**Medical Missionary Work: Ideas and Strategies**

**Compiled from the writings of Ellen G. White**

In the year 2012, the South Caribbean Conference Health Ministries is committed to train medical missionaries for health evangelism.

“We have come to a time when every member of the church should take hold of medical missionary work. The world is a lazar house filled with victims of both physical and spiritual disease. Everywhere people are perishing for lack of knowledge of the truths that have been committed to us. The members of the church are in need of an awakening, that they may realize their responsibility to impart these truths. ..” *Counsels on Health,* page 425

“Medical Missionary work is the pioneer work of the gospel, the door through which the truth for this time is to find entrance to many homes. God’s people are to be genuine medical missionaries, for they are to learn to minister to the needs of both soul and body. The purest unselfishness is to be shown by our workers as, with the knowledge and experience gained by the practical work, they go to give treatments to the sick. As they go from house to house, they will find access to many hearts.” *Welfare ministry,* page 425.

**A Call to Medical Evangelism**

“There is a great variety of work, adapted to different minds and varied capabilities. In the day of God, not one will be excused for being shut up to his own selfish interests, and it is by working for others that you will keep your own souls alive…… Begin to do medical missionary work with the conveniences which you have at hand. You will find that thus the way will open for you to hold bible readings.” *A Call to Medical Evangelism and Health Education*, page 27.

All around us are doors open for service. We should become acquainted with our neighbor, and seek to draw them to Christ, as we do this, he will approve and co-operate with us. *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, page 171.

**Don’t wait**

“Workers-- Gospel Medical Missionaries are needed now. You cannot afford to spend years in preparation. Soon doors now open to truth will be forever closed.”

“Carry the message now. Do not wait, allowing the enemy to take possession of the fields now open before you. Let little companies go forth to the work to which Christ appointed his disciples. Let them pray for the sick, ministering to their necessities, not with drugs, but with natural remedies, and teaching them how to regain health and avoid disease. *Testimonies,* vol.9, pages 171-2.

 **Organizing for Harmonious Action**

“To those who have been engaged in this work, I would say continue to work with tact and ability. Arouse your associates to do work under some name where b y they may be organized to co-operate in harmonious action. Get the young men and women in the churches to work.”

“Combine medical missionary work with the proclamation of the three angel’s message. Make regular, organized efforts to lift the church members out of the dead level in which they have been for years….A new element need to be brought into the work. God’s people must realize great need and peril and take up the work that lies nearest to them.” *Testimonies for the Church,* Vol. 6, p.267.

*The South Caribbean Conference is ready for this year of evangelism, hence the reason we are training Medical Missionaries.*

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