



## COMPASSION MINISTRIES

World Impact meets the medical, dental, legal and vocational needs of the urban poor in the name of Christ. We also provide emergency food, clothing, household appliances, furniture and medicine.

### Diabetes Screening: Shalom Outreach

*Shalom Outreach*, a church-based community-health-worker program, empowers lay people in World Impact-planted churches to educate their neighbors about diabetes and diabetes care. While walking alongside clients medically, we share the gospel with them. Shalom workers undergo six months of intensive training in diabetes and discipleship.

*Shalom* – interj. (*shä-lōm'*): peace or completeness in your relationships with God, your neighbors and yourself.

Simple diet and lifestyle changes can positively impact patients with diabetes, which is most frequent among low-income adults. Healthcare costs skyrocket when diabetes is untreated, leading to blindness, kidney failure, obesity and amputation.

*Maria Raymundo*, one of our first Shalom-trained representatives, accepted the Lord four years ago, while shopping at World Impact's Thrift Store. She joined *Jefferson Community Church*, a World Impact church plant.

In 2007, Maria's son, Diego, suffered a diabetic coma while living on the street. Our nurse checked Diego into the hospital and a rehabilitation program. She clearly communicated God's love to him in word and deed. Diego was ready to surrender his life to Christ.

In 2008, Maria and another Shalom representative visited Rick and his wife, in response to their request at a Health Fair. Rick soon came to a Bible study, accepted Christ and began coming to church!



Maria has lead five Health Fairs at the **Jefferson Community Church**. During these fairs, she shares the gospel and invites everyone to church. Medical professionals talk about health, check clients' vital signs, and test their blood sugar, blood pressure and vision. Prayer is offered for each client.

Isaac Voss, our Health Ministry Coordinator, says, "I have walked with Maria for three years. She has been transformed from brokenness to confidence in her identity in Christ."



The inner city of Los Angeles has the largest medical black hole in America—more than 1,320,000 people without a public hospital. Our ministry is standing in the gap of this urgent need.

## Watts Christian Health Center (WCHC)

World Impact missionary, Norma Lira, teaches English as a Second Language (ESL) at **Jefferson Community Church**, which Nirna and her husband attend. One day, Nirna came to ESL sick, but had no doctor. She was afraid because a previous doctor had told her she had high cholesterol which likely meant a hefty bill without medical insurance.

Norma took Nirna to our **WCHC**. Some doctor-advised lifestyle changes resolved her health issues. Norma then invited Nirna to church, where she accepted Christ. The doctor continues to monitor her health.

Norma explains, "The **WCHC** shows the love of Christ. It is free; attentive doctors and Spanish-speaking nurses open the door for clients to hear the gospel."

Magdalena also attends ESL. Her medical issues were solved with simple lifestyle changes at the WCHC, instead of the surgery she had feared. When Norma invited Magdalena to Bible study, she accepted the Lord that week.

Recently, Magdalena brought an elderly women, who had pneumonia, to the **WCHC**. Her family did not have time to take her to the doctor. Now, Magdalena takes this lady in for regular check ups.



## Community Pregnancy Center

Community Pregnancy Center (CPC), a Simi Valley-based mobil clinic, opened its doors outside World Impact's Watts Christian Health Center on August 25, 2009. Every Tuesday the CPC team drives to Watts from Simi Valley. Their bus is equipped with an ultrasound machine, educational materials, pregnancy-testing resources, and a team of nurses. There is no charge for services.

When the bus arrived the first day, their initial patient pulled up behind them. Virginia (right side of the picture) came to Christ along with her husband through the WCHC. She is now an enthusiastic greeter in the Watts CPC.

When the CPC staff provided an ultrasound for a woman who had had 13 abortions, she saw that her child was more than a "mass of tissue." They prayed with the woman and connected her with our Power House Church and pregnancy resources.

## Wichita's Good Samaritan Clinic

Wichita's *Good Samaritan Clinic (GSC)* provides quality medical care for those who fall through the social safety net. Our Christian staff naturally shares the love of God with each patient.

Jennifer Morrison, our nurse practitioner, previously taught in Kyrgyzstan. Kishimjan, a student in Jenn's class, was a Christian and English speaker. Kishimjan came to Kansas for further training. After finishing her school, God reunited Jenn and Kishimjan at our **GSC**, where they practice nursing and share their faith.

## Wichita's Mobile Medical Clinic

*Lighthouse Community Church* volunteers go door-to-door weekly, sharing the wonderful news about a free neighborhood clinic. Many *Good Samaritan Mobile Clinic* patients are now active in the church.

Ray was so ill he barely made it to the clinic. Volunteers took his vital signs and called Dr. Spann, who instructed them to call an ambulance. For five hours, Ray's survival was questionable. The following Sunday, while Ray was still hospitalized, the church prayed for his healing.

The next week, Ray was in church. With his voice shaking, he thanked the congregation for starting the Mobile Clinic, "The Lord is good. He gave me a second chance. The *Good Samaritan Clinic* and this church saved my life. I was sick, and had no money to see the doctor."

The day before Thanksgiving, two of our missionaries, Maren Nielsen and Matt Penner, drove the Mobile Medical Clinic to a YMCA, which served 2000 meals. Fifteen people received free blood-pressure checks and blood-sugar screenings. Matt and Maren prayed with everyone who came.

One patient, John, shared his discouragement. He was in the middle of a divorce, struggling with his weight, health and his walk with the Lord. He was open to hearing about the Lord's love for him. Matt invited him to church. As John left the Mobile, he was teary-eyed and grateful for people caring for him.



Jenn and Kishimjan



Ray (right) at Lighthouse Community Church



The Mobil Medical Clinic at the YMCA

## Wichita: Pain-Abatement Outreach

The *Good Samaritan* Mobile Medical Van's initial dental pain-abatement outreach offered pain relief through extraction. We saw nearly 40 nervous patients on Saturday, November 7, 2009 at *Lighthouse Community Church*, a World Impact church plant; many had never seen a dentist before. One young man, when asked how many of his teeth needed extraction, opened his mouth to reveal all of his teeth rotted off to the gums. He, and nearly all the patients, were living with continual pain and were anxious to have it alleviated.

*Lighthouse Community Church* members registered patients and prayed with them. The word "grateful" was the most frequent response that came from the numbed mouths of our patients.

Our dental mobile ministry is led by Dr. Chris Majors, Dr. Bob Smith and Dr. David May. They obtained a dental chair for the Mobile Medical Van. Dr. Majors (pictured right), a member of our GSC Board, organized this first dental mission. He recruited his staff, along with seven dental residents. Sarah Allen, a dental hygienist, coordinated the event. She is a member of our *Christ the Victor* church plant.



Dr. Chris Majors



Oakland Eye Clinic

## Oakland: Eye care

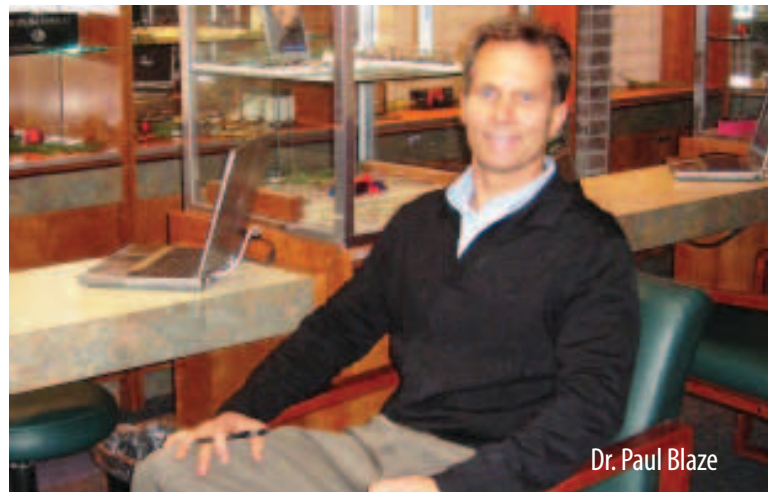
Many of the poor have poor vision and no glasses. Dr. Gilbert Matsuoto, an eye doctor, and his church, *Christian Layman Church*, sponsored an eye clinic for four days. Volunteers, and representatives of the companies that supplied the equipment and the glasses, saw 600 people. Several clients prayed with the volunteers.



Oakland Eye Clinic

## Los Angeles: Optometrist

Dr. Paul Blaze, O.D. has faithfully provided optometrist services to inner-city children associated with World Impact and our Christian Schools for two decades. Last Spring, he brought his equipment and provided eye glasses to students who needed them, free of charge. One student, whom we have encouraged to see an ophthalmologist for years, but her family could not afford it, received glasses.



Dr. Paul Blaze

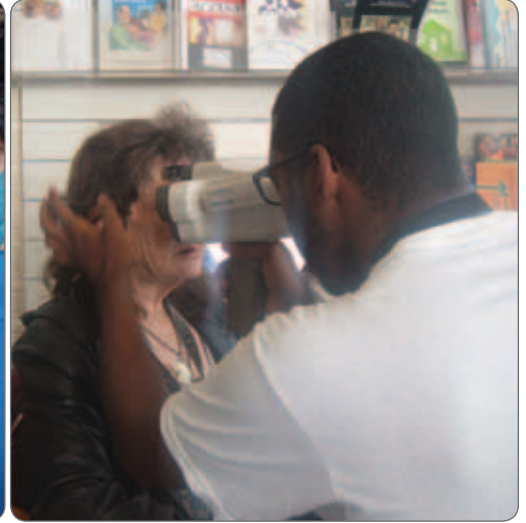
# Practical Christianity



Dental Care



Watts Christian Health Center



Eye Examinations



Good Samaritan Clinic



Emergency Food



Clothing Distribution

## Missionaries and Volunteers Needed for our Compassion Ministries:

1. Doctors, nurses and medical professionals who will give a day or part of a day regularly.
2. Dentists, dental assistants and hygienists who will volunteer regularly.
3. Volunteers who will wash, sort and display clothes at our thrift stores, or pick up donations.
4. Office volunteers who will do bookkeeping, input data, file, assist with mailings.
5. School volunteers. Teacher's aides; art, music and physical education teachers.
6. Attorneys, accountants.
7. Programmers; data base developer.

If you can volunteer a few hours, a half day or a day a month; or, if God is calling you to minister full time, please contact us: [callsman@worldimpact.org](mailto:callsman@worldimpact.org)

Dear Christian Friend,

Our compassion ministries fit hand-in-glove with our declaration of the gospel.

Rose, a woman in her mid-50's, had lost her upper dentures. She came to our dental outreach for teeth cleaning with Dr. Balber, and for dentures with Dr. Campbell. While she was there, our dental educator and spiritual-care counselor taught her about proper dental hygiene and prayed with her about the challenges she was going through. Virginia, another volunteer, invited Rose to church. Rose came and has attended church regularly ever since.

Rose exclaims, "I love my pastor and I love my church!"

*"If you have a friend who is in need of food and clothing, and you say to him, 'Well, good-bye and God bless you; stay warm and eat hearty,' and then don't give him clothes or food, what good does that do? So you see, it isn't enough just to have faith. You must also do good to prove that you have it. Faith that doesn't show itself by good works is no faith at all—it is dead and useless" (James 2:15-17, TLB).*

Will you help us provide food and clothing, medical and legal help, and be available to assist in emergencies?

Whatever you give—\$50, \$100, \$500 or more—will be deeply appreciated, and carefully used to demonstrate the love of God.

Thank you, and God bless you,

*Keith Phillips*

DR. KEITH PHILLIPS  
President



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