



Merry Christmas from the Cross Road Health Ministries Board and Staff

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North Country Clinic: Meeting Needs For 15 Years



Dede Duntze at NCC

Faithful is He who calls you, who also will do it.
1 Thessalonians. 5:24

Before I'd even gone back to school, God planted a desire in my heart to provide Nurse Practitioner level care to people living in the Chistochina, Slana & Mentasta areas. Looking back it is amazing to see how God has fulfilled this dream. Fifteen years ago, North Country Clinic (NCC) opened its doors. I think people were skeptical at first – mainly coming for colds and bellyaches. With longevity comes

relationships and greater trust and the complexity of patient care has stretched me many times as I endeavor to meet physical, emotional and spiritual needs. North Country Clinic is my “main office”, but I have the privilege of working in Chistochina and Mentasta villages each week. More challenges abound as I seek to provide culturally appropriate care in the Native villages and also in the homesteader, subsistence culture. I love frontier medicine and the challenge of meeting patient needs in remote communities.

I'm thankful to have the little 16x20 foot log cabin that is NCC to see patients in, but also to have a place to be organized to do case management and all the care coordination it takes to provide thorough patient care. NCC underwent a major face lift this summer – structurally we jacked it up, leveled it, put in a new side wall of logs, replaced the floor, and replaced part of the roof. We stained and painted, reorganized, got new chairs and rugs, and generally spruced it up. It's so nice and cheery – what a treat. Many of YOU made it possible to do the renovations, replace furniture and upgrade medical equipment with your generous gifts and faithful prayers! Thanks for partnering with me for the sake of the gospel.

Dede Duntze, NCC Nurse Practitioner



Reaching Out With Christ's Love in Kiribati

Left: Nurse from Kiribati and team members Beth, Joel, Nadia and Karen with others at a school clinic.

The Board of Cross Road Health Ministries has made it possible for full time staff to use up to two weeks a year for ministry of the employee's choice. Over the past several years, many have used this benefit to help with local ministries--church functions, KCAM outreaches, Victory Bible Camp, or have served others overseas in Haiti, the Philippines and more. Delta Junction nurse Nadia Domas and her husband, Lab Director Serge Domas started a clinic in Tarawa, Kiribati a few years ago. This year Nadia led a team of four from Glennallen and Delta to help meet needs. Clinics were held on three islands and the group (joined by local health workers, and a local doctor and nurse) were able to reach more than a thousand patients with Christ's love.



Nadia seeing patients

With Gratitude to Our Supporters

Merry Christmas, Friends of Cross Road Health Ministries! We are so blessed to have your support and to be able to provide for the area's health care needs. I am happy to serve with a fine team and we are pleased to serve our communities.

Patients surveyed rate their clinical care at all sites consistently above 90%, so it blesses us to know the patients are happy with their care as we endeavor to "show the love of the Lord Jesus Christ." Dede's article on the front highlights the renovations at NCC, and we are grateful for the many who helped make that possible. She does a great job ministering to the patients she serves in the villages and the Grizzly Lake area.

The Interior Alaska Medical Clinic has had the help of Verna Schad most of the summer and into the fall to help Jon have some time off. We appreciate her help, the staff's work, and Jon's consistent care for the Delta community! Please note the pictures here from the float earlier this year highlighting the new pharmacy there. The clinic and pharmacy continue to increase the number of people they are able to help and we have heard good things from the Delta Junction community about having the clinic and pharmacy there.



Interior Alaska Award-Winning Float and staff children



Pinneo Cabin moves from Cross Road to the Community Park (below)



Cross Road Medical Center's campus looks a bit different as a landmark has just been moved. The Copper Basin Lion's Club agreed to move the Pinneo cabin to their newest local park to be a historical building remembering Dr. James and Lois Pinneo and their dedication to healthcare here for so many years. It will be used as a park building for the community. Dedication will be some time next year. Word has also come from SEND regarding the land transfer to Cross Road, and it seems the final steps may happen over the next several months. We appreciate the many who have helped us pay for the land purchase! Your support has helped us provide health care to the Copper Basin for over 60 years!

The support of the community and other Friends of Cross Road Health Ministries makes a difference! As a not-for-profit organization, your gifts are a big help in meeting needs. Thank you for your prayers, encouragements, and gifts! May the love of the Lord Jesus be especially near to you all during this Christmas season! *Joel Medendorp, CEO*



I thank my God upon every remembrance of you. Phil. 1:3

Prayer Requests:

- Praise for the reason we can celebrate Christmas. May the busyness of the season not keep us from celebrating our Savior
- For our patients and staff who have lost loved ones. Holidays are especially hard for those experiencing loss.
- For ways to touch lives and give hope to those needing it.
- For the staff members still needed: providers, nurse, and physical therapist.
- Praise for the many who have helped meet needs throughout our communities.
- Pray that our words and actions be uplifting to those around us and bring glory to God.

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Fourth Value: *Integrity*

By Chaplain Cleve Mugford

"...“He who walks in integrity walks securely, but he who perverts his ways will be found out.” (Prov. 10:9)

How freeing it is to walk in integrity. To walk in integrity is to proclaim righteousness, and then to live it in public and in private. A hypocritical Christian will erect a convincing façade, and then fear that his secret sins will be exposed. But a Christian of integrity will NEVER fear. What he is in public is what he is in private. Let us all strive to be genuine Christians of integrity, so we can serve him fearlessly.

Want to Help Meet Needs?

Join us in meeting needs:

- \$60,000 x-ray table and tube in Glennallen (2 year goal)
- \$10,000 generator in Delta Junction
- 4 wheel drive vehicle in good condition

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www.crossroadmc.org

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