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A "Nobel Prize" for a Humble Servant



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Bill and I were delighted to learn that Dr. Denis Mukwege, one of our colleagues in eastern Congo, has been awarded the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize for his tireless and courageous work to combat sexual violence in that part of the world.

Dr. Mukwege is a genuine servant with a testimony of faith and perseverance. I remember sitting in his office in 2017 in Bukavu DRC after Bill's team had delivered a vehicle and medical equipment for their outreach program. Dr. Mukwege apologized for keeping us waiting, and wistfully talked about a time when his entire days were spent taking care of patients. I saw a picture on his desk of a recent visit he had with former Vice President Joe Biden. He smiled and said notoriety was for others, not him, quoting Micah 6:8 and the virtue of walking humbly with his God.

We salute Dr. Mukwege who has selflessly followed the call to be a healer of those who have suffered so much. Even if Dr. Mukwege may prefer to escape the notoriety of his Nobel Peace Prize today... I suspect the one who is walking beside him is whispering, "well done my good and faithful servant."