

“THERE IS NO GOD”?

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“Dr. Riley, why are you fooling all these poor ignorant people? You are asking them to believe in God. Science disproved the existence of God many years ago!” The speaker was Jerome, a 26 year old well educated Swazi man who had a week previously suffered a bad hip and femur fracture. He had been drunk and had crashed his pickup into a Eucalyptus tree. Miraculously we found the exact Vitallium plates and screws we needed to fix the fractures. They had been forgotten on a back shelf for many years! Using the Bell Orthopedic table Dr. Hamlin had brought over years before, and the new portable X-ray machine, I had been able to reduce and fix the fractures so I could hardly see the fracture lines. After the fractures were fixed, the pain was gone so Jerome could then start spreading the atheistic propaganda that he had been taught by his University Professors. He was still angry, that, against his protests, he had been brought to a Mission Hospital. He hated having to listen to the Gospel team that ministered to the patients every morning! I knew he was eager to challenge my Christian beliefs. He was sure he could destroy all my Christian arguments!

“I have absolute proof that there is a God!” I replied. “In fact, you are the proof.” Jerome, all the nursing staff, and the patients who understood English, listened eagerly. I then continued. “God loves you so much that he prepared a way of escape for you even though you have behaved so badly. You have had so many opportunities, but you have rejected God! Many years ago God called me to come here to Swaziland because He knew you would need my help. He even made sure that I had the extra training so I would be able to fix your injuries. He made sure we had a new portable X-ray and an orthopedic table so we could fix all your fractures! No one else in all of Swaziland could help you! Was it a coincidence that you were supposed to be taken to the Government Hospital at Mbabane, but somehow you ended up at this Hospital? Since God loves you so much, He made sure I had all the right equipment, training, and personnel to do your surgery.” I then showed him the before and after X-ray pictures. I continued; “If God did not call me so I could be here at the exact time you needed me, then who called me? Maybe this is the last chance God is going to give you. You have to admit that I have absolute proof that there is a Loving God who wants to help you! Science is based on facts. No one can deny all these facts!”

Jerome was staggered. His theoretical “scientific” arguments were void when confronted by actual facts and a surgical ward full of eye witnesses. Later, he met with the pastor and gave his heart to God. He started serving the Lord. He was eager to tell others about God’s love, mercy, and forgiveness!