

I WAS SICK AND YOU.....

NUMC PRESENTATION

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Matthew 25:31-40

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. 34 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, *I was sick and you looked after me*, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ 37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? 40 “The king will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’



Close to
GOD

Close to
PEOPLE



OVERVIEW OF OUR DISCUSSION

A BRIEF HISTORY OF RIVER CITY MINISTRIES HEALTH CARE

DESCRIPTION OF OUR CURRENT HEALTH CARE MINISTRY

BRIEF DISCUSSION OF THE NATIONAL HEALTHCARE LANDSCAPE

DISCUSSION OF THE FUTURE OF CHARITABLE HEALTH CARE

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION

IDEAS FOR CONSIDERATION



A SNAPSHOT OF RCM HEALTH CARE SERVICES

2,500 ADULT PATIENTS TREATED PER YEAR

CURRENTLY PROVIDING:

MEDICAL,

DENTAL,

VISION,

MENTAL HEALTH,

PHARMACY SERVICES

PHYSICAL THERAPY CLINIC

WE ARE A CHARITABLE CLINIC
\$ 5 CHARGE FOR THOSE THAT CAN PAY

SERVING THE HOMELESS, THE VERY POOR AND THE
WORKING POOR

THOSE QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE SERVICE-

NO MEDICARE

NO VA BENEFITS

NO PRIVATE INSURANCE

NO TO LOW INCOME

UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE ON A LIMITED BASIS

STAFF-RN AND DENTAL ASSISTANT- 5 DAYS A WEEK
THEY RUN THE CLINICS, AND COORDINATE THE
VOLUNTEERS

DENTIST AND MD ON STAFF, ONE DAY PER WEEK
MOST CARE PROVIDED BY VOLUNTEER MEDICAL
PROFESSIONALS

FUNDING

OUR BUDGET FOR STAFF, MEDICINE, EQUIPMENT, TESTING , EMR AND SUPPLIES CURRENTLY RUNS ABOUT \$140,000. PER YEAR

THERE IS NO INCOME

FUNDING IS A MIXTURE OF LOCAL AND STATE GRANTS, COMBINED WITH INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND FUND RAISING PROJECTS

APRX 850 PATIENTS RECEIVE MEDS THROUGH PERSCRIPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (PAP). A TEAM OF 4 VOLUNTEERS WORK THIS PROGRAM THAT SECURES BETWEEN \$3 AND \$4 MILLION WORTH OF MEDICINES FOR OUR PATIENTS PER YEAR.

SPIRITUAL MATTERS

THERE ARE NO SPIRITUAL REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE SERVICES

VOLUNTEERS MAY BE ANY RELIGION, AS LONG AS THEY ARE ONLY PROVIDING CARE-NOT SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE.

IT IS NOT THE GREATEST EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH TOOL

IT IS A GREAT WAY TO SHOW THE LOVE OF GOD AND PROVIDE SERVICE TO “THE LEAST OF THESE”

IT IS A GREAT WAY TO SERVE SUPPORTING CONGREGATIONS AND THEIR MEMBERS WHO NEED CARE.

THE FUTURE OF CHARITABLE MEDICAL CARE IN THE US

THE “AFFORDABLE CARE ACT” OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “OBAMACARE”

WHAT WILL THAT MEAN FOR MINISTRIES THAT PROVIDE CARE?
WE DON'T KNOW.

ARKANSAS PRIVATE OPTION

EVERYONE BELOW THE 138% OF THE POVERTY LEVEL CAN RECEIVE FREE CARE.

SOME CLINICS ARE CLOSING, SOME PROVIDERS ARE RETIRING WE BELIEVE, AND THE GOVT HAS TOLD US, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO WILL FALL THROUGH THIS SAFTEY NET.

WE ARE STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF BECOMING A HYBRID CLINIC PROVIDE CARE FOR PAY TO THOSE INSURED 138'S WHILE PROVIDING CHARITABLE CARE FOR THOSE WHO FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS.

**QUESTIONS,
COMMENTS OR**

DISCUSSION



WAYS TO SERVE OTHERS IN THIS CURRENT ENVIRONMENT

1. HELP THE POOR SIGN UP FOR THE ACA. HEALTHCARE NAVIGATOR
2. PROVIDE AN INFORMATION SHEET ABOUT FREE OR CHARITABLE MEDICAL CARE AVAILABLE IN YOUR CITY
3. OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATIONS-LOW COST, SAFE, NEEDED.
4. VOUCHER SYSTEM FOR \$4 MEDICATIONS
THIS IS GREAT FOR SUPPORTING GROUPS AND CONGREGATIONS
5. “FIRST AID” CLINIC OR “TALK WITH THE NURSE”