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TWO DOCTORS AND FOUR CHILDREN
START A MISSION IN UGANDA



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Jennings' New Chapter in Uganda

Many of you will remember the Jennings family when they joined the Formation Program, when they served in Ghana and Honduras and when they let MDA know that they were ready to resume long-term mission service after the birth of their fourth child, James. Drs. Brian and Robyn have embarked on this new chapter, embracing all that this means for each member of this family of six. We had the pleasure of sitting down with Dr. Robyn to hear about their experiences so far.

SETTLING IN

“It’s been a month,” Robyn shares, “and thanks to God, we’re feeling settled. Adjusting to a new environment with a young family can have its challenges, but we’re finding our rhythm.”

MOTIVATIONS FOR MISSION WORK

“Brian and I are driven by our faith,” she explains. “Serving on medical missions feels like a direct response to Christ’s call to love and serve the poor. We hope to follow His example in everything we do.”



Mission Doctor, Dr. Brian Jennings caring for a young patient. A family practice doctor, Dr. Jennings is able to care for patients of all ages, providing life-saving medical care to a rural community in need.

CHOOSING KAROLI LWANGA HOSPITAL

“Mission Doctors has a long-standing partnership with Karoli Lwanga Hospital,” Dr. Jennings notes. “Their strong Catholic identity and mission resonate deeply with us. We’re honored to be part of their work serving the most vulnerable in Uganda.”

LESSONS FOR THEIR CHILDREN

“We hope our children witness firsthand what it means to make decisions based on faith,” Robyn reflects. “Exposure to a new culture and friendships with people from different backgrounds will undoubtedly nurture their growth in holiness.”



Emily, Sophia, and Jack Jennings on their first day of school at local Catholic School, Our Lady of Good Counsel. Attending school with local children builds community and allows Mission Doctors to live in solidarity with those they serve.

FAMILY LIFE ON THE MISSION FIELD

While some might wonder about the challenges of starting a mission with young children, Robyn finds these challenges create opportunities for connection. “People are drawn to the kids,” she says. “James, our four-month-old, gets lots of cuddles, and Sophia, who’s four, has become a local celebrity! The community embraces our family, and the spiritual benefits far outweigh any potential drawbacks. Honestly, we have more family time here, and our lives feel simpler.”

ADJUSTING TO A NEW LIFE

“Making new friends has been a highlight for the kids,” Dr. Jennings shares. “Trying new foods has been a bit of an adventure, but they’re adapting quickly.”

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LOOKING FORWARD

“We’re eager to build relationships, learn how God is working through this hospital, and contribute to their mission of healing and service,” Dr. Robyn says.

INSPIRATIONAL GUIDANCE

“The Prayer of St. Francis and the Beatitudes are constant sources of inspiration,” Dr. Robyn confides.

Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey with the Jennings family and supporting the mission of Mission Doctors. Your generosity and prayers make this work possible, and we are deeply grateful for your partnership.

Honoring the Legacy of Kay Meihaus

Kay Meihaus, a longtime member of the Mission Doctors Auxiliary, passed away peacefully on May 4, 2023, at the age of 101, only four days shy of her 102nd birthday.

Upon reaching out to her daughter Barbara, MDA was informed that Kay and her late husband Jack had remembered Mission Doctors in their estate plan. This significant gift is now making it possible for MDA to explore new locations for service, helping us say “yes” to more doctors preparing to serve, and removing the roadblocks to service for many.

Kay was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, and met her future husband, Jack, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Grammar School. They married in 1945 and were blessed with eight children. Jack passed away in 2000, after 55 years of marriage.

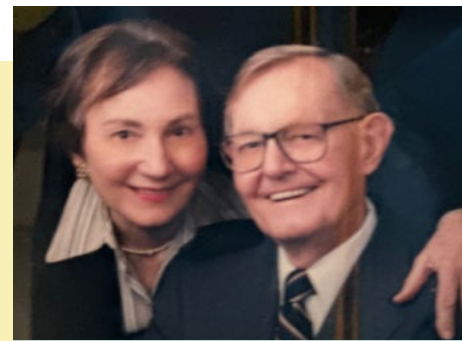
WWII called them both to service—Jack with the Navy in the South Pacific and Kay with the American Red Cross. After the war, they moved to Los Angeles, where their Catholic faith and desire to give back connected them with MDA. Despite the challenges of raising a large family, Kay passionately volunteered, organizing benefits and events to support the life-saving work of MDA.

Known for their humility, compassion, and Christian spirit, Jack and Kay were beloved by all who knew them. A prayer Kay often shared as she grew older was the Aging Prayer: “Grace me with humility and lead me to your tranquility, for in this utter surrender, I come to accept your grace so tender.

Both Jack and Kay lived their faith as humble servants, and their friends, family, the medical professionals who serve, and all who are cared for by Mission Doctors will continue to benefit from their memory and generosity.

Become a Planned Giving Donor

Inspired by the legacy of Kay and Jack Meihaus? Consider becoming a planned giving donor to ensure the continued impact of Mission Doctors. For more information and to request a planned giving brochure, please contact our office. Your generosity can make a lasting difference.



Kay and Jack Meihaus

Mission Doctor Robyn Jennings finds inspiration during her service in the Prayer of St. Francis. We invite you to join Robyn in this beautiful prayer. May it bring peace to your life and inspire you to serve and follow Christ's call in today's world. Please keep our Mission Doctors and their patients around the world in your prayers.



Prayer of St. Francis

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.*

Upcoming Events

July 17-21, 2024

National Eucharistic Congress

Mission Doctors will be exhibiting at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Indiana. "The 10th National Eucharistic Congress is an invitation to experience profound personal revival so we can be sent out to share Christ's love with a world that so desperately needs it."

To learn more visit www.EucharisticCongress.org.

October 13, 2024

Annual Mass for Health Care Professionals

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles and Mission Doctors invite all Catholic medical professionals to join us at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels and allow us the opportunity to thank you, and bless the work of your hands.

For more information on the event and to RSVP, go to www.CatholicWM.org.



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