

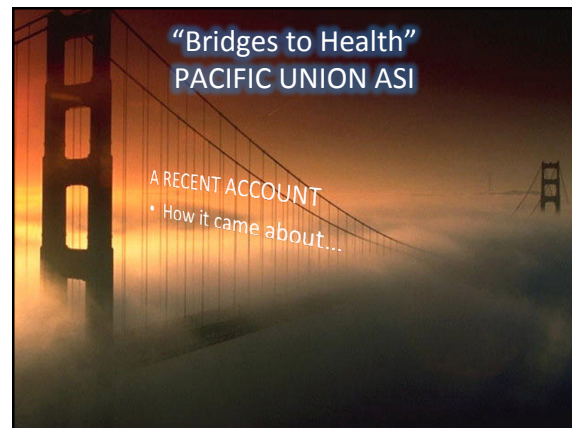
THE PRESENT, PRESENT TRUTH-
Medical Mission Work

Part 4

Reaching Millions for the Master

Perseverance and Other Lessons
from San Francisco.

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Bridges to Health
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A NEW Approach

The work of bringing the message of present truth before the people is becoming more and more difficult. It is essential that **new and varied talents unite in intelligent labor** for the people.
—Medical Ministry, 300

Christ's Method-Our Method

Of late a great interest has been aroused for the **poor and outcast classes**; a great work has been entered upon for the uplifting of the fallen and degraded. This in itself is a **good work**. We should ever have the spirit of Christ, and we are to do the **same class of work that He did for suffering humanity**...This will have its place in connection with the proclamation of the **third angel's** message and the reception of Bible truth." Manuscript 3, 1899

“Building Bridges”
Medical Mission Trip to the Bay Area

- Free Medical, Dental and Eye Care to the underserved of San Francisco and Oakland
 - 580 volunteers
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#1 Answer to Success
 Trust, Pray and Obey

Parable of the Persistent Widow
Luke 18: 1-8

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to **pray, and not to faint**; ²Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:

And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. ⁴And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; ⁵Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. ⁶And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith.

⁷And shall not **God avenge his own elect**, which **cry day and night** unto him, though he **bear long** with them? ⁸I tell you that **He will avenge** them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find **faith on the earth**?

#2: Answer to Success
Perseverance

“God has a heaven full of blessings for those who will co-operate with Him.” All who **obey Him** and do his bidding, may with **confidence claim** the fulfillment of His promises. But we must **show a firm, undeviating trust** in God. Often **He delays** to answer us in order to **try our faith** or test the genuineness of our desire. Having asked according to His word, we should believe His promise and **press our petitions** with a **determination** that will not be denied. God does not say, Ask once, and you shall receive. He bids us ask. Unwearingly **persist in prayer**. The persistent asking brings the petitioner into a more earnest attitude, and gives him an increased desire to receive the things for which he asks.” Christ’s Object Lessons, 145.

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God will work wonders for every one of us if we work in faith, acting as we believe, that when we cooperate with Him, He is ready to do His part. Manuscript 50, 1902

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Galatians 6:9

Dependence on God, Self Sacrifice and Perseverance

In all who have been chosen to accomplish a work for God the human element is seen. Yet they have not been men of stereotyped habits and character, who were satisfied to remain in that condition. They earnestly desired to obtain wisdom from God and to learn to work for Him. Says the apostle, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." James 1:5. But God will not impart to men divine light while they are content to remain in darkness. In order to receive God's help, man must realize his weakness and deficiency; he must apply his own mind...he must be aroused to earnest and persevering prayer and effort.... **Many never attain to the position that they might occupy, because they wait for God to do for them that which He has given them power to do for themselves.** All who are fitted for usefulness must be trained by the severest mental and moral discipline, and God will assist them by uniting divine

Patriarchs and Prophets, 250



MIRACLE STORY

- "Zoning should take 2 years"
– Permit obtained in 2 weeks

"Where sin doth abound, grace doth much more abound..."

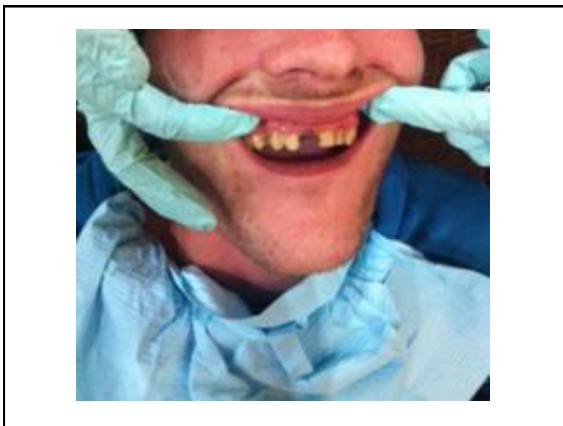
- Andrew Harvill, Quincy, Lefty...

- "We needed this here."

Christ's Example our Model

God is grieved as He sees the lack of self-denial and perseverance in His servants. Angels are amazed at the spectacle. Let workers for Christ study His life of self-sacrifice. He is our example. *Testimonies*, vol. 7, 254

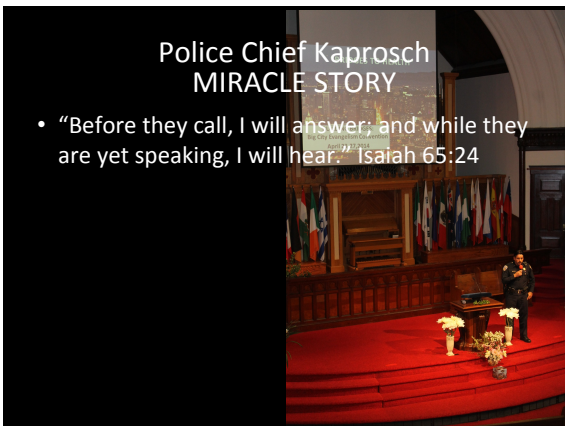
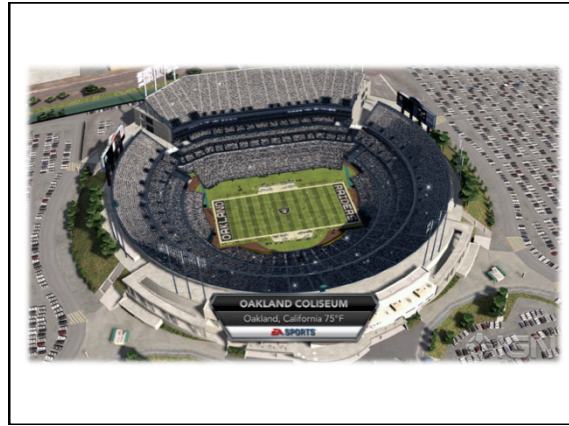
The Miracle of Mayor Jean Quan and Elder Jim Pederson



City Collaboration

- Mr. Paul Cobb
- Helping to facilitate lasting relationships





Answers to Success

#3 Press Together, Press Together,

- Collaboration Press Together
 - Laity, Church, Medical and Nonmedical
 - Glasses distribution
 - Bible Studies



Medical and Clergy

- In our large cities the medical missionary work must go hand in hand with the gospel ministry. It will open doors for the entrance of truth.—Manuscript 117, 1901.



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DID THE VISION INCLUDE BRIDGES....?

“At that time I dreamed that I saw two bee hives, one in **San Francisco** and one in **Oakland**. In the hive in Oakland the bees were diligently at work....After a time my attention was again called to the hive in San Francisco, and I saw that an entire change had taken place. Great activity was seen among the bees. They were earnestly at work.”{AUCR March 1, 1901, par. 2}



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