



親愛的天鄰基金會朋友：

天鄰醫療隊經歷了一次非常難忘而又滿有神恩典的短宣！

天鄰組織了兩個醫療隊，分別是骨科隊和流動醫療隊，於2月13日至3月5日在庫爾德斯坦(伊拉克北部)為雅茲迪難民義診及做手術。隊員共24人，來自美國、澳洲、英國及台灣。

手術前三個月，變種的新冠病毒侵襲美國，我們有3位護士包括病房及手術室的護士長均受感染，多位隊員退出，令大家擔心隊伍是否可以順利出發。我們開了一個網上會議，結果確認有足夠人數組隊，便按原定計劃進行。到達庫爾德斯坦初期，工作順利，我們依計劃加強防止病毒傳播措施，但在手術最繁忙的時候，11位隊員相繼染上新冠病毒，並且需要隔離。最嚴重的時候，病房只有護士長未染病，而手術室亦只有護士長及出發前曾經患病的護士可以工作。原來出發前三位患病的護士成了最困難時候的支柱，手術並未因隊員病倒而停止，所有醫療工作繼續進行。

因為所有隊員一早已打了防疫針，故始11位患病隊員病情不算嚴重，都能很快痊癒，除了一位隊員外，所有隊員都能夠按原定計劃在完成工作後回國，現在唯一未痊癒的隊員亦漸漸康復中，我們已經安排本地合作伙伴照顧隊員。天鄰覆診隊將於4月尾再到庫爾德斯坦為手術後的病人檢查、配支具及做物理治療。

祝主愛永久!

您的同工

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Dear Friends of HIS Foundation,

We just experienced an unforgettable short-term medical mission. It is a testimony of God's protection and providence!

HIS Foundation organized a medical mission to serve the Yazidi refugees in Kurdistan (Northern Iraq) from February 13 to March 5, 2022. The group consisted of an orthopedic team and a mobile medical unit. There were 24 volunteers from the United States, Australia, United Kingdom, and Taiwan.

About 3 months before departure, the new variant of Covid-19 was widely spread in the United States. We have 3 nurses including the nurse managers of the ward and operating room were sick. Several volunteers decided to leave the team. We were worried that the mission might have to be aborted. A special online meeting was held and confirmed that we still have enough manpower for the mission. So, the teams were sent as planned. In the early phase of the mission, works went smoothly. We adopted strict guidelines to prevent spread of infection. However, at the busiest time of the mission, 11 team members got sick with Covid and had to be self-quarantine. At the worst time, the nurse manager was the only nurse in the ward unaffected. In the operating room, only the nurse manager and the nurse previously infected remained healthy. The 3 nurses that got sick before the mission became the main workforce of the team. All surgeries and treatment plan continued without interruption.

All team members were fully vaccinated before departure. Therefore, our sick team members had relatively mild symptoms and recovered quite fast. All team members except one were able to return to their home country as planned after the mission. The remaining team member is recovering and is under the care of our local mission partner. The follow up team will return at the end of April to see our postoperative patients. Patients will be fitted with braces and started on rehabilitation program.

May God bless you abundantly!

Sincerely,

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Board Chairman



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