

Appeal for a City Mission - Medical Missionary, Evangelistic Team and Missionary School Staff

Dear brethren,

To those residing in the Philippines who love the Savior and desire to serve him.

From the light that God has given me, I know that His cause today is in great need of the living representative of Bible truth. The ordained ministers, alone, are not equal to the task. God is calling Bible workers, and other consecrated laymen of varied talent who have a knowledge of present truth, to consider the needs of the unwarned cities. There should be one hundred believers actively engaged in personal missionary work where now there is but one. Time is rapidly passing. There is much work to be done before satanic opposition shall close up the way. Every agency must be set in operation, that present opportunities may be wisely improved.--Medical Ministry, p. 248. {CME 13.3}

I with my family are currently renting a small home in Valencia, in the outskirts of Dumaguete, Negros Oriental, where we stay when we are in town and away from our mountain home. Dumaguete is a university town, with four universities and a number of other colleges, including Silliman University, the first and largest Protestant university in Philippines and the first American University in Asia. Dumaguete's student population is estimated at about 45,000. Dumaguete is listed 5th in *Forbes Magazine's* "7 Best Places to Retire Around the World" in 2014, and voted best place to retire in the Philippines in 2018, by the Philippine retirement Authority. Publicity like this has drawn a large number of foreigners to make Dumaguete their place of retirement. It has a population of 130,000 nighttime residents with a population of over 400,000 during the day. ⁱ

God has counseled us about the importance of working the cities and of the importance of using the entering wedge, the health work. It is our conviction that the large population of students, tourists, foreigners, and retired people in Dumaguete, present a ripe field for using this entering wedge.

There is no change in the messages that God has sent in the past. The work in the cities is the essential work for this time. When the cities are worked as God would have them, the result will be the setting in operation of a mighty movement such as we have not yet witnessed.--Medical Ministry, p. 304 {CME 14.4}

The medical missionary work is a door through which the truth is to find entrance to many homes in the cities.--Counsels on Health, p. 556. {CME 15.1}

We are praying for a team of workers with different interests and gifts, to start a gospel work in Dumaguete. We believe the Lord could use a variety of avenues to do this: a health food store and restaurant, healthful bakery, city treatment rooms, country sanitarium, publishing work and printing press, canvassing, gospel meetings, personal and door to door Bible studies, etc. We believe this should be done in connection with a medical and missionary training school in the country, so we plan also to re-start Waldensian Center at our mountain outpost.

This is a major project and will require skilled and unskilled people. Those with few skills but a willingness to work and learn are needed, as well as those with many and varied talents, such as: those with a practical knowledge and experience in running a small enterprise, medical lab technicians,

nurses, those with a practical knowledge of healthful cooking and baking, medical missionaries, canvassers, teachers, organic farmers, builders, engineers, mechanics, etc... If you have skills that could be useful in this project, and if you are teachable and willing to unlearn possible worldly methods and ideas,ⁱⁱ and are able to work with others, this appeal may be for you.

During the night of February 27 (1910), a representation was given me in which the unworked cities were presented before me as a living reality, and I was plainly instructed that there should be a decided change from past methods of working. For months the situation has been impressed on my mind, and I urged that companies be organized and diligently trained to labor in our important cities. These workers should labor two and two, and from time to time all should meet together to relate their experiences, to pray and to plan how to reach the people quickly, and thus, if possible, redeem the time.--Manuscript 21, 1910. {CME 13.4}

The importance of making our way in the great cities is still kept before me. For many years the Lord has been urging upon us this duty, and yet we see but comparatively little accomplished in our great centers of population. If we do not take up this work in a determined manner, Satan will multiply difficulties which will not be easy to surmount. We are far behind in doing the work that should have been done in these long-neglected cities. The work will now be more difficult than it would have been a few years ago. But if we take up the work in the name of the Lord, barriers will be broken down, and decided victories will be ours. {CME 14.1}

In this work physicians and gospel ministers are needed. We must press our petitions to the Lord and do our best, pressing forward with all the energy possible to make an opening in the large cities. Had we in the past worked after the Lord's plans, many lights would be shining brightly that are going out.--Medical Ministry, pp. 301, 302. {CME 14.2}

We have compiled a list below of some of the qualifications mentioned in the book Gospel Workers.

Qualifications for Gospel Work:

- Genuine conversion with a hatred of sin and love for sinners.^{iii iv}
- Knowledge of and belief in the 1872 fundamental principles of Seventh Day Adventists, without holding new light which contradicts any of the the old light. ^v
- Practice of the health reform to the best of your knowledge and are unwilling to compromise on principle, yet without going to extremes. ^{vi}
- Humble and teachable, with the ability to work together with others without insisting on doing things your way.^{vii}

Time is short and what we do must be done quickly. Who will come up to the help of the Lord? If you are not able to help personally, you can still help with your contributions.

Humanly speaking, with our finite wisdom and limited resources, we don't know how this project will be possible to accomplish, but we have our commission from God's word, we are going forward in faith trusting that His providence will open the way before us and that the Arm that never faileth will provide the means to accomplish his work.

If God is impressing you to be a part of this team, please email us with information about yourself, your religious experience, the reason for your interest, your strengths, areas of skill and experience, or areas you would like to help if you have no skill or experience, etc. If we don't know you well, expect the possibility of us requesting a couple of references. Please share this appeal to your friends who may fit the qualifications.

If you desire to help, but are unable to in person, you may contact us to find out how you can still be a part of the project through your financial support.

The terrible disasters that are befalling great cities ought to arouse us to intense activity in giving the warning message to the people in these congested centers of population while we still have an opportunity. The most favorable time for the presentation of our message in the cities has passed by. Sin and wickedness are rapidly increasing; and now we shall have to redeem the time by laboring all the more earnestly.--Medical Ministry, p. 310. {CME 14.3}

In the love and service of Christ

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- i Dumaguete, Wikipedia <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dumaguete>
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