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Nazarene Hospital Kudjip, Papua New Guinea

*YOU can make
a difference*

Merry Christmas!



*Find out how you can
assist Kudjip Hospital*

"You are a Savior -You take brokenness aside and make it beautiful "

By Dr. Mark Crouch

Before moving to Papua New Guinea, I started writing blog posts as a way of communicating with those helping us to get here. After more than a year living amongst the highlanders of this island country, seeing their joys and grief's, I realize it's become something different. After a particularly difficult patient, I find that writing their story helps me to absorb who they are, or were – and how to cherish their life while moving forward in my work.

16 months ago we moved here and nearly every patient broke my heart. I came home at the end of call or a typical work day and spent time in prayer, searching for reasons behind the suffering I saw. I admit, after dealing with almost identical stories of abuse, disease, neglect and violence I developed a thick skin. Not every patient touched me. My calluses got thicker and the tenderness that I approached each day with started to wane.

This actually helps. If I walked to the hospital every day, full of its struggles and loss with bare skin I think I would wear out and return home. But every once in a while, I think God likes to carve an opening in my thick skin, and in those brief moments, He reminds me of the needs of the people here, as well as my reliance on Him in trying to help them.



Last week a young woman brought who I thought was her son into my clinic room. Manuel had been having cough and diarrhea for almost two weeks. He looked dehydrated and showed some early signs of malnutrition. I usually wonder, in a young child, if the mother is taking care of them or may have passed on HIV to the baby. I asked, "Is this your baby or did you adopt him?" And she replied "I adopted him last week. My sister, his mother, died two weeks ago in this hospital – you tried to help her but she died and now I take care of him."

As I looked at Manuel and remembered his mother, Ruth, the barb of reality hit my heart. I admitted Manuel and he seemed to do well. I went back to his mother's chart, remembering her distinctly but wanting to see if there was something I missed. I looked at her lab slips, an old X-ray, her treatments. In it all I saw several things that I might have done differently – but probably not at the time. Of course, in the US things would have been very different, but for the

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resources we have here, I don't know that her care could have been better. In the physical, medical world I sought answers. But Ruth's story didn't end well, and all the medical answers in the world wouldn't bring me peace as I looked at Manuel, with sunken eyes and a slightly swollen belly.

I knew then and there that I would be writing their story down, but it took nearly a week for me to know how. You see, I have this idea that I should try and do justice to someone's story or life if I choose to share it with others, particularly on the internet. Part of that represents my wanting to honor their memory, but part of that, I now realize, is selfish. I grew up on stories from the mission field and having followed in those footsteps I feel that I have to tell good stories to others. As I struggled with Manuel and Ruth's story, I nearly decided to keep it, in fact, nearly decided to stop sharing my patients' stories at all.

But this morning as I read, I realized that sharing the lives or stories of my fellow highlanders doesn't have to be long-winded, eloquent or inspiring. Their lives and stories are worth knowing and hearing, and I'm just the one privileged to experience them, even if it hurts at times.

*“Open your mouth for the speechless, in the cause of all sons of passing away.
Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.”*
-Proverbs 31:8-9

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

What if your \$10 donation to NHF could purchase \$1500 in medicines?

The numbers are in and it is true that your \$10 donation can purchase approximately \$1500 in critically needed medicines. Send your donations to NHF c/o Dr Todd Winter. Partnering with Heart to Heart allows NHF to purchase deeply discounted medicines.

Why not get your Missionary Group together to assemble First Aid Kits for Kudjip Hospital?

Simply fill a gallon ziplock bag with a Tylenol 500 mg bottle, 4x4 gauze, bacitracin (or Neosporin) and a digital thermometer.

Together we can make a huge difference for Kudjip Nazarene Hospital

NHF exists to support the ongoing work of Kudjip Nazarene Hospital in Papua New Guinea through the collections of medicine, medical supplies, equipment, and cash donations. **100% of the supplies and cash collected are used for this purpose. Donations can be conveniently made on line at:**
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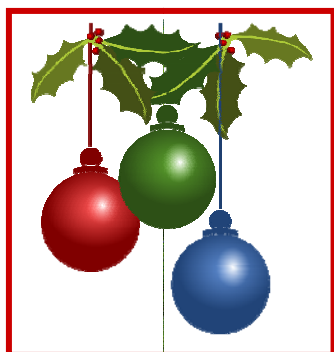
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This Mom & baby are receiving their baby layette from YOU!



Mr. Tanu and
Dr. Radcliff

Here are some simple suggestions for helping our missionaries and those who are in desperate need of your help.

Remember our missionaries in **prayer** daily!

Contribute to Nazarene Hospital Foundation and watch your money increase **150** times. See previous page.

Make **Emergency Kits** for the Hospital
See previous page

Make up **Baby Layettes** for the newborns
at the hospital*

Make **Cervical Cancer Care Kits**
for those ladies who are in great need
of comfort and care*

Enlist the help of your missionary group to select
a project which you can do
regularly and do well.

*Email Barb Winter at winterbarbaraj@gmail.com for instructions!

Here is a last minute opportunity sent to us by Dr. Radcliff!
Mr. Tanu is 50 years old. He has suffered from Cerebral Palsy since birth. His mother, who was his caretaker for many years, died last year. Tanu is unable to use his hands but can draw and write and type with his feet. The book in the picture was made with his artwork. Tanu lives in a grass hut and needs some **permanent housing**. He has begun to save some building materials but only has the cement and roofing iron so far. He also needs a **sturdy small wheelchair** for village use or a large sturdy jogging stroller so his family could transport him. Please pray for Tanu and for us to have wisdom to know how to help him and his family with these needs. Tanu knows and loves Jesus.

**WE THANK YOU FOR JOINING HANDS WITH NAZARENE
HOSPITAL FOUNDATION. YOUR REWARD WILL BE IN HEAVEN.
SOMEDAY YOU WILL MEET THOSE WHOSE
LIVES HAVE BEEN CHANGED BY YOUR LOVE.
WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE!**

Merry Christmas!