



# THOSE PECULIAR JOHNSONS

1 Peter 2:9 “...You are God’s peculiar people...”  
No one knows whose womb holds the chief! –African Proverb

This is normal. This is fun. It is what we do. Spring and summer of 2023 have been full of joyous celebrations as we share Jesus with community, family, and friends.

Miriam Medical Clinics held three major events with the community, including a conference on pain, dental health, and screening for chronic medical illnesses. In addition, Miriam continues to provide COVID-19 and Influenza vaccinations for the city and serve those who feel neglected by the health care community. This includes those who have recently been released from incarceration and some who are homeless.

We have expanded our outreach to churches with a majority immigrant population, including members who speak languages of Southeast Asia, Latin America, and Central Africa. Our work allows us to again use the Swahili we learned in Kenya to diagnose and treat those who know very little English.



Kay awaiting attendees and visitors at two of our spring and summer outreaches.



Members of the local Congolese congregation joining in our street celebration at the church.



Kay and Michael inside the clinic building (left) and Phyllis, our administrative assistant, standing at the clinic door (right).



Bob Zink and members of the Nazarene Narrative at our most recent prayer walk and street witnessing at City Hall, Philadelphia.

We continue to strive for unity within the body of Christ through the ministry of The Nazarene Narrative. The objective of this ministry is to Proclaim the Promise of life in Christ. Our hope is to overcome the barriers of politics, culture, and color which distract the church from its single mission to share the Good News. Over eight different congregations from around the city and suburbs participated in this, our fifth prayer march.





*Nurturing Smiles is now a full partner with Miriam Medical Clinics, offering dental services including preventive hygiene care for at-risk members of the community.*



*Elijah, Levi, and Michael serving in Antigua, Guatemala*

I had the privilege to go to Guatemala with my son, Elijah, and grandson, Levi, to participate in a short-term medical mission with Refuge International. We ministered to the people we served as well as some of the members of the team. It was wonderful to actually get to operate with Elijah, which served to remind us that God has given us a legacy to serve people.

Kay and I celebrated our 46th wedding anniversary, which was a delayed 45th celebration due to COVID. We gathered as family to celebrate my mother, Helen's, 90th birthday.



*Family celebrating this summer.*



*Kay and Michael celebrating 46 years of marriage.*

As stated, it has been a spring and summer of fun. We thank God for your sacrificial giving to help us Proclaim the Promise:

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him, should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16 (KJV)*



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