



**We are
BACK!**



We are healthy!

(Of course, during the time we were gone, we had to take 6 Covid test to prove that we were not spreading the “ love “..) Thank YOU for praying and giving to this mission!

We treated and saw over a 1037 patients. We also treated about 200 patients for worms that we were not able to see at end of the day. They arrived late to get a number . Many of them would line up as early as 1:00 in the morning to be seen. It was interesting the way they would mark their places in line. They would place a stone or tin can in a row to represent themselves so they could go sit in the shade.



We are so privileged that we don't have to wait outside in the hot sun for hours and we have health care available to us. We had an opportunity to serve in 3 different areas for our clinics. It was a lot of work but it was so WORTH it. We had amazing local volunteers who helped us tremendously serve their communities. Our lab and pharmacy department had trained locals who served tirelessly in the heat and amongst the crowds without a complaint. We had local doctors who came and volunteered their time to help us. By your giving to our missions we were able to bless them for their hard days at work.



One of our clinics was only reachable by boat . It was a great opportunity to serve this island that had no health care or modern conveniences. Our supplies made it to the island without any mishaps despite the boat being so low in the water! It was wonderful to work with the only church on this island . The Pastor that served and lived on this island really has a heart for these people. He is living and loving them even amongst the hardest conditions even for Guinea Bissau standards. Many people came to the

knowledge that God loved them and does have a purpose for their lives!

I was surprised during my medical consultations that many of the women were physically beaten and abused. (the government has recognized the many problems and sends some security each day to

patrol the island). We do these “training trips “because it is a good way to learn to work with a team that will be responding to disasters around the world.

We had a great team and privileged to have a doctor from the DRC Congo that worked with us . He also knew the language and often translated for us.

Most of our diagnoses from the people we saw were; Malaria, Worms , Fungal and Bacteria infections, dehydration, and every adult had Pain! We saw very little “Covid like symptoms “ . (maybe 4, could have been pneumonia.) We served at a Brazilian Foursquare mission for 3 days and was treated like ROYALTY. After a long day they would gather us in their home and give us homemade goodies and fresh brewed coffee before the long trip back to the city . They would serve long before we arrived opening up the gate at 4:00 am to the first 100 people standing in line so they could have a seat in a covered area. Then they continued to work with us the whole day.



One of our most Favorite things about the mission was that the patients were cared for during their wait. They were given water, shade, and the Good News through stories, drama, and prayer . The message was that they didn’t have to be good enough to earn their way to heaven. Many of them had been in terror and paid a lot of money to appease their gods through witch craft and voodoo. They found out It is a free gift to all who believe that Jesus paid it all for them. 264 of them committed their lives to Christ.

Our host pastor Douza de Douza and his wonderful team did so much work for the success of this mission .Even before we were awake they were arranging transportation, food , and logistics for the day. These arrangements included our interrupters and local volunteers. We always felt safe and cared for in spite of an attempted coup and assigation on the president of the country the week before we arrived. I am sure that weighed heavily on his mind to keep us out of harm’s way.

We want to thank YOU for the opportunity to be your hands and feet to Guinea Bissau!



Keith & Cindy