

Thankful Hearts

Thanksgiving, a time we look back at the wonderful blessings we have received throughout the year. The Pilgrims long ago paused in their labor to recognize their blessings and started the tradition to honor God for all that we receive in this great country.

The privilege to vote was just exercised a few weeks ago. What a blessing! We have an overabundance of food, medicine, entertainment. We can save our money, buy land, own homes, own cars and businesses. We are free to choose what we want and at the heart of our blessings is “freedom.”

The Dow Jones has been up, passed the 12,000 mark, 2.54 million jobs being created, the highest in the history of the U.S. and housing stats are up 50% this month.

Even as a blessed nation, we have many issues that aren't all that wonderful, but our nation is the best in the world. It's been 2 months since being in Tanzania. I still remember the women gathering the wheat or carrying large bundles of cornstalks or water on their heads many miles to their homes. This could have been you or me! More than half of the world population lives in great need. Thank God for America.

I think Thanksgiving is about the true hearts of the American people. We are a compassionate and giving nation. We volunteer for anything and everything. We give! Wow, do we give! Hurricane Katrina and Tsunami aid are but a few examples. We are the generous nation in the world. These disasters were almost exclusively underwritten on the backs of our loving people. We know we could be that victim of tragedy. Where would this world be today without the American giving?

Our founding fathers believed it was more blessed to give than to receive. May we always have a thankful heart. What a privilege it is to be able to really help mankind as a physician!

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