

# Heart 2 Heart

## Spotlight on: Greene Memorial Hospital

Students who participate in the Greene Memorial Hospital (GMH) ministry in Xenia volunteer in the various departments to express the love of Christ to the patients, staff, and visitors through a loving attitude and a willingness to serve their needs. A team of two to three volunteers go to GMH each evening for about two and a half hours. A team also goes on Saturday morning. In addition to this, the team has a biweekly prayer meeting to pray for the needs of the ministry and build team unity.

Students serve in a variety of ways and departments including: ER, rehab, medical-surgical, pharmacy, and the information desk. While working in these departments, students help with basic patient care, transport patients, serve dinner to patients, stock medical equipment, stuff charts, run errands, and talk to patients and visitors.

David Lindholm, team leader for GMH, has appreciated the opportunity to combine medicine and ministry and get a taste of the medical field. "One thing I have appreciated most about my experience at GMH is that it has placed medicine within the context of ministry. As I head off to medical school in the fall, I hope

my experience will serve as an anchor, reminding me that the reason I'm going into medicine is to demonstrate Christ's love to those in need and in so doing, bring glory to God."

"By far, my favorite part of volunteering has been the opportunity to take vitals. Each of the three years I've been doing the ministry on the rehab floor, the nurses have allowed me to go around to all the rooms in the department and take each patient's vital signs. I've enjoyed the opportunity to participate in an actual part of the patients' care. This has also been helpful in developing more confidence in interacting with patients and getting an idea of an appropriate 'bedside manner'."

Another team member, Will Thompson, enjoys being able to make a difference in the patients and nurses day. "The most rewarding thing about ministry is that I get to care for and spend time talking with the patients, while helping the nurses, making their load a little lighter. My favorite part of the ministry is talking with the patients, just trying to be an encouragement to them."

For Will, an interaction he had with a patient reminded him of all we have

to thank God for. "There was a patient in Rehab two weeks in a row, and so I got the chance to talk to her twice. She was the most positive and lively patient I have met while volunteering at the hospital. The second time I talked with her, I asked her about her leg. It was amputated at the knee because of an infection, she told me. Then she thanked God for the overwhelming support of her family and church family. This was such an encouraging experience for me because this patient, who had just lost a limb, was so joyful about her disposition. It seems that often we fail to recognize the blessings God has given us until He takes them away, and it is stories like these that remind me to always thank God for everything. It is also encouraging to hear how God always provides for us in our times of great need."

Pray that the students will be able to have meaningful conversations about the Gospel with patients and staff.

For more information about this ministry, contact David Lindholm.



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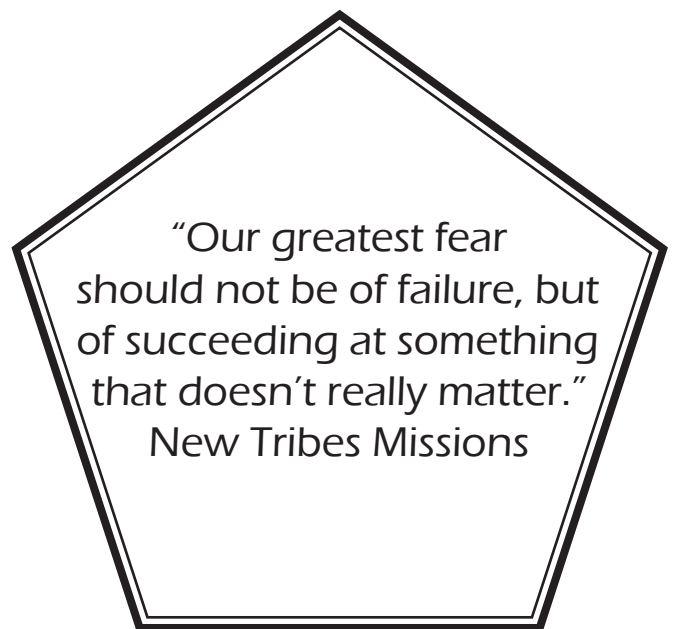
## Ministry Opportunities

"Adopt a Baby" in need for the month of February by placing all your change in a baby bottle. The money collected will go to the Pregnancy Resource Center and the Miami Valley Women's Center. Contact Community Ministries for more information.

CedarCliff tutoring is looking for many more volunteers to help from 3-4:15 on one or more days Monday through Thursday. Contact Cherie Tyron for more information.

City Gospel Mission is looking for about 10 more volunteers. Contact Tim Voltz for more information.

The Sunshine Club is looking for more volunteers. Contact Vashti Mensah for more information.



"Our greatest fear should not be of failure, but of succeeding at something that doesn't really matter."  
New Tribes Missions

"In a loud voice they sang:  
'Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!'"  
Revelation 5:12

If you have any questions about Community Ministries or Heart 2 Heart, contact Brynn Paine or stop by Christian Ministries in the DMC.