

Medical Mission Trip

I'm going to Zambia, Africa, in about a week and a half with a group of students, nurses, doctors, and eye surgeons from around Nebraska. We will be doing a lot of different things I'm told, from ministering in the villages to eye surgeries to giving immunizations in the clinic, the clinic that my academic advisor Cindy helped to establish on the campus of the college.



By the time of Cindy's first trip to Africa, she had been waiting for over 25 years for the opportunity to go. I haven't waited that long, only about four years, but I was thinking one day about how quickly it's coming up that I'm going to be in Africa, doing whatever it is that we'll be doing...and then I thought: What if it's not enough? What if we are just a temporary fix to all these problems? What if we can't reach the people? What if there's too much of a language barrier? What if we have to turn people away because we just don't have the bed space for them? And it was in the midst of all these "what ifs" that God put John 1:38-39 on my heart, just as He had put Africa on my heart four years ago.

This is where Jesus first calls His disciples. "Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, 'What do you want?' They said, 'Rabbi, where are you staying?' 'Come,' He replied, 'And you will see.'" Traditionally, this phrase "where are you staying" was asked by disciples of any teacher at the time. When they asked this, they were asking if they could follow him, if they could be his disciples, if he would teach them.

Although following with blind faith can actually seem like a terrifying ordeal, there is comfort in Jesus's words: "Come and you will see." When I was asking all these what ifs, Jesus replied to me, His disciple, and said, "Come and you will see." And because of the Holy Spirit I am continuing to be equipped to do His work in Africa, whatever it is that needs to be done, and even though I don't know what that might exactly be yet or the sort of impact our team may have, I am more than happy to "come and see."

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