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Romans 8:28

## God’s Work Through Health Care



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They also have a polio campaign where the nurses walk through the communities and stop at each house to see if there are children who need the vaccine. Malaria is another disease that affects a lot of Ghanaians. The World Health Organization, along with the Ghana Health Service, implemented a Malaria vaccine pilot program in Ghana. Hopefully soon, this will be another vaccine on the immunization list as it becomes widely available.

I remember taking my own children to the health department for their immunizations. I am thankful they were able to receive these. I am thankful that our clinic in Peki provides this service for the community. It is a joy to know that these children are safe. This is just another way I see God’s work in our world.

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