

The Pulse

of The Neighborhood Christian Clinic

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Stones of Remembrance

by Dr. Paul Lorentsen

May is a month for milestones, especially of the academic variety. In May we see the academic year in our local schools come to a close, and we celebrate graduations at every level of education. At the clinic this means we will be saying goodbye to so many college students who have volunteered faithfully over the past year or two as they graduate and move on. Many of them became like family to us; they shared their life stories with us while serving with us, and we looked forward to hearing updates from them and seeing their smiles each time they volunteered.

May is also the time when we celebrate the completion of another year of medical and dental care at the Clinic! On opening day in May 1999, we saw two patients, who were cared for by an energetic group of 15 volunteers. The swamp cooler struggled to keep our first clinic building cool that evening, but we were so happy to be able to open our doors to patients for the first time that we didn't care. A week later, we were doing it all over again, and we continued to open our doors each Thursday evening to receive patients at our humble building. Over the years the Lord provided funding and volunteers to allow us to add Tuesday mornings, then Tuesday afternoons, and ultimately four full days of care weekly. We moved into our beautiful new building on property with Neighborhood Ministries in October of 2003, cooled by four air conditioning units, and built to accommodate medical and dental services as well as our increasing number of volunteers.

During all these improvements and expansions the Clinic continued to remain

strangely quiet on Wednesdays, closed to patient care. We knew that it would require a major increase in our budget, as well as additional staff and volunteers to open our doors to patients on Wednesdays, yet God laid it on our hearts this year to accomplish this. In faith, we pursued the necessary funding earlier this year, and after only 72 hours, we had commitments to fully fund the Wednesday expansion for three years! We praise God that we are now open for dental care five days a week, and in August the medical clinic will follow suit.

When the Israelites crossed the Jordan to enter the Promised Land, Joshua ordered them to take 12 stones from the river and set them up as a monument to the Lord. He wanted the Israelites to use the monument to initiate conversations with their children about the faithfulness of the Lord. They would experience the Lord's provision in many new ways as they took possession of the land, but remembering how He had already provided would strengthen their faith and would be a testimony to all the nations.

As we move forward into new territory at the Clinic, we also are remembering to praise God and recall the many ways that He has worked powerfully to establish this clinic. We want to declare together with Joshua that he did these miracles "so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful and so that you might always fear the LORD your God".



Welcome: Hanna King, PA

Welcome to NCC Hanna!! Hanna is a certified PA who joined the Clinic earlier this year as a fulltime provider.

She was born in Tucson and grew up in Three Points, AZ which is a small, rural town just southwest of where she was born. She moved to Phoenix in 2014 to attend Grand Canyon University where she earned her Bachelor's degree in biology in 2018. While attending GCU, Hanna frequently volunteered at NCC in nursing as well as the pharmacy and quickly learned to appreciate healthcare for the underserved through whole person care. In 2019 she moved to Miami Shores, FL to attend Barry University to obtain her Master's degree in Clinical Medical Science. Shortly thereafter, Hanna became certified as a

PA. She loves caring for her Clinic patients and has enjoyed using her Spanish skills. Hanna was even able to avail herself of school loan re-



payment assistance through MedSend which is a faith-based organization that "sends" medical missionaries and offers financial assistance to providers who work in faith based clinics that care for the underserved.

Hanna met Joe in 2015 and was married in 2017. Together they live in North Phoenix with Hanna's two precious puppies, Loki and Sylvie. Hanna enjoys reading while visiting and hanging out at a variety of local coffee shops. She loves visiting family in Tucson and is up for a hike at most anytime. She has a deep passion for Jesus and loves serving to bring Him glory. Hanna and Joe attend an organic, home church and are never shy about sharing their faith. Hanna is always eager to share the Gospel and how Christ extended His love and grace to her. It always brings a smile to her face and through it, she has already made a positive impact on the community of the Clinic. May the Lord continue to bless your service!



Current Clinic Stats

	Patient Visits	Volunteers	Hours
March 2022	604	71	967.0
April 2022	667	82	803.5
May 2022	727	88	843.8

Dental Remodel Project

by Gary Plooster

In Paul's article on the front page of this issue of the PULSE, he writes about milestones; milestones of graduations, the milestone of opening the Clinic for patient care, milestones of adding clinical shifts and the 2003 milestone of moving into our current building. I would note it was because of that move that the Dental portion of the Clinic's ministry was able to open. Prior to that, we had no dental facility and were not able to care for dental patients on-site. Paul went on to share how God graciously provided initial funding that allowed the Clinic to be open on Wednesdays, a day the Clinic had historically been closed for patient care. God is so good!

I want to share with the readers yet another miraculous way in which God provided for the Clinic. God has provided extraordinary funding in so many ways through the years of Clinic history. This is just one of the latest for which we want to give Him glory.

When we opened the Dental Clinic in 2003, we opened with a gracious donation of dental equipment that had been stored in the garage of a Christian dentist for several years.



In 2021, all of the Clinic's dental equipment (chairs, cabinets, lights, the works) became approximately 30+ years old and was being held together by God's grace and much "MacGyvering". In Spring 2021, we were introduced to an absolutely wonderful, godly couple who wish to remain anonymous but who very clearly wanted to support God's ministry through the Clinic. At the time, we really had no idea what they meant by "support". As it turns out, God prompted them to be gracious and generous beyond anything we could have imagined with a gift that covered the preponderance of the expenditure for a "state of the art" Dental remodel project which slightly exceeded \$350,000.

God is so good and faithful. We invite each reader to praise God with us and to visit the Clinic to see the completed project. The pictures below do not adequately portray the quality and scope of what was done.

BONUS: A physician who has volunteered at the Clinic arranged with Project Cure to organize a team to remove every piece of the "old" dental clinic, shrink wrap it, load it into cargo containers and ship it to Kenya in Africa where it now is part of a "new" Christian dental clinic there; Mission of Hope International. Our God is truly sovereign!! There are now two complete dental clinics on opposite sides of the world all because of the generosity of one couple who obeyed the prompt of God's Spirit to give generously. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!



Spiritual Care Curriculum Update

Many readers know the Clinic has been developing a Spiritual Care Curriculum in collaboration with Grand Canyon University. The five course curriculum is designed to teach healthcare professionals how to deliver whole person and spiritual care in healthcare settings. The courses deal with biblical, ethical, legal and scientific issues concerning Spiritual Care as well as practical ways to implement it. Three of the five courses have been developed and are already hosted on the Clinic's website. You can find the curriculum at this URL: <https://thechristianclinic.org/spiritual-care-curriculum/>. We encourage you to check out the available courses and let us know what you think.



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Thinking About Your Legacy?

Join others who have already decided to help secure the Clinic's future of *Restoring Health & Restoring Lives* for the uninsured and underserved through their estate plan. Interested? Please contact the Clinic or the Arizona Community Foundation at 602-381-1400 or 800-222-8221.

Have a Used Car?

Want to donate it to the Clinic? Give us a call at 602-254-0445 or email gplooster@tnccclinic.org. We will arrange for pick up and handle all the paperwork. It's a great way to support the Clinic and receive a tax deduction.



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