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## WHEN DOCTORS HURT

Every morning little Haroun cheerfully waited for Dr. Bland, the American missionary surgeon, to come “hurt” him. He was 10 years old and had suffered a nasty fracture of his left leg. Dr. Bland had removed a large portion of his tibia, but he still had an infection. Each morning, the doctor and his team removed the dressings, squeezed out the pus, and re-packed the wound with bleach-soaked gauze. Haroun was brave; as soon as the procedure was over, his bright smile returned. Every time Dr. Bland and his medical team at the Bere Adventist Hospital in Chad visited Haroun, they would speak French with him and teach him intricate handshakes. Since Haroun was alone at the hospital, this was the highlight of his day. The rest of the time he played with other young patients or watched the “Jesus movie.”

In medicine sometimes, doctors have to cause pain to achieve healing. Patients like this young boy must trust that the physician has their best interest in mind and that the outcome will be an improvement.

In Matthew 19:13, children approach Jesus to spend time in His presence, trusting Him to bless them. Do you trust God to take care of

you? Do you trust Him to take your offerings and bless those who are hurting in the world?

**APPEAL:** Part of your regular offerings and gifts today will automatically be sent to the World Mission fund, supporting the ministry of more than 400 missionary families. You may also give directly to the World Mission in addition to your “Promise” (regular and systematic offerings) by writing “World Mission Offering” on your tithe envelope, or by visiting [Giving.AdventistMission.org](http://Giving.AdventistMission.org), then clicking on “My donation is for” and selecting “World Mission Offerings.” Thank you in advance for your generous giving!

**PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, please make us as generous as You are! Bring us closer to You as we participate in Your mission!

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