

Clinical Update 3

GP Sharing - Medical Mission

Dr Leong Choon Kit
Mission Medical Clinic

Introduction

What is medical mission?

Ingredients needed

- Heart
- Time
- Treasure / Money
- Talent / training

Types of medical mission

- Hot trip – relief work
- Cold trip – scheduled
- Public health related
 - Infra-structure
 - Biz and micro-loan
- Conference / Teaching
- Consultancy work

Types of specialty

- Public health
- Family medicine
- Emergency, surgical, orthopedic
- Mental health
- Any teaching

Various form of participation

1

Go on a trip

2

Start and run a
project

3

Run a mission
organisation

Sharing by Wei Teen

Organising medical mission

Dr Leong Choon Kit

First things first

- Why medical mission?
- Calling
- Purpose and objective
- Vision

A. Some philosophies

- Indigenous principle
- Dignity of people
- Discipleship model
- Multiplication movement
- Duplicable exercise
- Utilization of local resources
- Cultural sensitivities
- Publicity and marketing

Indigenous principle

- Raise up local people
- Let them lead
- They know best
- They know their needs
- Acceptable
- Accessible

Dignity of people

- Respect them
- Build them
- Support them
- Minimise giving money

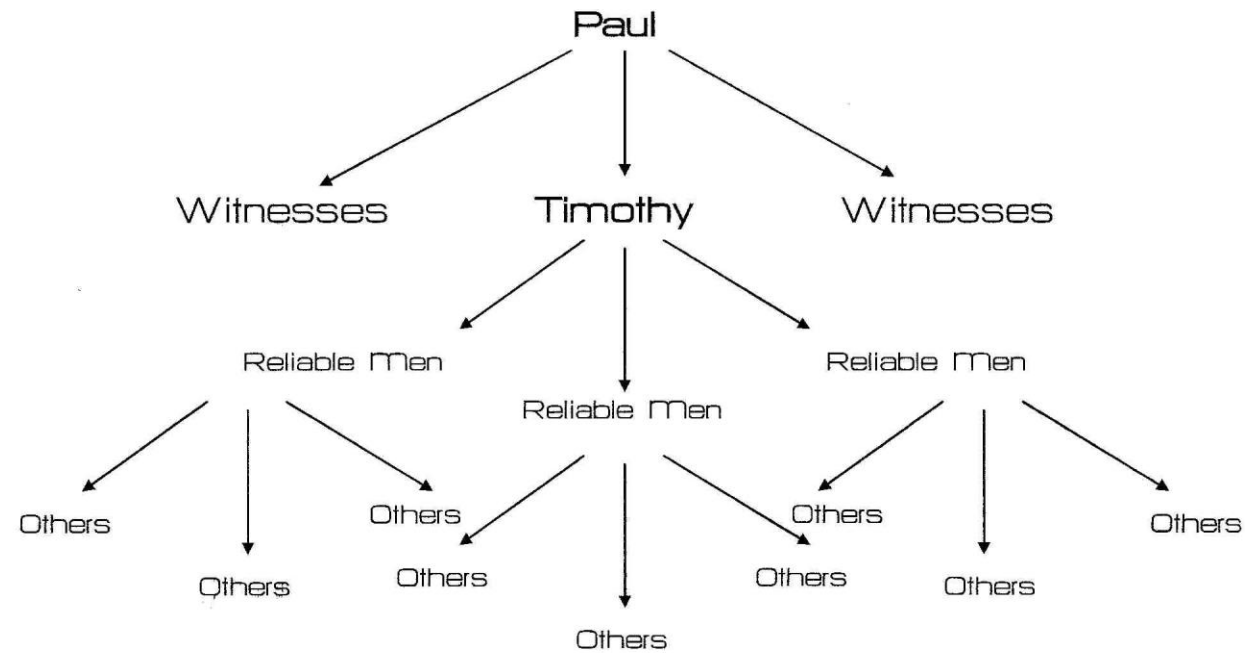
Discipleship model

- Apprenticeship in Medical language
- Training of the heart
- Part of life, forever
- Friendship

Multiplication Movement

“ And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses,
entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. ”

2 Timothy 2:2



Duplicable exercise

- Make it simple
- Writing SOP
- Do the same over and over again everywhere
- Checking out
- Train and train and train
- Encourage Training of Trainers (TOT)

Utilisation of local resources

- Duplicable
- Available
- Culturally acceptable
- Contributing to local economy

Cultural sensitivities

- Learn the culture
- Learn the language
- Get a cultural guide

Publicity and Marketing

- Newspaper report – “control” the press
- Newsletters
- Interview
- Internet and social media
- Balance between sensitivities and need

B. Ingredients

- Manpower
- Training
- Logistics
- Network
- Guide
- Funds
- Organisation

Manpower

- Always looking for people
 - Group them
 - Engage them
-
- Good to have full time staff

Training

- Skills – mission
- Clinical
- Language
- Briefing
- Music and dance and skits
- PTSD
- Others

Logistics

- Food
- Water
- Medicine
- Equipment
- Local and overseas

Network

- Network of
 - Supporters
 - Volunteers
 - Scouts – people, org and app
 - Volunteers
- Local, national and international

Guide

- Raise local guide early
- Partnership with any and everyone

Funds

- Raise as an org
 - Raise as a project
 - Raise as a team
 - Self funded
-
- COC and other local laws.
 - Good governance
 - Image

Organisation

- Part time
- Full time

- Heart
- Time, Treasure and Talent

C. Reviews

- Regular reviews and reflections
- Debrief
- Plan again
- Video, audio and any recordings

D. End Point or Exit Plan

- Time line and limit
- Pre agreed end point

Question & Answers

Synopsis

- It is fashionable to do medical mission and it looks good on the resume for any aspiring doctor when applying for medical school or that elusive and prestigious residency position. What really define a mission success is the lives impacted and changed. Next must be the sustainability of the program by the local population and how it connects to the global healthcare system of the country. What are some ingredients of a successful mission and what really goes on behind a successful execution of a medical mission?

Thank you!

Dr Leong Choon Kit

Mission Medical Clinic