

Villagers wait their turn...

to “see the doc-tor.” Faces display curiosity and concern. In remote villages, the disease your neighbor has today will probably be the one you have tomorrow. Sanitation is almost unheard of. The lack of basic needs such as adequate water and septic systems breed disease. The people have no hope of ever seeing a doctor due to their remote jungle environment and poverty.

In February 1997, Dr Go, Don Harris and Roger Bayona carried medicines and supplies to the village of Tulali, located in Mindanao, southern Philippines. The village is accessible only by horse or motorcycle. Don Harris is a RN and pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Etowah, Tennessee. He collected the medicines and came at his own expense to work for two weeks.

Dr. Go, founder and director of Ends of the Earth Mission, first visited the village two years ago. He was the first American the villagers had seen. As a result of that visit and the placement of trained national missionaries, there is a national pastor and church with over 170 professing believers today. Literacy lessons are taught to the villagers and Bible teaching is in their dialect.

Medical and dental clinics are “door-openers” to facilitate preaching the gospel. A dental clinic in another area resulted in the evangelization of a remote area.

One blessing of the current clinic occurred when villagers from the next village, five miles away, walked through the jungle to see the American missionaries. Not only did they see the missionaries and receive medical treatment, they saw a church building and heard about Jesus.

Three weeks later the village chieftain returned. They had built a building for gospel teaching! Now they want their own preacher to come to the village. and tell them about Jesus.