



LOOKING BACK OVER 2023

As we reflect on the past year, our hearts are filled with gratitude. God has opened many doors, and the results of those opportunities are truly amazing.

In May of last year, we conducted basic medical skills training for 25 ministry couples in Southern Asia, who serve in hard-to-reach areas. **The feedback and reports of salvations, cell group formations, water baptisms, and more continue to pour in.**

Our team traveled to Serbia and now has ongoing input in their efforts to restore those with addictions. The optical team trained pastors in The Gambia, Africa, and provided a case of start-up glasses. Once again, the reports of ministry among another majority religion are wonderful. Recently, both optical and medical training were offered to ministry personnel in Honduras. **The trained teams are now actively using their new skills in their areas of influence.**

Our disabilities team visited Central Eurasia, where there is an active ministry to people with disabilities. CompassionLink will continue to assist with a business and marketing plan.

It has been a year of active ministry, and we could not have accomplished without you. **Thank you for believing in our ministry and helping us provide tools and resources so we could share the Good News with so many.**



Newly trained community leader takes blood pressure



Optical Trainee assesses a patient

HINTS FOR HEALTH

Hints for Health is a service we provide to the missionaries of AGWM

SHINGLES

Shingles is an extremely painful virus characterized by a rash that may appear as a strip of blisters on the trunk of the body. The virus which causes shingles, varicella zoster, is the same one that causes chickenpox. Usually after a person has chickenpox, the virus remains inactive in the body. Years later, especially as one ages and the immune system weakens, the virus can activate in the form of shingles. Most of us know someone who has had this illness. It is a very painful outbreak which can cause complications and last a long time.

Shingrix, a new vaccine is now available and is considered to be 90% effective in preventing shingles. Shingrix is given in two doses, 2 - 6 months apart. The old vaccine was less than 50% effective. Even if you were previously vaccinated, it is highly recommended that you get the newest vaccine.

Please check with your doctor or pharmacist to see if the new vaccine is right for you.

LOOKING FORWARD IN 2024

We look to the new year with great anticipation. We are in talks with individuals from around the world on how we can partner. We have invitations to return to India and Honduras, will have ongoing ministry with Serbia, and are looking to return to Central Eurasia. Additionally, we have a possible invitation to a sensitive nation we have not been before. We are also in discussions with the national church of the Bahamas. We want to be Holy Spirit-led about which doors to walk through.

Our capacity to say YES has significantly increased as the Lord has brought the right personnel our way. For several years, we have been in touch with Brian and Stephanie Kidman, a wonderful couple who attended our Community Health Evangelism trainings and feel drawn to CompassionLink. Brian is a family practice physician, and Stephanie is a nurse and health educator, which are precisely the skills we need for our health initiatives and community health training. Neil Ruda is the newest addition. He worked with International Ministries for years and has always participated in the technical side of our Compassion trainings.

It's a miracle how the Lord has brought people with the gifts we need. **Once again, thank you, our faithful supporters, for making our ministry of compassion possible.** We can't wait to share with you what God will do as we begin this new year.



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