# Symanzik Missions Update

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# Midwife-EMR and a Vision for the Future

Matt and Krys McNeil, the founders of Mercy Maternity Clinic, the largest lay-in maternity clinic in the Philippines, approached me in 2012 to develop a computer system to help them run their maternal care outreach to the poor in Davao City, Philippines. In December 2013, Midwife-EMR was started out of our shared vision of what was possible.

Midwife-EMR, a computer system designed to manage the operations of large lay-in maternity clinics, is approximately 50% complete. The prenatal exams portion of the system, created as a pilot program, has been hugely successful. It is being used on a daily basis by the midwives and staff of Mercy.

Phase 2 of Midwife-EMR, which will manage labor, delivery and postpartum care, is almost ready to be started.

#### **Our Vision**

The McNeils and I share a hope that the Midwife-EMR system will be used by many other Christian maternity clinics in the Philippines and elsewhere around the world. When phase 2 nears completion, our plan is to visit several large Christian maternity clinics in the Northern Philippines to introduce them to Midwife-EMR in order to see if it might meet their needs as well.



A midwife completing paperwork while using Midwife-EMR on a tablet.

But even without active promotion, Midwife-EMR is getting attention. On July 7, the Philippine Department of Health visited Mercy for a licensing inspection. During the inspection, the Mercy staff showed the officials the Midwife-EMR system and Matt McNeil said, "They loved your EMR system. They were very, very impressed!" We were encouraged that we were on the right track.

Will you pray with us about the future of Midwife-EMR?

Pray for the development of phase 2 of Midwife-EMR.

Pray that many other clinics will find Midwife-EMR to be a blessing.

# Family Update

School started August 5th for our kids. Kirsten is a senior and Ben is in 8th grade. James, 2nd grade, is being homeschooled by Beth and also attends a few classes at the school. Mikayla is continuing college with online classes.

We are still waiting to hear an answer from the US government about our application for an immigration visa for



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Email Call or Web kurt.symanzik@lightsys.org beth.symanzik@lightsys.org 810-370-0320 http://kbsymanzik.org http://kurtsymanzik.org James so that he can come with us to the States.

Please join us in prayer that James' immigration visa will be approved soon.



### School Librarians

The small Christian school our kids attend sometimes needs volunteers to help fill positions. This year Beth and Mikayla have volunteered as school librarians for the Middle and Elementary grades.

Please pray that their service for the kids will be a blessing.

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