



A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM DOCTOR TRAVIS CAVENS ABOUT THE MINISTRY OF NORTHWEST MEDICAL TEAMS

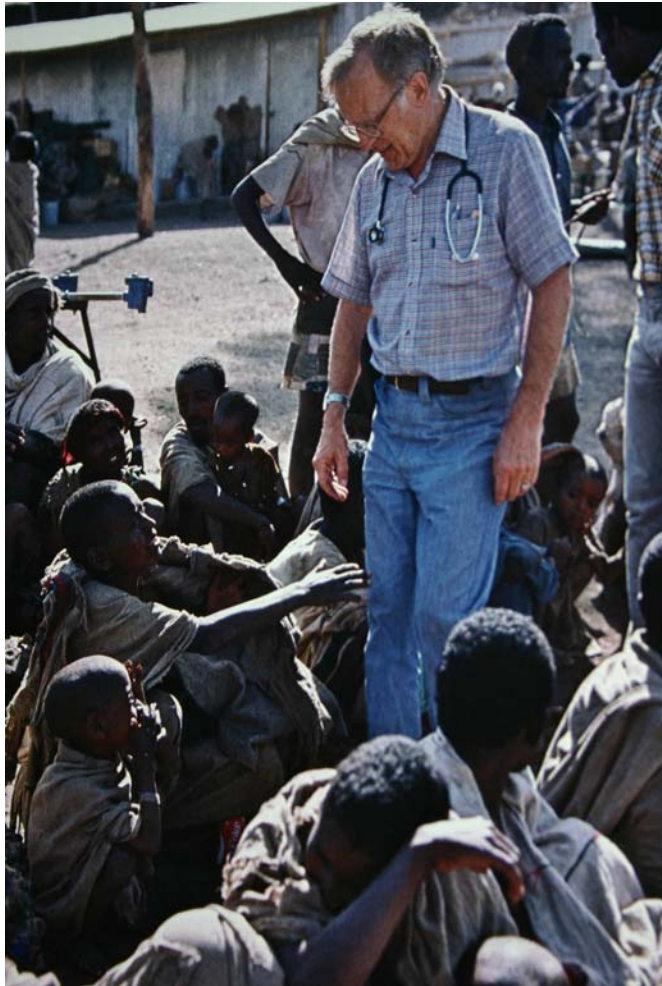


Phyllis and I have always been pleased that the people of Castle Rock Christian Church and others of this area have given so much support to Northwest Medical Teams. Phyllis was on the very first medical team put together by NWMT which went to treat the refugees of the Cambodian holocaust in 1979. Since then we have alternated going to such places as Ethiopia, Somalia, Iraq, Mexico, Rwanda, Honduras, and Kosovo.

I have been on the Board of Directors since it was formed and have seen NWMT grow from some organizing meetings in the living room of founder Ron Post to an organization that in 2003 gave over \$140,000,000 in medical supplies and services to hurting people

all over this world in the name of Jesus. I emphasize “in the name of Jesus”

because that is how NWMT operates. Our Board meetings always open and close with prayer, but also spontaneously include prayer when we have some especially important decision to make or lay on hands in prayer for a board member that may have some personal problem.



And that Christian attitude pervades the entire organization. Prayers of thanks were given to God October 9, 2004, when we dedicated the new building we had just moved into that vastly increased the amount of space that we now need. In the warehouse area, huge stacks of supplies rise to the ceilings, boxed and ready to be shipped anywhere disaster hits. Several of our dental vans are also housed in that area. From there they travel to parts of Oregon and Washington to treat poor people with dental abscesses and decay. In the office area, there is room for our staff to organize more than a dozen volunteer teams a month that travel all over the world. The number of teams

sent each year keeps increasing. In 2002, Phyllis, who had gone on the very first team, went on team number 1000 to the former Russian state of Moldova to help treat children who were victims of serious burns.

You can feel good about the part you have played in enabling Jesus to reach out and touch so many through His Christian hand of mercy, Northwest Medical Teams.

Travis Cavens, MD

Some special notes about the pictures in the message above

The above photos are of Dr. Phyllis Cavens at the Ibnat refugee camp in Ethiopia in May, 1985, and Dr. Travis Cavens at the Lalibella refugee camp in Ethiopia in February, 1985, Both camps were helping victims of the terrible famine that sparked a world wide effort to help and the song, "We are the World".

One more note;

(Doctor Travis Cavens has also made a mission trip to India with IEM with Dr. G.V. Mathai in January of 1981, and has supported the work of IEM ever since.)