

Medical Missions

Jesus Christ himself gives us our mandate – our reason for existence. “And He (Jesus) sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.” [Luke 9:2]. And why did Jesus heal? He knew our pain, our suffering and had compassion. “When He (Jesus) saw the crowds, He had compassion on them because they were hurting and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” [Mt. 9:36]. Compassion is the mark of a Christian.

Some 31 of Jesus’ 35 individual miracles had to do with healing and raising the dead. This shows his sensitivity, his concern for us humans. If you could ask anyone who followed Jesus around during his lifetime, they would say that He was ‘about healing’. So Jesus is the Great Physician – our ultimate example. We are to use our education and the abilities we have as medical care professionals to first show compassion. But then – then we do it all in the name of our Lord. The message of the Gospel becomes an integral part of what we do. An African proverb says, “An empty stomach has no ears.” How much more are people willing to listen to us and believe us if we first show them that we care!

So we have our mandate (our requirement, really our privilege).

We have the means to go from our plush ‘First World’.

The huge need is awaiting us (those myriad individuals who are suffering).

All the while remembering that we are ‘More than Humanitarian’ –

“If you separate evangelism and social action, you have only delivered half a gospel.”

So what’s holding you back? Enough talking and speculating.

Let’s get on with it - plan to go and serve now!