

## **As A Medical Missionary, You Should...**

- ... emulate the “Great Physician”
- ... see what you are doing as a privilege, a gift, an honor
- ... realize that this privilege is also a responsibility - [Luke 9:2]
- ... be known by your compassion
- ... tell your patients of God – use words, not only your actions
- ... pray with your patients and their families
- ... treat the physical (temporary) and the spiritual (permanent) sides of mankind - [the physical is “man’s greatest concern” while the spiritual is “man’s greatest need”]
- ... know that what you do is infinitely more than humanitarianism
- ... do the best you can medically, given the constraints of any particular setting
- ... remain humble - [There is so much you do not know. Pray not to become arrogant, what with the unquestioning honor and accolades you will receive]
- ... recognize that our greatest medical ally is the inherent healing God placed in our bodies. We are but God’s tools – assisting when we can.
- ... prayerfully do all that you are trained to do and more, much more – you may well be the most capable medical person available
- ... pray to retain your sensitivity and objectivity in the face of unnecessary suffering and death
- ... pray for your personal resilience and perseverance in caring for the ever present sick and suffering
- ... see each sick person individually, not just as another case or number
- ... retain a positive attitude [others take their cue from you]
- ... find joy in what you do – [Medical Missions is an adventure]
- ... always be a learner [improving your cultural, medical, scriptural knowledge]
- ... always be a teacher [share what you know with patients, families, or staff]

... remember that what you do is very important, even if you are not 'successful' by first world standards.

... know that medical missions is not the 'end', but the "MEANS" to the 'end'

... remember that you must take some time 'off' – [in your area of high stress you must re-charge, so that you can recover and retain the vital ingredient of compassion]