

“Better Than Close Relatives”

Even during holidays, Grace Hospice team members take turn in visiting patients' homes. One day, I visited a patient who was suffering with prostate cancer. When we first visited his home, we knocked on the door for a long time. Then, someone came to open the door. When we entered the house, everything in the house was messy and there were trash everywhere. But the old, tall man greeted us with big smile. He lived with his daughter who was blind, and his grandson had mental problem. The family needed a lot of help. We started to talk with patient and checked his health. He had many symptoms. His leg was swollen so big that it looked like an elephant feet, and he couldn't urinate. He was very frustrated so our team started to help him. Our nurses gave him bath and cleaned his bed. Next day, our spiritual counselor visited him. He shared God's love. After several visits, they became good friends. But he had a last stage cancer so he passed away one morning. One day, this patient's blind daughter called us. She had called because she wanted to see us. Grace Hospice team's work had touched her heart. She missed us. So our team went to see her. She said this with tears of gratitude, "Grace hospice team is better than close relatives!" She thanked and hugged everyone who visited her. We were so thankful to God that she felt the love of God through us.

