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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

I met Doctor Harry and Echo VanderWal three years ago on their first visit to Swaziland.

They are a missionary couple who have chosen the country of Swaziland in Africa to do their work.

I have been out to see the work that they do.

They drive for several kilometres on the most shocking untarred roads, up steep, rocky tracks into mountainous areas or sandy tracks through river beds to set up their clinics in remote parts of the country.

Once at their chosen destination prayers are held giving thanks to the Lord and requesting help with the people they are about to see as well as helping them in their work.

They have over the past years trained translators who enable them to then make the correct diagnosis on the patient.

Not only is each person examined but they are given free medication bought with the funds that they have raised while back in the USA.

In one day they will see over several hundred people ranging from new born babies to the very elderly. They do not leave the area till the last person has been seen to even if it is in the early hours of the morning. They will work through the night, using a small generator to give light as these distant rural areas have NOTHING. No electricity, no running water, no roads. The homesteads are made from mud and sticks and have a grass roof.

Over and above what they do on the medical side they also hand out clothing that has been collected in America which they then pack and bring with them to Africa.

The delight of the children on receiving their first ever pair of shoes or a small child who has never worn a new article of clothing, shows in their little faces when their smiles of gratitude light up their faces.

Word has spread on radio – very few people have TV – about the work these two wonderful people do. They are loved by the people in this small poor country. No one can believe that there is someone who cares about them and is prepared to help them.

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To me this is true missionary work. Giving of one's time and knowledge to not only help, but improve the quality of life that otherwise would continue into despair, of people who have nothing, in a far and remote country.

Personally, I feel very privileged and humbled to have met such a special couple. They have also given me new faith in God and I know that he is there with them helping them in this world that we live in where so many changes are taking place -- from climate to personal morals.

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