

# Circle of Love Foundation

Photo: Dr Amy and Dr Helen in Iraq

*Loving Others As Jesus Loved Us*

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## Up Coming Events

April 22-30, 2023  
Building trip to Antigua, Guatemala with New Hope for Guatemala

May 15-27, 2023  
Medical/Evangelistic Outreach, Osindisweni, South Africa with Crossroads KZN, Cost \$3,000

July 22-30, 2023  
Medical/ Evangelistic Outreach, Antigua, Guatemala with New Hope for Guatemala, Cost \$1750, Application deadline May 5, 2023

October 3-14, 2023  
Medical/Evangelistic Outreach, Ukraine with Don & Beth Minikel, Moldova is back-up site Cost \$3,000, Application Deadline July 10, 2023

## A Candle in the Darkness,

“I was sick and you visited me.” Jesus, Matthew 25: 35

Dr Amy Laib and Dr Helen Laib joined a medical outreach to Kurdistan, Iraq with Light a Candle in January, 2023. We worked in 2 refugee camps housing Syrian refugees who fled the civil war violence in Syria. They have not been able to leave the refugee camps to establish some sort of normal life. It was difficult to share the Gospel there except in the privacy of their tent homes. We were able to pray for them and prayer was gratefully accepted. 22 people gave their hearts to the Lord. 1300 patients were treated and reading glasses were also given. There were a few divine healings. On the last day, we did a large distribution of blankets, heaters and large food packets to all the families at one of the camps.

## Ukraine Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for our Medical Evangelistic Outreach to Ukraine. We are planning to return to Ukraine in October. We plan to minister to displaced persons in Ukraine. Their hardships have opened their hearts to the Gospel. They are also so grateful for prayer. The city where we ministered last year has not been bombed. We will return there if conditions permit otherwise we will minister in Moldova. We need a few more doctors and a pharmacist.



## Back to Thailand at Last

Circle of Love was not able to conduct our yearly medical outreach to Thailand for the past 2 years because of covid restrictions. This year our travel plans did not go smoothly but once there our team from, the USA, South Africa, Thailand, and Laos, arrived we worked well together. We worked in both Chiang Saen and Huay Jor to see 1603 patients. 1251 steroid injections were given to people with joint pain or trigger points. 2545 Prescriptions were dispensed and 600 reading glasses given. Most of our patients are tribal people and worship ancestral gods. After hearing what Jesus has done for them, 280 gave their hearts to the Lord to follow Him in faith. They cut off the strings around their wrists that showed they had made sacrifices to demonic spirits and were set free. We also had a number of divine healings after prayer. One lady had suffered a stroke and still had weakness on her left side which was gone after prayer. Another lady was relieved of shoulder pain, another of back pain. A lady with such severe pain that she walked with a crutch no longer needed the crutch after prayer. A man with a gout flair felt much better after prayer. A lady with a severe autoimmune condition had great relief after prayer. At the end of the trip, we met with 50 Khmu pastors from Laos. They shared some of the instances of persecution suffered by their people. One man became a Christian and was forced out of his home and separated from his wife and children. We also helped one of the pastors to make repairs to his boat. He uses it to call on his people. We were very blessed to be able to return to Thailand.

## Yazidi Boots and Umbrellas

Circle of Love was able to bless 310 Yazidi orphans in Kurdistan, Iraq with new boots, umbrellas, and toothbrushes. The Yazidis have suffered numerous genocide attempts. These children were orphaned when ISIS chased the Yazidis up the mountains in Iraq and murdered their parents. Many of them saw their parents being tortured or raped. We are working with a young Iraqi Christian who has befriended them and plans to reach them with the Gospel and the love of Jesus.

Photos: Physical therapy with Derek & Mindy, Mervyn fits reading glasses, Dr Cayleigh treats a patient, Bottom: Yazidi orphans with their boots and umbrellas



## Guatemala Surprise; Classrooms Needed



Imagine the surprise Andrew Loveall had when he came to open the first day of school at Santa Rosa School in El Rodeo, Guatemala. Instead of the 170 students he was expecting, there were 310! The Dept of Education assigned 310 students instead of 170. Even the principal didn't know this. WAIT- IT GETS WORSE! Three grades have no teacher, The 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. The school is taking advantage of the warm weather by having classes outside. This is the end of the dry season, by the end of May it will be rainy season and **it will rain every day**. The principal has already given up her office and every possible space is being used. There are 70 students in the kindergarten class.

### A life Saved in Rockford

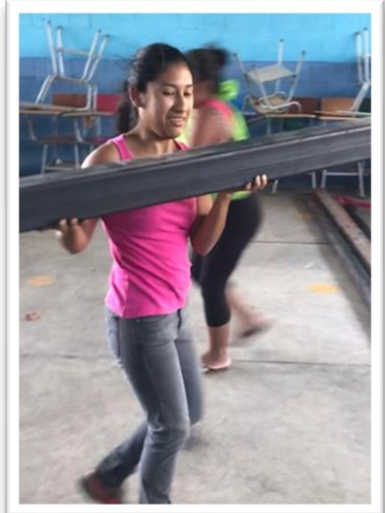
A man who was homeless for weeks had lost all hope. He was ready to commit suicide and had his pills ready to do it in the bus station. There he met Dr Dave and Dr Amy . They were able to calm him down by listening to him and offering prayer. After hearing the Gospel, he said the sinner's prayer and Amy gave him the suicide hotline number (988). Days later Dave saw him again. Prayers had been answered. He found a job and a place to live. Some weeks later, Dave and Amy saw him again at the bus station. He was so much better, it was hard to recognize him. He gave his testimony of how God brought him from death to life. He is attending church and hopes to be a pastor some day. Glory to God!

Andrew is working hard to build two new classrooms by the end of May. The footings have been laid and 5 truckloads of building materials have been delivered. The people of the town, including the ladies, are helping as much as they can.

The real need is to help pay for the construction and the 3 new teachers needed. If you can help, you can give through Circle of Love and designate Guatemala.

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Circle of Love

The 22nd Annual Fundraising Banquet was held at Forest Hills Country Club on March 24, 2023. Sionh Chan the founder of the Khmu Christian Connection and broadcaster with FEBC in Thailand and Laos was our featured speaker. We were able to raise \$12,000 toward the Khmu ministry. We also raised funds for a motorcycle and truck for Lao pastors. Sionh's message is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IP4pvay8XcU>



Photos:

Top; Footings being laid at El Rodeo School, Middle; Ladies unloading building materials Bottom; Sionh Chan speaking at the Circle banquet

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Photos: Clockwise, Top Left: Dr Charlotte with a patient, Laurie prays for healing, Jai sharing the Gospel, Mother and child, Dr Amy with a patient, USA team Thailand 2023, Cutting sacrificial strings, Drs Amy, Charlotte, and Cayleigh by the Mekong River