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Extending the Healing Ministry of Jesus to East Tennessee

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Dear Friend of Saint Mary's Legacy Clinic,

When God sent me to St. Mary's Legacy Clinic in 2021, I did not realize he prepared me my whole life to extend "the Healing Ministry of Jesus to East Tennessee". It has been an honor to work with all of you over the last 3 ½ years to make a difference in the lives of those we serve and each other. Today, I announced my retirement, and the time has come for me to leave this wonderful life-changing ministry.

Everyday has been a blessing for me to serve St. Mary's Legacy Clinic. Please know how deeply I share and admire your love for our mission, the people we serve, and all of you. You always come through for us and I will miss collaborating with you in the field and at the office! I am exceedingly proud and grateful to have done meaningful work, making a loving difference for those we serve.



Together, we have expanded our impact in remarkable ways. We opened 4 new clinics, changing healthcare deserts into oases, broadening access to care for those in need, and realized the vision of creating a village of wrap-around care to meet the needs of our patients and the communities we serve.

We strengthened the resources necessary to sustain and grow our mission. The achievement of new levels of funding enables the purchase of a new mobile clinic to arrive this fall and we are at the precipice of building The Mercy Center.

It has been an incredible journey, and I am deeply humbled by the impact we have made together. I have every confidence SMLC will continue to thrive. The passion, dedication, and generosity of this community will ensure that this important ministry remains strong for years to come.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this extraordinary team.

Yours in Christ,

Martin P. Vargas