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## UNFAILING LOVE CLINIC

"We love because He first loved us" -1 John 4:19

### THE BLESSINGS OF ROADBLOCKS

Preparing to go on vacation is a thrilling and exciting adventure! First, you pick your destination, then you start to plan your meals, activities, and



the luggage you'll need to pack. Usually, you pack the vehicle the night before, so in the morning, you grab the final necessities and on the road you go. Whether you're flying or driving you always have a route planned out. Everything is going as planned until halfway there you come upon a road block and a detour sign. An array of emotions can arise within you. Initial frustration is natural, but you also notice the apprehension of entering the unknown. You're in an unfamiliar place and have no idea where the detour leads nor how many miles the detour goes from your route. Deep down you know you can't continue on your planned path and you have to take the detour.

I believe the year 2020 was like that for all of us. We all had plans and things we were looking forward to, but unplanned circumstances stopped our agendas and made us take a detour. Initially, we don't understand the detour or why we have to alter our planned route, but in hindsight remember to count your blessings!

At the clinic, we had many plans and goals for 2020. The first goal was to start providing dental services. Due to implemented health regulations, our plans were put on hold for about 9 months. Thankfully, we were able to continue providing medical services. With the implementation of new screenings and precautions we focused our attention on the medial aspect of the clinic and providing high quality care to the clients we serve.

When your planned route gets disrupted, you have to look to the Lord and ask Him where He wants you to focus. This past year, God has brought our team to focus on the basics. We revaluated and shifted some of our structures and have been able to place people in the positions they were meant to operate in. This past year, we've increased our volunteer base, which has been a blessing because the clients we served almost doubled from 2019. We had 468 new clients and provided almost 1,100 services. Abby started helping our clients apply for medication through pharmaceutical companies and they all qualified to receive their medication free for 1 year. Insulin and inhalers are very expensive and can cost on average \$300 per month. As we continued to focus on providing medical services, we made new connections and built some great relationships.

In January 2021, God impressed on our team's heart to start moving forward with the construction. We prayed for God to bring more people to come alongside and help us with the dental project! We stepped in faith and had the drywall finished. In the middle of finishing the drywall, we had people volunteer to rework our ceiling grid, paint, lay the flooring, and put our ceiling tiles back in to place. We also were notified that a local dentist office is remodeling and we are receiving more equipment to install for our dental clinic! God's timing is perfect because as they move their equipment out, our area will be ready to move the equipment in! We will be opening for dental services this year!

In the midst of encountering detours, the delay can seem daunting, but remember God's still moving behind the scenes! One thing I know is whatever God has promised you, He will bring it to fruition! You may not know the path and encounter unwanted detours, but nothing can thwart what He's going to do! Keep standing and trusting God's plan and process!



#### 5 YEARS OF REFLECTION & GRATITUDE

# Thank You!



Two years ago we started moving in faith to open a dental clinic. We had plans drawn out by a dental representative and secured a contractor. The next step was to raise \$6,000 to pay for an engineer and send our plans to be certified by the state. Our team prayed about the money so we could move forward with our plans. In the meantime, we were in the process of legally putting the building in the clinic name.

I was very nervous about the building because we were depending on our daily manna. We never knew where our donations were coming from and had to trust God to provide every month. To be honest, I was terrified before we signed the papers for the building. Our previous rent was \$350 per month and now it would increase to \$2,000 per month. We had to depend on God to stir in the hearts of people, businesses, and churches in our community to support our mission.

I wrestled with God a lot before signing the papers. I heard Him say, "Do you trust me? I've brought you this far, do you think I'm going to back out now. I'm standing, will you do your part and meet me?" He impressed on my heart that I needed to show up and sign the papers. For a week, I continued to tell myself, 'I just need to show up, just walk in the door'. The morning of signing the papers I felt nauseated, but we

did it! I went directly to the clinic afterwards and I checked the mail before going inside and there was a check for \$6,000! I knew God was reminding me He is faithful even when I can't see, just trust Him. God continues to move day after day at the clinic.

Recently, we received a construction bill for \$16,683. Our contractor told us to pay it as we can. Our team prayed about it and released it to God. Kristin who pays our bills, asked me how much and when she should pay it. I told her to wait another week. It was a total of 10 days and we received extra end-of-the-year donations totaling \$16,770! We received more than enough to pay the bill.

God is amazing and continues to remind us that as we continue to walk in faith and obedience He always shows up!

We want to thank you for listening to the stirring in your heart to partner with us! Your support allows us to use our skills to serve and be a blessing to others in our community! Thank you for believing in the mission and vision of the clinic! We couldn't do what we do without your support and no words can truly ever express our heart of gratitude for you!

#### **Expanded Hours:**

Mon-10a-5p Wed-10a-6p Thurs-10a-5p