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"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (II Corinthians 5:17). Three new churches were started in Iquitos, Peru. The church plant team divided into three groups sharing the gospel and discipling new believers for three days while the medical team held clinic one day in each of the three sites. What a blessing to see new believers as they trust Jesus Christ as Savior, asking Him to make them new. "Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare" (Isaiah 42:9). I love to experience new things with the Lord. Even though it was a little scary when I first received the invitation to be the pharmacist for a medical/dental team going to Jordan, I soon realized that I was much safer in God's will in Jordan than I would be out of God's will in Alabama. As we worked with Syrian refugees, we heard story after story of heartache, loss and hopelessness. A six-year-old girl came into the pharmacy with her Mom and two brothers. As someone brushed by her, she jumped in fear and started crying uncontrollably. Her Mom told us that they had seen rebel soldiers break in and kill family members right before their eyes then she began crying. Even though we were very busy trying to fill prescriptions for three doctors and a dentist, I knew the only thing we could do was to pray. My interpreter began praying to The One True God in Arabic and peace and hope filled the room. They didn't profess Jesus Christ at that moment but they realized we were different. After giving them their medicine, I asked if I could take a picture. I showed it to them and said, "Beautiful!" The little girl whispered something in her mom's ear. She smiled and told us she said I was beautiful and wanted her picture taken with me. As you can see, there is nothing beautiful about me on the outside but I pray they saw Jesus in me and the beauty of His holiness.



New adventures with the Lord keep us focused on Him. They are not always easy but they are always good because He has the perfect plan for our life and I'm so thankful even though I don't understand. I have followed the Lord's leading and established Prescription for a Hurting World Ministries, Inc. specifically geared toward medical missions. I will continue working alongside missionaries on the field to help them and expand their ministry. I have a seven-member board and a three-member pastoral council to guide this ministry. Please continue to pray as I step out with the Lord leading the way on this exciting, new chapter. Maybe the Lord would have you step out on a new adventure this year. Yesterday I heard a challenge to give the Lord 2% of our days each year to missions. That's one week. Here are the upcoming mission trips for 2014 for you to pray over. Where would He have you serve in 2014? What **new** thing will He have you experience in 2014? What a mighty God we serve!

When	Where	Host	Cost	Deposit Due
May 22-31	Arequipa, Peru	Missionaries Dave & Melanie Woodard	\$2000	\$500 by Feb. 22
June 11-19	Bucharest, Romania	Missionaries Gerald & Kristin Ziemer	\$2000	\$500 by March 11
July 6-16	Asunción, Paraguay	Missionaries Brian & Jackie McCobb	\$2000	\$500 by March 15
July 26-Aug 2	San Pedro Sula, Honduras	Dan Moran Ministries VBS/Ministry/Construction	\$1500	\$100 by April 1
Oct 22-Nov. 1	Brasilia, Brazil	Missionaries Josh & Melissa Daniel	\$2400 (\$2220 if you have valid visa)	\$500 by June 3

My 97-year-old grandmother, Onie Brown, went to sleep on February 3 and woke up face to face with Jesus. Can you imagine "to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." (II Corinthians 5:8)? Of course we miss her but we're so thankful for God's blessings on a long, healthy life and the hope of seeing her again. Thank you so much for your love and prayers.



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