

# MARION MEDICAL MISSION

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**WELL SEASON BEGINS SEP 1**  
**GOAL: 3450 WELLS**

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"I was thirsty and you gave me  
something to drink." - Matthew 25:35

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Dr. Hayden Boyd, Doug Kee, and I went to Malawi for a short trip in April. The covid pandemic created problems getting into and out of Malawi. Doug's flight from Detroit to O'Hare was delayed and he missed his Ethiopian flight. The next day he had to take a second Covid PCR test before he was allowed to get on the plane; at a cost of \$220. When we left Malawi, we had to provide proof of a negative covid PCR test within 24 hours of our flight; at a cost of \$100. There were problems getting the test results because initially the test certificate had the wrong date. Doug missed the flight leaving Malawi because of an airline mistake and had to get a second test and pay another \$100. Getting in and out of Malawi was not easy.

This was the first time I had been in Africa in over two years, and the poverty shocked me. In Lilongwe, just outside the Korean Garden Lodge, I saw a woman taking a bath in a ditch and a man, not far from her, washing his clothes.



The trip's purpose was to get ready to reintroduce U.S. volunteers back into the African side of the Well Program in September. It was also to deliver new Androids that are faster, provide more dependable GPS readings, and a way to upload well data directly to the MMM server in the U.S. This will mean having the well data and pictures much faster and more efficiently.

All the FOs from Malawi, Zambia and Tanzania came to the Mzuzu for a workshop on April 20 and 21. The 25 new Androids were handed out. Mr. Kaponda and Hayden provided the training on how to use them.



The Coordinators and Field Officers' energy, enthusiasm, and excitement was an enormous blessing. They will be ready, and are anxious to greet and work with this year's U.S. team when they arrive in September. The African Staff is the best of the best. I'd match them up against anyone, anywhere.

This Well Program has brought people together: the extreme poor, the not so poor, the wealthy; black people, white people; Americans, Africans; white collar, blue collar; college professors, those who never attended school. God's creation. It is an example of what is right in the world. An example of what can happen when God's people come together. Through this program we are a part of each other. The Beloved Community that spans the globe. **This is a story the world needs to hear.**

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## MMM DAILY DEVOTIONS 2022

These devotions were written by the African staff and U.S. volunteers. They include one devotion for each day of the 2022 Well Season (Sep. 1 through Oct. 31). Get a copy so you can participate! Email [devotions@mmmwater.org](mailto:devotions@mmmwater.org) to receive a daily devotion via email or download a Kindle version for .99 cents at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

Special thanks to **Jane Swanson**, who volunteered countless hours to put these devotions together.

During the last two years when Covid-19 shut the world down... when U.S. volunteers were unable to travel to Africa, where two of our Coordinators and our accounts person got covid, MMM continued on, breaking the record in 2020, building 3,265 wells, then breaking that record in 2021, building 3,413 wells.

This year, we have a U.S. team of 13 going to Africa to once again work hand in hand with our partners. Please keep them in prayer along with the village communities, the Well Program Coordinators, Field Officers, Installation Supervisors, and builders.

### 2022 TEAM

SEP 18 - OCT 16

Hayden Boyd  
Rick Delaney  
Slade Exley  
Jocelyn Logan  
Tom Logan  
Martin McCoy  
Steve McKeown  
Carol Nussbaumer  
Jim Nussbaumer  
Meg Packard  
Betty Samelson  
Wayne Schultz  
Jessi Stitt



There is absolutely zero correlation between material wealth and joy.

Luke 6:20 Looking at his disciples, he said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Malawi is where Marion Medical Mission launched its protected water program. That country is consistently near the bottom of the list of countries when it comes to wealth. Infant mortality rates are high, literacy is low. Economic opportunity for the vast majority is nearly non-existent. Simply put, those who are the benefactors of MMM’s efforts are among the “least of these” in the entire world when it comes to material wealth. It is easy to pity the poorest of the villagers as some emerge from mud hut houses and gather for the well dedications barefooted and wearing rags. However, if you spend any time there at all, you realize the richness of their world. In their poverty, they are among the most joyous people on the planet.

Our materialistic culture has brainwashed us into thinking happiness and fulfillment come through the stuff we own, the cars we drive, the vacations we take, the restaurants we frequent, the jewelry we wear, the houses in which we live. Our money-oriented mindset frequently makes us blind to the things which really matter.

Those whom we serve in Africa are among the richest individuals I’ve ever met in the things which God says matters most. They enjoy rich relationships with family and friends. They have an overflowing joy that resides deep in their hearts and is lavished upon others. They possess a profound personal faith in God that is only magnified when they gather for corporate worship. They prosper in authenticity, sincerity, generosity, passion, and unconditional love. They are wealthy beyond measure.

Don’t get me wrong, our efforts to decrease their physical suffering through providing life-giving water, medical services, education, etc. should be supported and celebrated. After all, Jesus said even giving a cup of water in His Name would not be overlooked. But don’t pity them. While they lack material wealth, they are rich beyond description.

# In Memory of Dr. Faustina Pugeda

August 14, 1940 - May 21, 2022

By Tom Logan



The devastating famine in Ethiopia in 1985, killing 1.2 million people, led charities to react. The song "We are the World" written by Quincy Jones, and sung by gifted artists, brought world-wide attention to the tragedy. Jocelyn and I reacted.

Marion Medical Mission was born.

Our first team in 1985 consisted of Dr Joe Pugeda, general surgeon, Marion Memorial Hospital; Dr. Richard Morgan, an orthopedic surgeon; Tom Van Horn, an accountant; Tom Kirby, a businessman; and me. We went to Zaire (now the Republic of Congo) to work in Presbyterian Mission Hospitals.

Our plane landed in Kinshasa, the Capital. When we got inside the terminal building, we stood there, aghast. The chaos was unbelievable. People were yelling and screaming. People were being chased. We stood against the wall with our mouths open, unable to process what we were seeing. Finally, an African man wearing a suit approached us. He said: "I represent the Presbyterian Church. Do you have your passports?"

He took our passports, processed us through immigration and customs, and guided us out of the terminal to a waiting van. We stowed our luggage and piled in. Our confusion and anxiety multiplied as we drove through the city. It was unreal. Poverty was everywhere we looked. You could not escape it. Boys, girls, men, women, old people, all desperately poor. I thought, who did we think we were? We couldn't make a difference in a lifetime, let alone a month.

They asked if Dr. Pugeda would go to the Bibanga Mission hospital where there had not been a doctor for six months. I tagged along. The roads were poor to nonexistent. The only way to get there was by a small single prop airplane with landing gear that didn't even retract, the entire instrument panel was smashed, and the front windshield had numerous cracks. Dr. Pugeda squeezed in the back seat with our mission guide, and I got in the co-pilot's seat.

We landed on a little grass strip next to the hospital and were greeted by a bunch of smiling, excited children, and the head of the mission station. Not only had there been no doctor for six months, there was no electric power. We took a tour of the hospital. It had several single-story buildings. On the wards, there was more than one patient in many of the beds. The patients' relatives, their caretakers, who would fix food and feed the patients, slept on the floor under the beds.

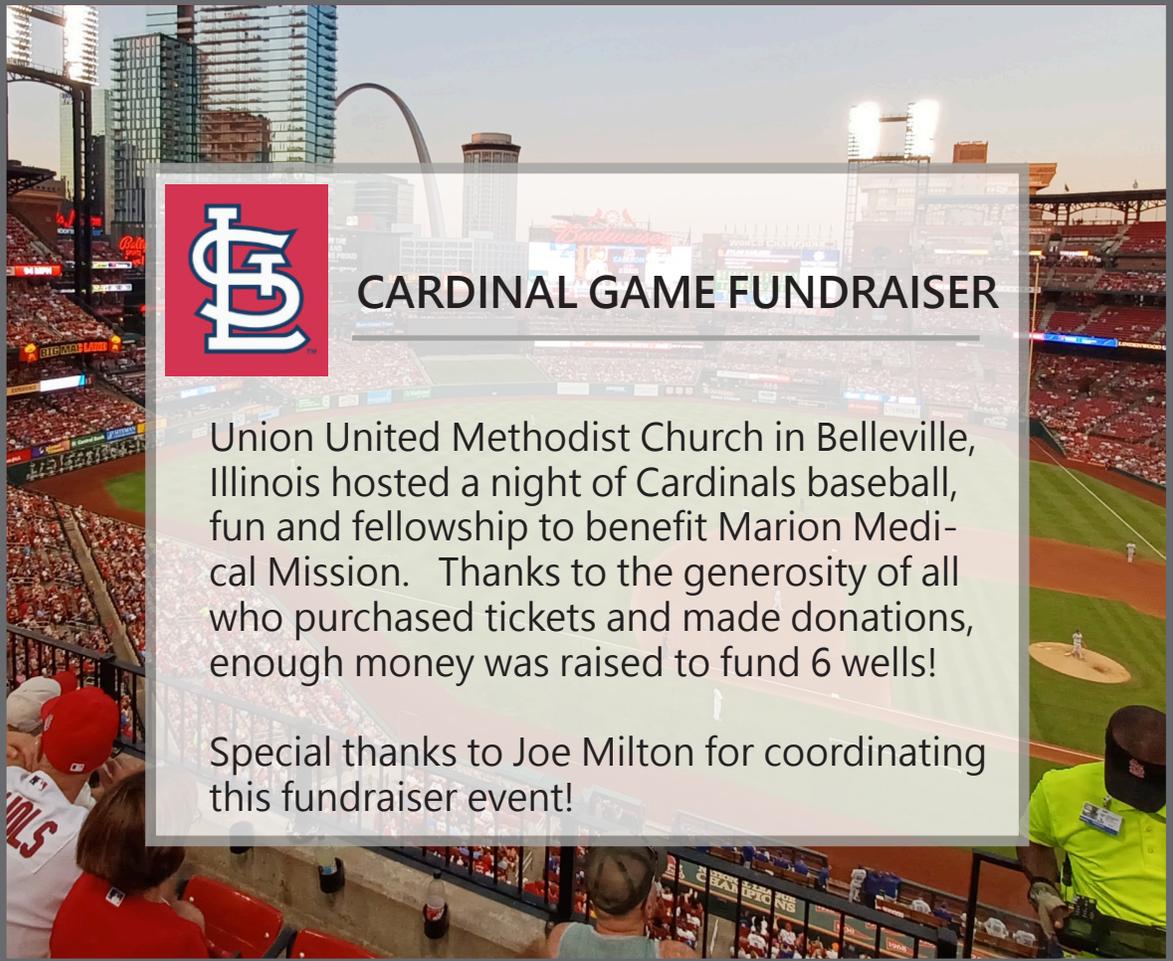
We stayed in the home of Ruth and Bill Mitchell, PCUSA mission coworkers. After dinner we went to bed. About 10 o'clock that first night they came and woke us. A little girl had fallen out of a tree and ruptured her spleen. The father had carried her to the hospital hoping someone could help. We went down to the operating room and held flashlights while Dr. Pugeda removed the little girl's spleen, saving her life.

The next morning, the girl's father came to see Dr. Pugeda. "Thank you, thank you for saving my daughter." The man paused and asked, "But, why are you here?" Dr. Pugeda thought for a moment and quietly said, "I'm following the Lord's guidance."

Think of the impact of that. Not just on the father, but the mother, the brothers and sisters, the grandparents, the extended family. And think of the impact Dr. Pugeda has had on so many, well beyond just those who received his surgical care. What a wonderful difference his life has made to so many.



May God bless us with just enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in the world,  
So that we can do what others claim cannot be done: ~ Franciscan Benediction



# CARDINAL GAME FUNDRAISER

Union United Methodist Church in Belleville, Illinois hosted a night of Cardinals baseball, fun and fellowship to benefit Marion Medical Mission. Thanks to the generosity of all who purchased tickets and made donations, enough money was raised to fund 6 wells!

Special thanks to Joe Milton for coordinating this fundraiser event!

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A new command I give you: **Love one another.** As I have loved you, so you must **love one another.** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you **love one another.** John 13:34-35