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Tribute to our founder who passed away August 31, 2011

Dr. Richard Bendall started his journey on this earth in a simple manner. Richard was raised on a farm in rural Virginia with his parents and twelve siblings. Things were different then. People worked hard for the food on their table. Opportunities for a life away from the farm were challenging. One thing Richard had through his early life though was the foundation of God, family, hard work, and a desire in his heart to serve his God and serve others.

Initially, Richard's dreams included going to medical school, becoming a doctor and helping others as an extension of the Great Physician Jesus Christ. Life is funny though... God had a different plan for Richard Bendall. God set Richard on a path of serving others not as a physician, but through a series of career opportunities that eventually touched a broader audience than Richard could have ever imagined. This road was not easy.

God provided the opportunities for Richard to secure a Christian education at a time when money was tight. While attending a



Barbie Simons with her father, Dr. Bendall, working in the mountains of Tanzania. Little did she know God was preparing her to carry on his vision.

boarding academy, Richard ran out of funds for school. As a young man trying to support himself and get an education, he was devastated when he was called to the treasurer's office. The treasurer told him he should write home and ask his father to help him with his school fees.

Richard said that was impossible for him to do. When the treasurer asked why, Richard explained that he was one of thirteen children and his father did not have the money to send him to school. There was no need to even ask. The treasurer told him the bill must be paid and sent him on his way. Soon Richard was asked to come to the treasurer's office for another meeting. He knew this meant he would be sent home so he packed his bags and brought them with him to the meeting.

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Barbie Simons New President

At last year's World Health Services annual board meeting, the WHS board voted Barbie Simons President-Elect of World Health Services. Dr. Bendall wished to take a less active role in the day-to-day activities of the organization and devote time to future goals of the organization he founded. With the untimely passing of Dr. Bendall, Barbie has assumed day-to-day operations for the organization sooner than planned.

Simons has served on the board since the inception of WHS. She is also Dr. Bendall's daughter. Barbie says, "Dad lived by his motto 'To humbly serve is to truly live' and I hope to follow that example. It's encouraging to remember Dad telling me 'God doesn't care about qualifications, just that you are willing to serve. God will take care of the rest!'"

President's Views on the Future of World Health

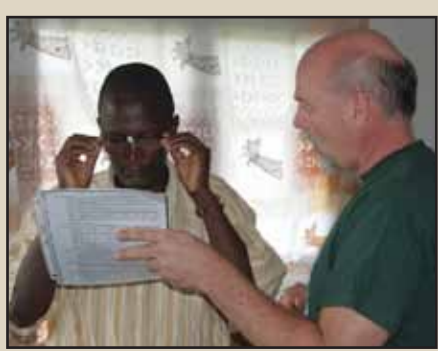
As another year comes to an end, many changes have taken place in our organization and in my personal life. The loss of my father, Dr. Richard Bendall, has left a burning desire in my heart to carry on the selfless work he began years ago. If you ever had the privilege of meeting my dad you know he was always an incredibly energetic and exciting person to be around. If he was

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Lord Send Me

Debi Verrill was invited to join a WHS mission team going to Chome, Tanzania, Africa in 2007. Debi had been friends with Dr. Bendall and his family for many years. She was not convinced she should go. "Why would God want me to go to Africa? What could I possibly do for Him there", she wondered. But God had a plan. He worked it out for her to go in spite of her protests. She had an incredible time working in the dental clinic, assisting with extractions. Debi thought she would go this once and satisfy Dr. Bendall and that would be the end of it. However, Debi underestimated the experience God had planned for her and it opened her mind to the possibilities. She was on fire when she returned home and could not stop talking about what she had seen and felt. Slowly her enthusiasm began to work on her husband Jerry.

In 2009 Jerry joined Debi on the mission trip to Chome. Debi was trying to help find an eye doctor for the team. In the process, a friend from college connected her to Kendall Optometry Ministry, a mission organization specializing in glasses. This led to Debi and Jerry getting equipment sent to them (an auto-refractor, laptop, and



Jerry helping a patient fine-tune his prescription for reading glasses.

2,000 pairs of glasses) to learn how to test people and get them fitted with the proper glasses. Jerry stepped up to the challenge and learned to use the auto refractor while Debi inventoried glasses and assisted him.

Each year Jerry and Debi get more efficient and confident in their glasses ministry. Every year they come home with stories and experiences that have changed their lives. One such story is of a boy named Godwin. He is a young man who was unable to read the chalkboard in school and was going to be forced to leave boarding school and go home because he could not do his schoolwork with the vision issues he had. He was a very difficult case and Jerry worked very hard with him.

Finally, he was able to find a pair of glasses that worked well enough for him to read and continue his studies. Jerry brought home Godwin's prescription and has found someone to fill it to his specific needs. Godwin was so very grateful — Jerry had been his last hope. He returned with a sack of potatoes as a gift for them and each year returns to visit with them and thank them. A deep friendship has developed between them.

Many factors contribute to poor eye health in Chome. The lack of electricity requires oil lamps for reading. Smoke builds up in huts from open cooking fires. Many have cataracts and are in need of surgery. That is the next big project Jerry and Debi are working on. They want to find a way to provide cataract surgery to these people. They are looking for surgeons willing to go. One of the largest obstacles is providing a place that would serve as a sterile surgery room. That's one reason we are so determined to build a clinic on the mountain.

Jerry has become so devoted to the people and causes in Tanzania that he decided to learn Swahili in order to communicate with his patients. He works on his Swahili each night at home. This year in Chome when he was not in clinic, you would see Jerry laughing, playing ball or chatting away practicing his Swahili with local Tanzanians.

For a man who had never left the United States, Africa seemed a distant land. In fact, being an eye "daktari" and learning Swahili seemed impossible. With God anything is possible; you only need to be willing. You will be amazed at what He will do through you, if you just say "here am I Lord, send me".



Jerry looks for just the right pair of glasses to fill a prescription.



Debi and Jerry along with Godwin and his gift of potatoes. Since Debi's first trip with WHS, she has become a vice president of the organization.

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The treasurer asked if he had written to his father for help with his school fees. Richard replied that he had not and he was ready to go home. His bag was packed. The treasurer then told him he had good news. That morning he found an envelope under his door with instructions to apply the enclosed money to Richard's account. The account was PAID IN FULL.

This experience made such a lasting impression on Richard and he spent the rest of his life paying it forward — helping young people obtain the education they so desperately wanted or needed. He knew the struggles of not being able to afford an education and he wanted to help a young person as someone had helped him. He wanted to pay it forward to another person and they should do the same, creating a chain of people helping the next generation over and over again. Thus, he would leave a legacy of people helping others for eternity.

As a young professional, Richard became a high school and college educator and quickly realized his mission in life was more than being a teacher – it was not only serving God as an educator but helping young people to find Christ through his influence and guidance. God led Richard through distinctive career opportunities that truly maximized his ability to serve Christ. Richard was a youth/temperance leader, youth summer camp director, high school principal and finally a church leader and administrator at the regional and national level. Throughout all these opportunities Richard remained

cognizant of God's plan. In each and every role he assisted others in their spiritual and educational goals.

After several decades of serving others' needs, Richard retired. But you have to realize for Richard, "retired" translated into "Second Career".

As Richard found himself thrust into this second phase of his life, he determined there was more he could do. As it turns out, Richard had global interests at heart when he decided to found an organization called World Health Services. The

support to include building health clinics, classrooms, churches and dormitories. Participation in World Health Services missions have blessed volunteers and donors as they spread goodwill beyond our borders.

Richard tirelessly continued this work until early August 2011, when on a mission to Bulgaria, he became ill. He succumbed to Lymphoma later that month, ending an extremely successful partnership serving God's needs on this earth. Not surprisingly, even while very ill in the hospital, he was sharing



Although Dr. Bendall traveled to Africa leading medical missions, he always found time to break away and do what he loved—telling stories to the kids in Tanzania—stories of his childhood experiences that always pointed to Jesus' love.

mission of WHS would be meeting the physical needs of the less fortunate through health education and medical clinics, thus opening the door to share Jesus' love.

Through the assistance of donors, health care professionals and other critical volunteers, Richard was able to reach thousands in China, Tanzania, Argentina, Ecuador, Greece, Bulgaria and many other countries.

Not only was he able to assist people with their health and spiritual needs, but through WHS expanded

God's grace (and his WHS photo book) with his physicians and health care workers. He was still working and planning key initiatives for future World Health Services mission trips.

Even though we miss Richard's leadership, he left behind a group of dedicated and committed donors, volunteers and board members that are more energized than ever to continue the important work he began. We are blessed to have known Richard, and we are extremely thankful for those he has touched in the name of Jesus.

Joint Effort Succeeds in Ecuador

In September of 2011, World Health Services teamed up with Huguley Memorial Medical Center in Fort Worth, Texas, for a mission trip to Puyo Ecuador. WHS provided support, planning, and travel arrangements. Huguley supplied a group of medical and ancillary personnel. The main objective of the group was to serve the medical needs of villagers in small villages around Puyo and to build a one-room schoolhouse in one of these villages.

Led by Tammy Collier, the group hit the ground running and served a total of 750 patients in their clinics. The group of doctors included OB/GYN, ER, and General Medicine. The group treated parasites, conducted nutrition assessments, supplied vitamins, antibiotics,



parasite meds, etc. In addition to the medical clinic, the group distributed prescription glasses, reading glasses and also toothbrushes.

While the clinics were in progress, Christian children's programs were provided to those in the villages. Approximately 500 children attended these programs, learning about Jesus and enjoying crafts, etc.

One of the main projects of Huguley was to build a 400 sq. ft. one-room school house for approximately 20-25 children in one of the villages. In addition to building the facility, they were able to supply desks, chairs and school supplies for the children.

The trip was a huge success and the people of Puyo were very grateful for the help. They have invited the Huguley group to return again next year.



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excited about something, it was certain you were going to catch his infectious spirit. My whole life I watched this man work tirelessly for others and give of himself. Naturally I want to keep this passion going.

Although no one can replace dad, I certainly knew intimately his wishes and plans for WHS. I am determined to ask God to finish these things through our incredible group of board members and the volunteers who work with us. In an effort to work more efficiently, we are teaming with other non-profit organizations including Kendall Optometry, Little Dresses for Africa, and ADRA.

Professional videos and presentation materials are being prepared to more effectively present the needs of others to our supporters.

We are taking steps toward building a medical clinic on the mountain in Chome, Tanzania (something dad wanted to see built in his lifetime).

Strategic plans are being developed to grow our organization and reach more people in need. Relationships in countries where we presently serve are important to maintain. We also want to follow God's leading to new locations He knows need our help.

We are working to strengthen relationships with donors and supporters who see our long-term vision and want to be a part of what we are doing as we move forward.

Please pray for us and visit our website often to see what we are doing. The website has been updated and reformatted. You will enjoy seeing the pictures

of missionaries serving the needs of people in various countries, but more than that you will enjoy seeing the faces of the precious people we serve.

Join us in working around the world by praying for us, supporting us financially, or participating in one of our trips. Get ready for a life-changing experience. It certainly changed mine.

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