Teaching, Preaching, and Healing
Like Jesus as a Healthcare Professional
What Will We Discuss?

- Purpose of Jesus’ coming
- Pattern of Jesus’ ministry
- Product of Jesus’ ministry
- Proliferation of Jesus’ followers
- Practicing medicine as Jesus followers
Jesus’ Purpose

• For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. (Jn 6:38)

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What would it look like to teach, preach and heal like Jesus?
Jesus the Wholistic Healer

“Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have the gospel preached to them.” (Luke 7:22)
Shalom (שלום)

- Completeness
- Soundness (in body)
- Welfare, health, prosperity
- Peace, quiet, tranquility, contentment
The Servant Teacher

• Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them . . . (Mt 9:35-36)

• Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. (Jn 13:13-14)
Pattern of Teaching

- The Father → the Son → the disciples/ 
  the Holy Spirit → the people
- The disciples → the people, believers
- Those who believed (us) → others who believe/the people
Jesus sent out his disciples saying:

Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give. (Mt 10:8)
Product of Jesus’ Ministry

- Jesus reveals Himself as a Healer of physical, mental, and spiritual needs
- Jesus’ followers brought physical and spiritual healing to many
- Jesus commanded us to continue his work – preaching, teaching and healing
The Great Commission

• “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. (Mt 28:17)
Why did Jesus Teach His Disciples and They Other Believers?

• Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these (Jn 12:12)

• His goal was multiplication and expansion of the Kingdom of God through them
Jesus’ Model for Proliferation

- Teach, preach and heal
- Mentoring a few
- Compassionate service
- Train people who can train others
Practicing Medicine as Jesus Followers: What might this look like?
What might this look like in healthcare?

- Healthcare professionals sharing their knowledge with colleagues
- Safe, encouraging, collegial atmosphere
- Modeling
  - Christ – the Great Healer*
  - Whole person medicine
  - Effective teaching and mentoring
- Partnering trans-culturally
- Being transformed by serving

* Term used by Bruce Dahlman, MD
Categories of Best Practices for Global Health Initiatives

1. Patient safety
2. Healthcare System Integration and Collaboration
3. Facilitation of Health Development
4. Community Empowerment

What might be achieved by teaching healthcare professionals?

Seeing them:

- Following God’s calling on their lives
- Being spiritually and professionally competent
- Practicing wholistic Christ-like care for people as individuals created in God’s image
- Exhibiting a servant attitude
- Conveying the compassion of Christ to patients
- Used by God to bring shalom/healing
Teaching Missions

• **Goals:**
  – Wholistic service/care
  – Long term change
  – Multiplication/discipling

• Requires long-term commitment
• Facilitates building relationships with professional colleagues
• Earn right to be heard, open new doors
Sharing Christ

- Our role
  - Preparing the soil
  - Planting
  - Watering

- God gives the growth
What types of opportunities are there to teach short-term?
Teaching Healthcare Professionals Short Term

- International exchange programs
- Government-sponsored international teaching programs
- International conferences on healthcare topics/specialties
- Short term secular teaching trips
- Healthcare planning, administration and consulting
- Healthcare education-focused, short-term mission teams
Types of Short Term Teaching Teams

- Conferences
- Clinical teaching
- Consultations
- Special courses
- Medical ethics
- Whole person care
- Palliative care and hospice
- Faculty development
MONIKI/Agape International Family Medicine Conference
Moscow, Russian Federation
6th International Christian Conference for Young Professionals
Poltava, Ukraine

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4OHlzXdOzAo&feature=youtu.be
Kenya Advanced Life Support Training

- Training of doctors and trainers (TOT)
- Daily devotions with trainees
- 5 participants/year × 5 yrs
- Approximate total costs $75,000
- Within 2 years >1500 medical personnel in 3 cities trained by local doctors
- Course now standard of care in emergency rooms in capital city
- Local Christian Medical Fellowship
  - Requested the partnership, received the credit for program, and held in higher esteem in medical community
  - Vision to train others in adjacent nations
Pediatric Neurodevelopment Team
Funding Opportunities for Educational Tentmaking in Healthcare

- Sabbatical from academic teaching position
- Government programs such as Fulbright
- Faculty positions in teaching hospitals
  - China
  - Kazakhstan
  - Others?
What types of opportunities are there to teach long-term?
Teaching Healthcare Professionals

• Faculty positions at medical universities
• Positions at teaching hospitals
  – Government
  – Private
  – Mission Hospitals
• Community development and public health
Starting and Shepherding Specialty Programs

- Medical/dental residency training
- Nurse anesthetist
- Nurse midwife
What other opportunities do you know of for teaching healthcare internationally?
Questions? Comments?

Resources:

https://www.medicalmissions.com
https://www.medicalmissions.com/network/education

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The Bottom Line

“There’s nothing in this world better than serving Jesus!”

- Dr. Bob Schindler

Solo deo gloria!