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Midwife-EMR: Preparing for Phase Two

Getting to phase two of any software development project implies that phase one was a success; and for Midwife-EMR, that is certainly the case. Midwife-EMR is currently being used in Mercy Maternity Clinic, a Christian mission that is one of the largest lying-in maternity clinics in the Philippines. For a frame of reference, a few stats:

Number of prenatal exams in March: 982

Number of prenatal exams in April: 931

Number of new patients in April: 311

The next phase of the project will add labor and delivery features to the software, which when completed, will mean that Midwife-EMR will be able to manage the full range of maternal care from prenatal through post-partum.

midwifery and health care

Each day 800 mothers needlessly die due to a lack of maternal care. The World Health Organization recommends midwifery as the primary means of stemming the tide of maternal deaths.

Christian midwives have an amazing opportunity to minister to the poor in developing nations because many nations are welcoming midwives to assist in their efforts to help improve maternal health.

In addition to the need for trained midwives, there is also a need for midwifery software. The commercial midwifery software that is available is often unsuitable for charity clinics in the developing world because it is expensive, requires a robust Internet connection to work, and was created to cater to a Western medical and insurance context.

Midwife-EMR is a free alternative to expensive commercial software and is being created with the needs of a developing nation, the Philippines, in mind.

Please pray for the Midwife-EMR project in order that in addition to Mercy Maternity, many other Christian maternity clinics around the world will find this software valuable.



A midwife conducting an initial prenatal visit using Midwife-EMR on a laptop.

Family Update

We are still waiting for a reply from the US government about our visa petition for James to legally come to the United States. Although we applied in August 2014, an immigration attorney told us that this process has been taking a lot longer than it used to and that there is nothing that can be done to speed it up. So, we wait.

What this does mean is that our whole family won't be coming back to the States in the summer of 2015. Instead we are praying, the Lord willing, to come back in the summer of 2016 after the kids finish school. Funds designated as our "travel funds" will be used at that time.

As always, we would appreciate your prayers in this matter.



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FIA School Board

In May, Kurt was elected to the Faith International Academy of Davao City (FIA) school board of trustees. As a Christian school, FIA separated from the larger Manila campus last year and now stands as a completely independent entity.

Please pray for Kurt and his role on the board this year as there are many challenges and opportunities to which the board of trustees will be attending. Specifically, Kurt asks for prayer that he may serve the needs of the Christian school with grace, wisdom, humility, and energy.

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