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Company Evangelism

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—The Paulson Collection, 69

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John H.N. Tindall (1880–1972)

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“In reply to my good friend I said, ‘Time will show the wisdom of my plan, brother. Did you ever read in [*Testimonies*] volume 9, page 112—

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Radiant Living Team Members — Front—Liisa Vaverka, Sharon and Ted Wasyliuk, Herb Poholka. Middle—Rita Milchenko, Lynden Hawes, Philip Khng. Back—Sonja Zinner, Sherie Gimbel, Trudy and Jack Long, Brad Thorp.



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—*Review and Herald*, November 17, 1910

Where Will It All End?

“God has given us a commission which angels might envy. The church has been charged to convey to the world, without delay, God’s saving mercy. This is the trust that He has given us, and it is to be faithfully executed. Medical missionary work is to be done. Thousands upon thousands of human beings are perishing in sin. The compassion of God is moved.

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—*Special Testimonies*, Series B, No. 1, 19

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—Christ's Object Lessons, 69

“The completeness of Christian character is attained when the impulse to help and bless others springs constantly from within.”

—Acts of the Apostles, 551

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“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.”

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“There is to be a working of our cities as they never have been worked. That which should have been done [a hundred and] twenty, yes, more than [a hundred and] twenty years ago, is now to be done speedily. The work will be more difficult to do now than it would have been years ago; but *it will be done.*”

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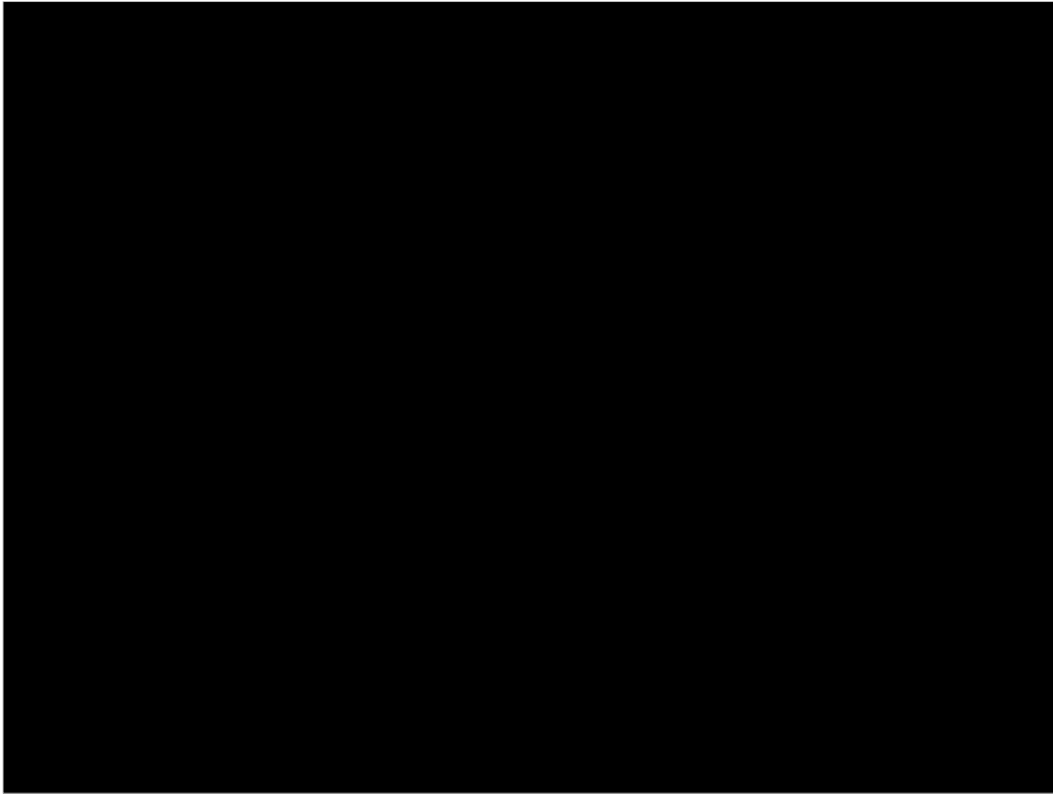
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Plus, the doctor had been a major pain in the neck to some of the good folks at the General Conference. They were tired of his excesses (of which there were many), and ready for something with a lot less drama and much more respectability.

As far as can be seen from the written records, it was actually the president of the General Conference who was most outspoken in opposing the idea of developing a uniquely “Adventist” medical education. His comment was that, without AMA recognition, CME wouldn’t be “worth a nickel.”

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It's one thing to “teach,” and it's another thing to “teach correctly.” I could teach a class on open-heart surgery tomorrow, but I doubt you'd want any of my students performing *your* triple by-pass.

I believe we as a denomination have never yet mastered the real science of what Ellen White called Gospel Medical Missionary Company Evangelism.

This talk is just an effort to learn some lessons from the past that will move us at least a little bit closer to that goal.

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Just think what a restaurant could do. But...

CLICK for second date

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Same challenges today—Maga book programs, even mission trips.

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In our last session we looked at the need to keep our medical missionary work “simple.” That was largely in the context of financing God’s work, but God seldom does *anything* for only one reason.

So here’s another one.

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Focusing on “Who”—how about the “What”? Did you catch what all those statements were talking about?

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General disclaimer—Acute care good, lifestyle and chronic conditions... uh, less good.

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“Simple treatments” 41 times

“Simple remedies” 78 times

Perspective here—

“Jesus” 37,308 times

“God” 133,323 times

“Requires work”

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Why this emphasis on “simple treatments”?

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My guess—existing medical services will be overwhelmed, and all we will have at our disposal will be the simple treatments... and prayer.

Could that really happen?

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In a worst case scenario, each of these has the potential to completely swamp every hospital in the country. Even without the government's help.

So here's what I think is going on—take it or leave it.

God wants us to be ready for a massive medical crisis that will quickly overwhelm the existing health care systems. This is bad, but also good, because it gives His people an unprecedented opportunity to use Christ's own style of ministry to win souls. But only if they know how to give "simple treatments."

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The problem with this situation, it seems to me, is that it's still new and strange... a hundred years later. Do you see something wrong here?

But—believe it or not—despite being ignored and neglected, this whole idea refuses to die. And you've got to hear the story!

Company Evangelism

“During the night of February 27 [1910],... the unworked cities were represented 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 urge that companies be organized and diligently trained to labor in our important cities.”

—*The Paulson Collection*, 69

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This is the vision that started the slowest change in Adventist History. OK, so that was a little cynical, but here's the story.

After this vision, Ellen White put the responsibility for this “decided change” on the shoulders of the most trustworthy man she knew—John Burden—and the other leaders of the College of Medical Evangelists, R.S. Owen, G.B. Starr, and maybe another one or two.

They did what committees always do: they delegated.

The man they picked was a former newspaper man, law student, and gold prospector who had been converted in 1907 by reading *Desire of Ages*. You've probably never heard of him... **CLICK**

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John H.N. Tindall (1880–1972)

As you can see, his name was John H.N. Tindall. He pioneered “Gospel Medical Missionary Evangelism” in California, Indiana, Virginia, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Elder Tindall combined medical education with his gospel presentations, even though he wasn’t a doctor. That’s what he’d been trained to do. “Where did he learn to do that?” you ask. At a little school in southern California that—when he enrolled in 1908—was following *this* counsel

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“Loma Linda is to be not only a sanitarium, but an educational center... for the training of gospel medical missionary evangelists.”

—*Review and Herald*, June 21, 1906

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But something was still missing. Sister White’s vision of February 27, 1910, had called for the formation of “companies” of workers. It took a couple of years for Elder Tindall to figure out how to make that happen.

But when he did, it showed, big time! For the five campaigns before he incorporated *Company Evangelism*, Elder Tindall’s work had been successful. He was averaging 36 baptisms per campaign. That’s not too shabby.

But when the *company* aspect came online, that number jumped to 121 baptisms per campaign.

Somebody was doing something right!

(data from Calvin Thrash’s paper, 7–10)

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- ◆ **Elder Tindall**
- ◆ **One medical “helper”**
- ◆ **One Bible worker**
- ◆ **One businessman**
- ◆ **One singer**
- ◆ **Six nurses**
- ◆ **Ten unspecified volunteers**

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So how did Tindall get such good results? What sort of a “company” did he have?

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These are his three paid employees, and

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these are the 18 unpaid volunteers

In 1923 Elder Tindall returned to the College of Medical Evangelists to study dietetics. Not everyone saw value in this.

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“While at Loma Linda taking my training in dietetics I had a very prominent man of our denomination say to me, ‘John, what are you doing here? What do you expect to do studying dietetics? Do you think it right to leave your great work as an evangelist, and come here and spend all this time studying dietetics?’

“In reply to my good friend I said, ‘Time will show the wisdom of my plan, brother. Did you ever read in [*Testimonies*] volume 9, page 112—

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“There are some who think that the question of diet is not of sufficient importance to be included in their evangelistic work, but such make a great mistake.”

—Testimonies, vol 9, 112

READ, then

Well, Elder Tindall stuck with it, and in 1925 he graduated from the dietetics course, along with these other nice folks

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More important to our story at the moment, though, is the fact that he returned to CME in 1923—which just happened to be the last year that the “Medical Missionary” course was offered. A 17-year-old student—who was technically too young to be enrolled in the college—ended up as Tindall’s Chemistry Lab partner, and made a favorable impression on Tindall.

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In 1927, Tindall was called to the California Conference (only one conference back then) and told he could select any conference worker there to be his assistant in establishing a school to teach Gospel Medical Missionary Company Evangelism.

He asked for his chem lab partner—now only 21 years old. The conference president turned down, twice. But Tindall finally convinced the Conference leadership that he *really* wanted this young man. He said it would be easier to take someone who didn't already think he knew everything.

You may have heard of the young man.

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This is a picture from later in his life, obviously, but—in case you don't recognize him—this is W.D. Frazee.

Frazee worked with Tindall, directly and indirectly, for about a decade. When he was called to Utah to form his own company of workers, the depression forced him to rely even more heavily on volunteers than Tindall. When both the “Field School of Medical Evangelism” and formal Gospel Medical Missionary Company Evangelism both died out—partially due to finances—in the late 1930s, Frazee came to the conclusion that that line of work would never prosper unless there was at least one school promoting it. So in 1942 he started a little operation down in Wildwood, Georgia.

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It took a long time, but the first person that I know of coming out of Wildwood that pursued Gospel Medical Missionary Company Evangelism wasn't until the late 1960s.

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In the Southern New England Conference, during the 70s, Finley (and his wife, Ernestine) formed three evangelistic teams of 17 to 19 workers—all on three and a half salaries.

One of those workers was this gentleman...

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You may not recognize him. His name's Brad Thorpe, and he's now the co-director (along with Gary Gibbs) of the Hope Channel, the church's satellite network.

But back in those days he was a young man from British Columbia. After working with Pastor Finley, Brad went to the Vancouver area and with a couple other pastors (and their salaries) started a GMMCE team of about 10 to 12 volunteers. This was known as Radiant Living Seminars, and it lasted from 1978 to 1983.



Radiant Living Team Members — Front—Liisa Vaverka, Sharon and Ted Wasyliuk, Herb Poholka. Middle—Rita Milchenko, Lynden Hawes, Philip Khng. Back—Sonja Zinner, Sherie Gimbel, Trudy and Jack Long, Brad Thorp.

Here's the team.

Brad

Jack & Trudy Long

Lynden, Clarissa's brother, and Liisa, now her sister-in-law

my buddy Herb



Radiant Living Evangelistic Centre for Metropolitan Vancouver.

Here's the Bible worker outpost center they were renting.

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And then, twenty-odd years later, three guys landed in the Vancouver area. Fresh out of the Mission College of Evangelism, they wanted to do evangelism. Someone, somewhere, remembered the old Radiant Living, so these three brothers

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started up a new Radiant Living. (Yamil, Jeffrey, Jay Rosario)

But still there was something missing

Gospel Medical Missionary Company Evangelism

“There should be companies organized, and educated most thoroughly to work as nurses, as evangelists, as ministers, as canvassers, as gospel students, to perfect a character after the divine similitude.”

—Testimonies, vol. 9, 171, 172

This full-scope aspect has seldom been tried. Tindall, Frazee, Finley, Thorpe, and the Rosarios have never—to the best of my knowledge—had the advantages of the a full team of workers uniting their various talents.

Gospel Medical Missionary Company Evangelism

“God is calling, not only upon ministers, but also upon physicians, nurses, canvassers, Bible workers, and other consecrated laymen of varied talents, who have a knowledge of present truth, to consider the needs of the unwarned cities.”

—Review and Herald, November 17, 1910

Nor did any of them have—to the best of my knowledge—the advantage of a permanent “center of influence” as Ellen White called for. That would limit their ability to contact a wide range of people in a neutral setting.

Canvassers can hand out coupons to the store and restaurant. Bible workers can work as waiters and waitresses in the restaurant. The restaurant can serve as a feeder for the wellness center.

The whole is more than the sum of the parts.

Where Will It All End?

“God has given us a commission which angels might envy. The church has been charged to convey to the world, without delay, God’s saving mercy. This is the trust that He has given us, and it is to be faithfully executed. Medical missionary work is to be done. Thousands upon thousands of human beings are perishing in sin. The compassion of God is moved.

Time to finish up now. But we have one last very important thing to look at: the future of Gospel Medical Missionary Evangelism.

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Where Will It All End?

“All heaven is looking on with intense interest to see what character medical missionary work will assume under supervision of human beings. Will men make merchandise of God's ordained plan for reaching the dark parts of the earth with a manifestation of His benevolence? Will they cover mercy with selfishness, and then call it medical missionary work?”

—Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 1, 19

Where Will It All End?

“Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own.”

—Christ's Object Lessons, 69

“The completeness of Christian character is attained when the impulse to help and bless others springs constantly from within.”

—Acts of the Apostles, 551

Here's a familiar quotation.

The surprising thing to me is that this quotation is seldom considered in connection with this one...

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Where Will It All End?

“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, 304

Where Will It All End?

“There is to be a working of our cities as they never have been worked. That which should have been done [a hundred and] twenty, yes, more than [a hundred and] twenty years ago, is now to be done speedily. The work will be more difficult to do now than it would have been years ago; but **it will be done.**”

—*Loma Linda Messages*, 143

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And finally, my personal favorite...

Where Will It All End?

“We shall see the medical missionary work broadening and deepening at every point of its progress, because of the inflowing of hundreds and thousands of streams, until the whole earth is covered as the waters cover the sea.”

—Medical Ministry, 317

Which leaves only one simple question...

Where Will It All End?

“We shall see the medical missionary work broadening and deepening at every point of its progress, because of the inflowing of hundreds and thousands of streams, until the whole earth is covered as the waters cover the sea.”

—*Medical Ministry*, 317

**Are you willing to be one
of those streams?**