

The Mission of CURE

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Spiritual Director with patient at CURE Malawi

Who is CURE? I'd guess your response is, "Gosh, if *you* don't know, how do you expect me to know?"

Well my question was rhetorical, fortunately we do know.

We are the largest provider of reconstructive surgery to disabled children in the emerging world. Each year, we perform about 20,000 surgical procedures, over 90,000 since our first hospital opened in 1998. We do these in our 10 non-profit specialty surgical hospitals.

We also are the largest provider of both non-surgical and surgical correction of club feet in children. This coming year we will likely cast over 20,000 infant's club feet. Because it allows these children to have normal productive lives, it is one of the most effective health care dollars spent.

We also provide health care management services. We deliver babies. We save the lives of children with water on the brain, over 5,000 life-saving surgeries... actually the best way to describe what we do is simple:

We heal the sick!

But there is another part to CURE. It is complimentary but indispensable. Sick people are frightened, and they should be because some will not survive their illness. They need spiritual comfort. Some are angry. It's the "Why me?" syndrome. Is God punishing me? If so, is that fair? They need answers to questions that have been asked since man first emerged.

As a Christian organization, we can help them through this difficult time. For the last 2,000 years, what they are looking for has been called the "kingdom of God." It is something to obtain in the future, but it also something here now. It is a reference to Jesus but is also within those who follow Him.

Helping people find that kingdom of God is the other half of what we do. So the answer to my question is

simple:

CURE International, healing the sick and proclaiming the kingdom of God.

That's *our* mission!

“and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.” - Luke 9:2