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# *Faces and Places* OF THOSE WE SERVE



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# Clinic Close-Up: a Look at Clinics A

The order is sealed, ready to be sent. The next time it's opened, it will be on site at a medical clinic. What happens then? Who will be the ultimate recipients?

With the following profiles, we're featuring a glimpse of the people and places that we have the privilege of coming alongside. While we serve thousands of permanent and temporary clinics, these three stories are examples of the awesome ways God is moving in people's lives around the globe and around the country via medical ministry. It's an honor to serve them and others like them as they help the people nearest them.

**Clinic Name:** *Clinica Esperanza (Clinic of Hope)*  
**Location:** *Sandy Bay, Roatán, Honduras*  
**How Blessings Comes Alongside:** *Supplying medicine; Medicine for Nations contribution; prayer*



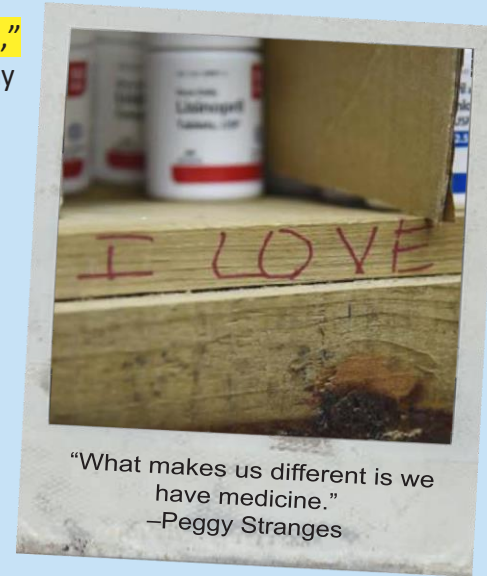
New clinic directors Suzy and Gary Loggins and their daughter MacKenzie, with Clinica Esperanza founder Peggy Stranges.

When Blessings International employees Bernie Morris and Meagan Briggs made the trip to Roatán, Honduras, they had no idea of the illustration of love awaiting them. The two were visiting the island to experience Clinica Esperanza, a medical clinic that Blessings has supplied for several years.

The story of "Miss Peggy" and Clinica Esperanza is a testimony of faith, heart, and God's anointing. American-born Peggy Stranges had no intention of starting a clinic until the Holy Spirit began impressing it on her. Despite the internal tug-of-war, God equipped her mightily. Almost twenty years after beginning in Peggy's kitchen, Clinica Esperanza has now grown to a two-story building, which is in the process of expanding into two separate buildings. The clinic is also intentional in sharing what they have, regularly partnering with other clinics, ministries, and missionaries in the Bay Islands.

"What makes us different is we have medicine," says Peggy. Pharmaceuticals and vitamins, many of which are sourced from Blessings, fill the pharmacy shelves, unlike other facilities on the island. Even the main hospital refers patients to Clinica Esperanza for prescription fulfillment. In just one day, the clinic can see 110+ patients, giving out over 8,000 pills and around 300 prescriptions.

All who come in contact with the clinic find themselves affected. It's a place that truly makes people well by offering health, safety, hope, and Christ's love. They know "Miss Peggy" will do whatever she can to meet their need, whether to pick up the phone, write a letter, talk to a friend, or raise enough money. They in turn take care of Peggy however they can, whether painting her house and deck, providing free services, or baking pies for her fundraisers. To each one of them, Clinica Esperanza is not only a huge blessing, it's like a family they have chosen.



"What makes us different is we have medicine."  
 —Peggy Stranges



There are very few inhabitants of Roatán whose lives have not been touched by the compassion and generosity emanating from Clinica Esperanza.



"If we could all work on improving one part of the world, the whole world would be a better place."  
 —Clinica Esperanza founder, Peggy Stranges



Peru

1Nation1Day: Peru Medical Fairs

"We were honored to be a part of by supplying over \$60,000 of medicines for 1N1D:Peru, which were distributed across the entire country.

"Thank you to everyone who donated to help us cover the cost. It was an audacious goal, and in the end, we raised \$37,000. It's humbling as well as exciting to watch such generosity committing to this great cause."  
 Barry Ewy, CEO, Blessings International

91,482  
 total  
 visitors

# round the World and Around the

*Clinic Name: EPC Clinic Yei*  
*Location: Yei, South Sudan, Africa*  
*How Blessings Comes Alongside: Supplying medicine;*  
 Bless the Nations grant contribution; prayer

Evangelical Presbyterian Church's Clinic Yei delivers essential and affordable primary care to thousands of refugees affected by the civil war that occurred between 2016-2018. During the conflict, they served as one of the only trauma centers in the area and now continue treating the people by providing peace and stability.

People of every faith and tribe are welcome, and no one is turned away even if they are unable to pay. EPC Clinic is able to do this and much more as the recipient of a grant from Blessings International's Bless the Nations fund. This grant of critical medicine has enabled them to serve patients through the end of the conflict, and now throughout this period of restabilization.

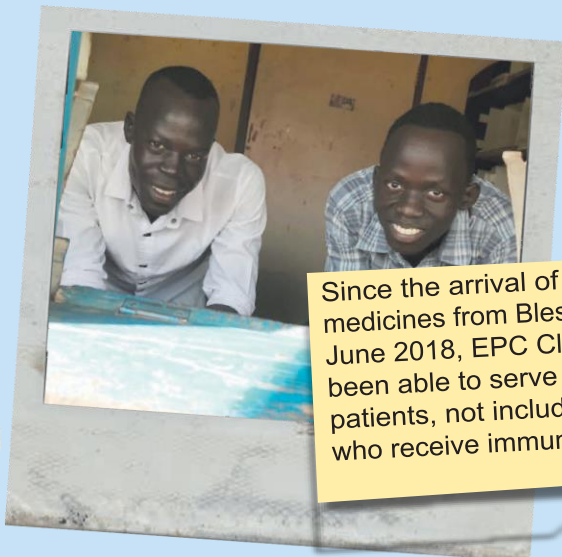
Sudanese lives are impacted by the tireless generosity and kindness of Blessings' supporters.



EPC Clinic Yei staff  
 (Photo courtesy of EPC)



"I want to thank Blessings for the medicines they have given us. This has made a huge impact in our community and has worked a great level of promotional peace in Southern Sudan."  
 - Archbishop Elias Taban



Since the arrival of the medicines from Blessings in June 2018, EPC Clinic has been able to serve over 3,500 patients, not including those who receive immunizations.

*Name: Agape Medical Clinic*  
*Location: Weatherford, Oklahoma, USA*  
*How Blessings Comes Alongside: Supplying medicine;*  
 free shipping; US Clinic fund contributions; prayer



"I was expecting to die. Without places like Agape, people would be passing away in the streets."  
 -Sue Forsythe, patient

We are so honored to be able to touch lives right here in the United States by supporting American clinics with free medicines from our US Fund. One such clinic we support is Agape Medical Clinic.

The day Blessings was able to visit Agape Medical Clinic also happened to be the day that Sue Forsythe, a resident of Oklahoma City, was visiting for the very first time.

Sue found herself needing Agape's care when the charitable clinic she'd relied on cut their circumference of care. Dropped from the program, she counted the last of her medication: two-weeks' worth. Unable to afford more, she expected to die at home. By the grace of God, a 411 call led her to Agape Medical Clinic 45

minutes away. After getting a ride there, she found herself in tears when pondering where she'd be without the clinic.

"You're saving lives," Sue said, wiping her eyes.

Sue never expected to rely on a charitable clinic, but after losing her job and home, she's been unable to afford health insurance. For her, Agape Medical Clinic is a God-send.



"We don't turn anyone away. Jesus didn't ask anyone for proof of need; he gave freely, and so do we."  
 -Aimee Henderson, Agape's pharmacist-in-charge

We are grateful that the donor-supported US fund helps us meet the needs of clinics like Agape who are committed to helping neighbors like Sue.

**27,596**  
 total treated

**13,722**  
 salvations at medical fairs

**1,494**  
 medical volunteers

**503**  
 medical professionals

**1,100,000**  
 people reached face-to-face via all the 1N1D:Peru events



# BLESSINGS *med*ED

## Blessings MedEd - A Service and a Solution

As a medical provider, have you ever struggled with deciding between a mission trip and a vacation because you had only so many vacation hours available from your employer? What if you could do both?

We recognize that your training and medical skills would be a blessing on the mission field, and we want to help you get there with our Blessings MedEd.

Blessings MedEd connects providers with continuing education courses so that they can use their CME/CNE hours toward a mission trip.

### How It Works

When an organization places an order of \$1,500 or more, they will receive access to continuing education courses through an association we've partnered with. Each code is valid for one year, and offers 20% off each CME/CNE course offered through the online portal. There's no limit to how many people can use the code. Providers who take the courses are able to itemize their mission trip under their required continuing education hours, allowing participants to learn and serve on the mission field, while also connecting NGOs with needed medical providers.\*

### Benefits

- Accreditation. All courses are fully accredited.
- Convenience. Participants are able to access their selected coursework over a one-year period via an online portal. They can complete courses before, during, or after their mission trip. Also, they are able to save time not having to research course providers.
- Mission-related learning. Courses offered are relevant beyond U.S. health and provide invaluable knowledge useful for many mission trips to come.
- Save paid vacation time. Using CME/CNE time for a mission trip allows medical providers to serve and learn without losing the limited time they need for personal use.
- Unlimited. Any medical provider needing continuing education is eligible. Also, there's no limit to how many people on a team can use the access code.

Our desire is to see lives transformed by the power of God and the gift of medical care. We recognize the logistics that prevent many medical providers from serving to the extent that they desire, and that's why we are excited to offer this unique solution.

To learn more about this unique opportunity and how you can be a part, whether as an individual or as an organization, please email us at [info@blessing.org](mailto:info@blessing.org).

\* Please check with your individual employer for availability.



# Global Missions Health Conference

Will We See You at Global Missions Health Conference?  
November 7-9, Louisville, KY

We will once again be at the Global Missions Health Conference this year! We love the conference spirit, the wealth of knowledge and experience, and seeing missionaries with the same zeal as the young adults who are eager to take part in the great commission.

If you're at GMHC, please make time for us in your schedule. We will be at booths #1701/1702 in the exhibit hall, eager to say hi, discuss ideas, or answer questions. For more information about GMHC or to register, visit [medicalmissions.com](http://medicalmissions.com)

## Sessions

"Sourcing Safe Medicines for Missions"  
Thursday, 4:00 p.m.  
Room ED213  
Presented by Barry Ewy, PharmD

"Ethical Medicine in Short-Term Trips"  
Friday, 2:30 p.m.  
Room ED214  
Presented by Barry Ewy, PharmD

Your gift of **\$50** will provide desperately needed medicines and supplies to treat 230 individuals in clinics around the world.

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### GIVE ONLINE

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### GIVE BY MOBILE

Text "**GIVEBLESSINGS**" to **41444**

*Every Gift Makes a Difference!*



Guidestar has awarded Blessings their highest rating of Platinum to reflect our level of accountability and transparency. We rank in the top 2% of all rated charities.

Blessings has been accredited by Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability since 1981.

Federal employees can donate through the Combined Federal Campaign #11864. State and local government employees can look for us in their Charity Guide under the Neighbor to Nation federation.



Learn more at [www.blessing.org](http://www.blessing.org)