. This trip we called Rapha Missions even before arrangements were initiated to go, because we know and believe that Jesus still wills to heal the sick. He promised that His Spirit would be with us (Mt 28) and that we would continue to work miracles like He did (Mk 16). Our trip met with a lot of challenges ranging from logistics of clearing our luggage's, transportation, heavy rains and bad roads but all in all we conducted two huge clinics , opened and donated left over medications with the medical Directors of Aladinma Health Center , Amauzari , and the Enugu East Diocesan Medical outreach : Dr C Okoye and Dr, Ezepue.

Medicine is one of the ways through we reach and meet the needs of those we encounter on our trips, and Nigeria was no exception. Working with the sick and healthy people of Eziamma and Amauzari was an outreach that fulfilled our missions. We conducted health screening exercises – checking Blood pressure, blood sugars, instant hemoglobin checks as needed, health education and promotion. Our local team constituted of volunteer nurses, physicians, and a surgeon, with their assistance, we were able to provide services for over 2000 peoples (adults and children). Our able surgeon (Dr Inyama) was able to perform 33 minor surgeries ranging from hernia repairs, removal of lipomas, ganglions and cysts to a more intensive hydrocelectomy and a hypospadias repair in an 8 year old boy. It was very rewarding to provide surgical services to someone where medical and surgical care is very expensive and unaffordable or non-existent. Our pharmacy was stocked with a variety of medications ranging from analgesics, antibiotics, multivitamins, antihypertensive, anti-diabetics, respiratory medications and skin care creams. Each patient received more than a month supply of their prescriptions for free. The pharmacy was manned by two pharmacist from our team, nurses and two local volunteers who was interpreting instructions as needed. Every child patient was dewormed as water borne disease is one of the prevalent diseases in the area.

Our Women and Children's Health section was heavily attended by expectant moms, sick and healthy babies. All expectant mothers received the maternity pack which included diaper, baby lotion, comb, clothes, towel, diaper rash cream and soap as gift.

Health education related to life style changes, diets, and follow up care was the hall mark of our education team. We did more than provide free medical care, we also preached Christ salvation especially in the Holy week and Easter, let the people know that someone really cares and that no matter their health or life situations, there is HOPE. Part of the mission of Calvary Torch is to train local doctors, and health care workers to continue doing God's work even after the trip. To this end we established and trained three local volunteers as "community healthcare workers" to follow up with most of the identified hypertensive patients. They will be providing FREE blood pressure monitoring at least once a week, coordinating with the local doctor for follow up management. These community health workers live in the community and can be reached easily more than going to the clinic or health center. We will continue to monitor their effectiveness and coordinate on how to ensure that these patients can get refills for their medications as needed.

"It is amazing to look back and see how the Lord had this whole trip planned... His loving hand on every detail months before it took place... how we saw Him touch so many people along the way, from the planning and still even with the memories and friendships He allows us to have with the people who touched our hearts.

We wish to thank you for your wonderful support through donations towards this trip and hope to continue to partner with you in the future. Because He Cares, We at Calvary Torch Missions Care

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