

Gospel Medical Missionary work

God's purpose in giving the third angel's message to the world is to prepare a people to stand true to Him during the investigative judgment. This is the purpose for which we establish and maintain our publishing houses, our schools, our sanitariums, hygienic restaurants, treatment rooms, and food factories. This is our purpose in carrying forward every line of work in the cause. Ms 154, 1902, p. 4. {1MR 228.2}

Psalms 67

²That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

To the question, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" who will respond, "Here am I, send me"? Men are to be instruments in the hands of God to execute his commission--"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The apostles were to commence at Jerusalem; for the work should ever begin nearest home. **Who will do missionary work?** Who will unfurl the banners of truth in the dark places of the earth! Who are striving to possess many-sided characters, that they may adapt themselves to different situations? God wants men who are self-possessed and unselfish, men who are sympathetic,--not for themselves, but having **Christ-like sympathy for those who are perishing for the knowledge of the Saviour of the world.**

If we are to be successful we need to know the real condition of the world

Everywhere there are hearts crying out for something which they have not. They long for a power that will give them mastery over sin, a power that will deliver them from the bondage of evil, **a power that will give health and life and peace.** Many who once knew the power of God's word have dwelt where there is no recognition of God, and they long for the divine presence. {MH 143.1}

We must be ready to give this to the world as Christ did give.

"Our Lord Jesus Christ came to this world as the unwearied servant of man's necessity. He "took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses," that He might minister to every need of humanity. Matthew 8:17. The burden of disease and wretchedness and sin He came to remove. It was His mission to bring to men complete restoration; He came to give **them health and peace and perfection of character.**" {MH 17.1}

We must be ready to use Christ's Method alone.

Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, "Follow Me." {MH 143.3}

The Saviour's work was not restricted to any time or place. His compassion knew no limit. On so large a scale did He conduct His work of healing and teaching that there was no building in Palestine large enough to receive the multitudes that thronged to Him. On the green hill slopes of Galilee, in the thoroughfares of travel, by the seashore, in the synagogues, and in every other place where the sick could be brought to Him, was to be found His hospital. In every city, every town, every village, through which He passed, He laid His hands upon the afflicted ones and healed them. **Wherever there were hearts ready to receive His message, He comforted them with the assurance of their heavenly Father's love.** All day He ministered to those who came to Him; in the evening He gave attention to such as through the day must toil to earn a pittance for the support of their families. {MH 17.3}

What's a holy influence?

During His ministry, **Jesus devoted more time to healing the sick than to preaching.** His miracles testified to the truth of His words, that He came not to destroy, but to save. **Wherever He went, the tidings of His mercy preceded Him.** Where He had passed, the objects of His compassion were rejoicing in health and making trial of their new-found powers. Crowds were collecting around them to hear from their lips the works that the Lord had wrought. **His voice was the first sound that many had ever heard, His name the first word they had ever spoken, His face the first they had ever looked upon. Why should they not love Jesus and sound His praise?** As He passed through the towns and cities He was like a vital current, diffusing life and joy.

His life was one of constant self-sacrifice. He had no home in this world except as the kindness of friends provided for Him as a wayfarer. He came to live in our behalf the life of the poorest and to walk and work among the needy and the suffering. Unrecognized and unhonored, He walked in and out among the people for whom He had done so much. {MH 19.2}

God needs a consecrated and pure ministry of MM worker who will reach the standard of the Master Medical missionary.

I am instructed to say that God desires to have the medical missionary work **cleansed from the tarnish of earthliness, and elevated to its true position before the world.** Our medical missionary workers must rise to heights that can be reached only by a living, **working faith.** At this time in our history, **we are to allow no confusion of sentiment to prevail in regard to what should be expected of medical missionaries sent of God.** There should be a **more clear, definite understanding of what medical missionary work comprehends.** Those who desire to honor God will not mingle worldly policy plans with his plans in attempting to accomplish that

which this work is ordained by him to accomplish. {RH, June 16, 1904 par. 6}

The marketplaces, the merchandise stores, need cleansing. Courts of justice, lawyers' offices, the medical fraternity, need purifying. Shall we say that the medical missionary work needs cleansing? Christ, who came to our world to reveal the Father's heart of tender compassion, has shown us the **methods which Sabbath keepers are to follow in their work.** These are plainly specified in the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah. God will **not be a party to any dishonest transaction.** The soul who keeps the Sabbath is stamped with the sign of God's government, and he must not dishonor this sign. By closely examining the word of God, we may know whether we have the King's mark, whether we have been chosen and set apart to honor God. Please read Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and Ezekiel 20:12-20. . . . {MM 123.2}

Let's not have the filthy mind of business transactions in this work. We are in the time in which we must be honest and have the pure mind of Christ in the work in all our gospel transactions.

The test is coming in connection to true gospel medical missionary work.

The truth for this time, the third angel's message, is to be proclaimed with a loud voice (meaning with increased power) as we approach the great final test. **This test must come to the churches in connection with true medical missionary work, a work that has the great Physician to dictate and preside in all it comprehends...** The present truth for this time comprises the messages, the third angel's message succeeding the first and second. The presentation of this message, with all it embraces, is our work.... **The third angel's message, in its clear, definite terms, is to be made the prominent warning; all that it comprehends is to be made intelligible to the reasoning minds of today.**—Unpublished MS. (Lt 121, 1900). {Ms130-1905}

The medical missionary work done in connection with the giving of the third angel's message is to accomplish wonderful results. It is to be a sanctifying, unifying work, corresponding to the work which the great Head of the church sent forth the first disciples to do. {20MR 265.1

What is true gospel medical missionary work?

True Medical Missionary Work.--The lesson that we need to learn is, **What is true medical missionary work in practical gospel lines?** Let us keep before the people everywhere the **terms of eternal life**, as given in the Word of God. Those who obey this Word, reverently giving God the honor that is due Him, will show in their practice that they have a knowledge of what constitutes true medical missionary work. **Self is to be humbled, not exalted.** . . . It is of great consequence that all who claim to understand

gospel medical missionary work, teach the principles of truth.--Manuscript 126, 1905.

True sympathy between man and his fellowman is to be the sign distinguishing those who love and fear God from those who are unmindful of His law. How great the sympathy that Christ expressed in coming to this world to give His life a sacrifice for a dying world! **His religion led to the doing of genuine medical missionary work. He was a healing power.** "I will have mercy, and not sacrifice," He said. This is the test that the Great Author of truth used to distinguish between true religion and false. **God wants His medical missionaries to act with the tenderness and compassion that Christ would show were He in our world.**--SpT MM 8, 1893.

True medical missionary work is of heavenly origin. It was not originated by any person who lives. But in connection with this work we see so much which dishonors God that I am instructed to say, **The medical missionary work is of divine origin and has a most glorious mission to fulfill.** In all its bearings it is to be in conformity with Christ's work. **Those who are workers together with God will just as surely represent the character of Christ as Christ represented the character of His Father while in this world.**--Medical Ministry, p. 24. {CME 8.1}

True medical missionary work is the practical gospel of bringing physical, mental and spiritual health to the people.

Isaiah 58 alongside Matthew 25:35-43, Job 31, Luke 4:18

6[Is] not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the **heavy burdens**, and to **let the oppressed go free**, and that ye break every yoke?

7[Is it] not to **deal thy bread to the hungry**, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest **the naked, that thou cover him**; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, [and] to keep himself unspotted from the world. James 1:27

Lines of operation

1. **Garden missionary work**-teaching productive methods of farming in waste places (MH 193)
2. **Cookery Ministry**-
The science of cooking is not a small matter. . . . This art should be regarded as the most valuable of all the arts, because it is so closely connected with life. It should receive more attention; for in order to make good blood, the system requires good food. **The foundation of**

that which keeps people in health is the medical missionary work of good cooking. {CG 372.1, {PH124 27.1}}

3. Seamstress-making healthful cloths .

There is a wide field for service for women as well as for men. The efficient cook, the seamstress, the nurse,--the help of all is needed. Let the members of poor households be taught how to cook, how to make and mend their own clothing, how to nurse the sick, how to care properly for the home. Even the children should be taught to do some little errand of love and mercy for those less fortunate than themselves. {RH, August 7, 1913 par. 13}

4. Carpentry work.

Precious lessons from the best instructors should be secured in spiritual lines, in agricultural employments, and also in carpentry, and in the printing business. {PH124 27.1}

5. Home missionary work.

There is a need for those who can educate families' health principles as well as family governance principles from the word of God. {SpTA03 38.1}

6. Health educators, health researchers and press health workers.

*The Lord has presented before me that many, many will be rescued from physical, mental, and moral degeneracy through the practical influence of health reform. **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. Thus truth and righteousness will meet together. {RH, June 18, 1914 par. 10}*

7. Herbal remedies formulations.

We need intelligent people who can come up with quick and effective herbal formulas. And also teach on herbal extraction methods which will work in a twinkle of an eye to stir up and regenerate the system.

The Lord has taught us that great efficacy for healing lies in a proper use of water. These treatments should be given skilfully. We have been instructed that in our treatment of the sick we should discard the use of drugs. There are simple herbs that can be used for the recovery of the sick, whose effect upon the system is very different from that of those drugs that poison the blood and endanger life. {Ms73-1908}

8. Health products formulations.

Learning and preparing healthy procedures of soap making, shampoos, insecticides , pesticides, lotions , deodorants, culinary spicing.

The reward of True gospel medical missionary work

Isaiah 58

Sealed righteousness, life of no sickness, impartation character of Christ

⁸Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward.

God will always reward you with Answered prayers

⁹Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I [am]. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity;

Life of assurance and peace of mind

¹⁰And [if] thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; **then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness [be] as the noon day:**

God's divine protection, divine surveillance assured

¹¹And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

Privileged to be employed in the finishing work, an end time work

¹²And [they that shall be] of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, **The restorer of paths to dwell in.**

Privileged to be a true Sabbath Keeper

¹³If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, [from] doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, **nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking [thine own] words:**

Assurance of Eternal life in new heaven and the earth made new

¹⁴Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, **and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father:** for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken [it].