

End-Time Prep Series
Lesson 11: Urgent Need Of Medical Missionary Institutions

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2 Chronicles 20:20

20 And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

Today, we are going to look at the practical and realistic instructions in which we collectively and individually must take heed to in regards to the medical missionary work in these last days.

We are going to look at what, where, and how these institutions should be set up. We are also going to look at ways and suggestions on how to get started and establish various aspects of the work. We will see that God has plenty medical missionary and evangelism work for His people. We must operate in total faith in God in order to be successful.

Remember, since God has given us the command to do the medical missionary work in these last days, He has also given us the provision. We must proceed by faith, not trusting in your flesh nor man.

We must make God our power and strength to meet the various challenges, but victory and success is guaranteed for the faithful.

Jeremiah 17:7-8

7 Blessed *is* the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and *that* spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

Psalms 34:8

8 O taste and see that the LORD *is* good: blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him.

Isaiah 26:3

3 Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* mind *is* stayed *on thee*: because he trusteth in thee.

One of the main resources of today's study comes from "The Medical Missionary Manual" by Harvestime Books which is a compilation of Ellen White quotes and instructions concerning the Medical Missionary Work starting with Chapter 7, "How Medical Missionary Institutions Should Operate."

What instructions does God give to the remnant church in terms of the establishment of medical missionary institutions?

When people think of the word “institutions” they think of large organizations with large expensive buildings. An institution is an organization of two or more.

We are instructed to establish many small medical missionary centers of healing and evangelism in the cities.

“We must do more than we have done to reach the people of our cities. We are not to erect large buildings in the cities, but over and over again the light has been given me that we should establish in all our cities small plants which shall be centers of influence.” {Counsels on Health p. 481.1}

1) City treatment centers in churches & rented buildings

“In every city where we have a church, there is need of a place where treatment can be given. Among the homes of our church members there are few that afford room and facilities for the proper care of the sick. A place should be provided where treatment may be given for common ailments. The building might be inelegant and even rude, but it should be furnished with facilities for giving simple treatments. These, skillfully employed, would prove a blessing, not only to our own people, but to their neighbors, and might be the means of calling the attention of many to health principles. {Counsels on Health p. 468.1}

“I have been given light that in many cities it is advisable for a restaurant to be connected with treatment rooms. The two can cooperate in upholding right principles. In connection with these, it is sometimes advisable to have rooms that will serve as lodgings for the sick. These establishments will serve as feeders to the sanitariums located in the country, and would better be conducted in rented buildings. We are not to erect in the cities large buildings, in which to care for the sick, because God has plainly indicated that the sick can be better cared for outside the cities.” {Ellen White, Testimonies Vol. 7, p. 60}

For example: Hydrotherapy & Natural Therapeutic centers can be established in the city using variety of hydro or water therapies and natural remedy treatments for the sick from various diseases and illnesses.

2) Room and places in the city to do health and natural remedy presentations to the community.

“As a people we have been given the work of making known the principles of health reform... In connection with our city missions there should be suitable rooms where those in whom an interest has been awakened can be gathered for instruction.” {Ellen White, Counsels on Health, p. 443}

“Arrangements should be made to hold meetings in connection with our restaurants. Whenever possible, let a room be provided where the patrons can be invited to lectures on the science of health and Christian temperance, where they can receive instruction on the

preparation of wholesome food and on other important subjects. In these meetings there should be prayer and singing and talks, not only on health and temperance topics, but also on other appropriate Bible subjects. As the people are taught how to preserve physical health, many opportunities will be found to sow the seeds of the gospel of the kingdom.” {Ellen White, Counsels on Health, p. 481}

“Health talks will be given, publications will be multiplied. The principles of health reform will be received with favor, and many will be enlightened. The influences that are associated with health reform will commend it to the judgment of all who want light, and they will advance step by step to receive the special truths for this time.” {Ellen White, Testimonies Vol 6, p. 37}

3 – Plant-based & therapeutic restaurants

“I have been instructed that one of the principal reasons why hygienic restaurants and treatment rooms should be established in the centers of large cities is that by this means the attention of leading men will be called to the third angel’s message. Noticing that these restaurants are conducted in a way altogether different from the way in which ordinary restaurants are conducted, men of intelligence will then begin to inquire into the reasons for the difference in business methods, and will investigate the principles that lead us to serve superior food. Thus they will be led to a knowledge of the message for this time.”—{Ellen White Counsels 125 on Health, 491.}

These restaurants should have rooms to conduct presentations on health and cooking classes.

4 – Establish cooking schools in the cities

“In connection with our city missions there should be suitable rooms where those in whom an interest has been awakened can be gathered for instruction... Cooking schools should be held. The people are to be taught how to prepare wholesome food. They are to be shown the need of discarding unhealthful foods. But we should never advocate a starvation diet. It is possible to have a wholesome, nutritious diet without the use of tea, coffee, and flesh food. The work of teaching the people how to prepare a dietary that is at once wholesome and appetizing, is of the utmost importance. The work of health reform is the Lord’s means for lessening suffering in our world and for purifying His church. Teach the people that they can act as God’s helping hand... This work bears the signature of Heaven, and will open doors for the entrance of other precious truths. There is room for all to labor who will take hold of this work intelligently.” {Counsels on Health, 443-444}

5 – Establish Health Food Stores

“Let centers of influence be made in many of the Southern cities by the opening of food stores and vegetarian restaurants. Let there also be facilities for the manufacture of simple, inexpensive health foods. But let not selfish, worldly policy be brought into the work, for God forbids this...Men of ability and economy are to be chosen to take up the food work; for, in

order to make it a success, the greatest wisdom and economy must be exercised.” —
Counsels on Health, 493,494

All of the institutions can work together in a unified fashion to support each and make client referrals for each other. Remember we are all on the same team and are not to compete with each other.

We are instructed to establish medical missionary outposts in the country outside of the cities.

1 – Country Sanitariums (Natural Therapeutic Health Centers) – NO DRUGS

“The proclamation of the truth in all parts of the world calls for small sanitariums in many places, not in the heart of cities, but in places where city influences will be as little felt as possible.” {Medical Ministry, p. 159}

“As to drugs being used in our institutions, it is contrary to the light which the Lord has been pleased to give. The drugging business has done more harm to our world and killed more than it has helped or cured. The light was first given to me why institutions should be established, that is, sanitariums were to reform the medical practice of physicians.” {Medical Ministry, p. 27}

“Our sanitariums are to be established for one object—the advancement of present truth.” {Counsels on Health, p. 272}

“They (sanitariums) should be situated in the country, in the midst of surroundings as attractive as possible.... The sick should be cared for away from the bustle of the cities.” {Counsels on Health, p. 265}

- **Sanitariums should not be too close together**

“It is not His plan for an institution to be in too close proximity to another doing the same kind of work.”—Medical Ministry, 15

2 – Medical Missionary training schools in the country should be in connection with the sanitariums

“In every sanitarium established, young men and young women should be trained to be medical missionaries. The Lord will open the way before them as they go forth to work for Him.” {Ellen White, Counsels on Health, p. 225}

“An educational work should be carried on in connection with all our sanitariums. There is a close relation between the work of our schools and our sanitariums; and, wherever it is practical, there are decided advantages in having a school in close connection with a sanitarium. There would be in such an arrangement decided advantages to both lines of work.” {Ellen White, Counsels on Health, p. 242-243}

Training should not be long years of training.

“Some need not spend so long a time in these schools as do others. It is not in harmony with God's purpose that all should plan to spend exactly the same length of time, whether three, four, or five years, in preparation, before beginning to engage in active field work. Some, after studying for a time, can develop more rapidly by working along practical lines in different places, under the supervision of experienced leaders, than they could by remaining in an institution. As they advance in knowledge and ability, some of these will find it much to their advantage to return to one of our sanitarium training schools for more instruction. Thus they will become efficient medical missionaries, prepared for trying emergencies. {Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students p. 469.3}

Also training schools should have a component in which the students learn about farming and help with the needs of the farm onsite.

3 – Health food factories should be created in connection with the school and sanitariums.

“The health-food business should be established here. It should be one of the industries connected with the school. God has instructed me that parents can find work in this industry and send their children to school. But everything that is done should be done with the greatest simplicity. There is to be no extravagance in anything. Solid work is to be done... Just as soon as the helpers in this line of work are controlled by the Holy Spirit, the Lord will give them tact and intelligence in the manufacturing of foods, just as He gave the workers on the tabernacle understanding and ability.” {Ellen White, Counsels on Health, p. 495-496}

4 – Plant-based cooking schools should also be in connection with student training and the sanitarium.

“Connected with our sanitariums and schools there should be cooking schools, where instruction is given on the proper preparation of food. In all our schools there should be those who are fitted to educate the students, both men and women, in the art of cooking... Women especially should learn how to cook.” {Ellen White, Medical Ministry, p. 270}

The Medical Missionary city centers are to feed the country outpost sanitariums.

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Industries should be established with the school and other medical missionary workers.

“In every place where schools are established we are to study what industries can be started that will give the students employment.” {Ellen White, Medical Ministry, p. 323}

“Attention should be given to the establishment of various industries so that poor families can find employment. Carpenters, blacksmiths, and indeed everyone who understands some line of useful labor, should feel a responsibility to teach and help the ignorant and the unemployed.” {A Call To Stand Apart p. 62.4}

"Various industries should be carried on in our schools. The industrial instruction given should include the keeping of accounts, carpentry, and all that is comprehended in farming. Preparation should be made for the teaching of blacksmithing, painting, shoemaking, and for cooking, baking, washing, mending, typewriting, and printing. Every power at our command is to be brought into this training work, that students may go forth well equipped for the duties of practical life.

"Students should be given a practical education in agriculture. This will be of inestimable value to many in their future work. The training to be obtained in felling trees and in tilling the soil, as well as in literary lines, is the education that our youth should seek to obtain. Agriculture will open resources for self-support." {Counsels to Teachers, Parents, and Students p. 310.2}

Summary of Industries examples

carpentry
handyman
painting
cooking services
restaurant
data entry
floor installer
fence installer
plumber
electrician
roofer
welder
janitorial services
hydrotherapy specialist
agriculture
landscaping

All of these skills will give you the flexibility for self-employment and the medical missionary work.

In conclusion

There is a great and urgent need now for the establishment of the medical missionary institutions. It starts with you. These institution can start small and with only two people. Let's go forward together in faith!

Comprehensive online medical missionary training at BCMEOnline.org. This is also the foundational path for those who are interested in advanced medical missionary nurse and physician training in the near future.