The Adventure Behind Every Door

The teen whose mom is in jail, trying to make it through adolescence without a role model.

The first time daddy who brings in baby with slight raspy breathing he calls a "wheeze".

The 12yo who broke his elbow and wants to be a doctor someday.

The junior in college about to embark on a study abroad experience and "see the world".

The prayer offered over the woman fighting for remission despite diagnosis of stage IV cancer.

The 40yo with every symptom under the sun struggling with undiagnosed depression.

The senior in high school who already has a photography business.

The family who has been blessed with 9 children.

The anxious momma who "tried to wait it out" for an entire 60min before bringing her baby in to the clinic.

The 82 yo with new onset murmur, more concerned about spreading her cold to her grandchild.

The woman who wasn't convinced by the vaccine talk; she won't get the flu shot, but is okay with Tdap.

The 14yo girl with a belly button ring, squirming with embarrassment during the "teenager talk".

The 10yo whose maturity far outranked any adolescent, yet whimpered in fear during removal of a skin lesion.

The family who home-schools their 7 children.

The 55yo man whose wife tests positive for Chlamydia in her 3rd pregnancy.

The teen walking with Christ.

The man who bought a gym membership with his father's inheritance because he was "tired of being fat".

The woman who quit smoking 2months, 5days, and 12hrs ago.

The 42yo who waited for marriage, now 38weeks pregnant with another 2yo boy, finding the strength to end a marriage because her perfect husband is now emotionally and verbally abusive.

The boy who is being bullied in class.

The study abroad student who "needed to think about the rabies shot" despite the fact she'll be catching bats.

The mom who can't sleep because she worries over her 19yo daughter.

The first timer parents hearing baby's heartbeat at 11 weeks.

The grandfather who cried at the football game dedicated to his grandson who had died in a tragic car accident.

The parent who demands antibiotics for every "cold".

The 68yo who can't afford the pneumovax or Shingles vaccine despite having dual insurance coverage.

The father who lost his job and struggles with identity adjustment.

The prayer offered for the 86lb anorexic mom who can no longer breastfeed and feels like she "failed my baby".

The grandma who takes her grandson to well child checks because his parents work from 8-5.

The new dad waiting to see his baby for the first time.

The pregnant adolescent, dad not in the picture, who wants to deliver at 37 weeks "because it hurts", whose own mom with teary eyes is sitting beside "her baby".

The school bus driver in for a DOT physical who struggles with weight.

The husband whose wife died a year ago.

The mother who raised 3 children, all called to be missionaries across the world.

The family who uses all natural supplements and comes in with a sick child each week.

The mom who has 4 boys and suffers with depression just delivered her 5th- a baby girl, and feels she is letting down her 15mo boy since he's "no longer the baby".

The 9mo whose parents are in jail and is hugged and kissed daily by his aunt and uncle instead.

The retired 88yo woman who can't miss a day of work at the church.

The gentleman who speaks English better than I speak Spanish, just got a part time job as a janitor.

The story of life that is shared behind every door.

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