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An Annotated Bibliography of Resources Concerning Healthcare and Missions

A. History of Christian Involvement in Healing and Healthcare Missions

1. Grundmann, Christoffer H. ***Sent to Heal! Emergence and Development of Medical Missions.*** U Press of America, 2005, 392 pp. \$50
The first comprehensive and thoroughly referenced history of the emergence of Protestant medical missions, highlighting the ongoing discourse of its place within mission outreach.
2. Dauntton-Fear, Andrew. ***Healing in the Early Church: The Church's Ministry of Healing and Exorcism from the First to the Fifth Century.*** Paternoster, 2009, 210 pp. \$21
Traces the vigorous healing ministry in the centuries that followed the apostles. Exorcism is prominently attested throughout the period and served a significant apologetic value demonstrating the superiority of Jesus Christ over pagan gods. Interest in healing miracles were particularly characteristic of the less educated members of the Church.
3. Armstrong, Chris, Ed. ***Issue 101: Healthcare and Hospitals in the Mission of the Church | Christian History Magazine.*** Worcester, PA: Christian History Institute
<https://christianhistoryinstitute.org/uploaded/50cf8e35c4ae27.43897050.pdf> Free PDF
"The church was much more influential in healthcare than expected; and the modern hospital can be traced directly back to ancient and medieval Christian institutions."
4. Porterfield, Amanda. ***Healing in the History of Christianity.*** Oxford: Oxford U Press, 2005, 232 pp. \$21.
"Healing--as a multi-faceted response to suffering and evil--has been at the heart of Christian practice from the time of Jesus' miracles to the present. Her sensitive treatments of the large place of healing in Christian missions and in the recent world expansion of Christianity"
5. Ferngren, Gary. ***Medicine and Healthcare in Early Christianity.*** Johns Hopkins Press, 2009.
Ferngren describes how early Christians understood disease.
6. Bazzana, GB. ***Early Christian Missionaries as Physicians: Healing and its Cultural Value in the Greco-Roman Context.*** Novum Testamentum 51(2009):232-251.
7. Eichmann, Philip. ***Medical Missions Among the Churches of Christ.*** 2002
<http://www.ovc.edu/missions/medical/medbook.htm> Free PDF.
Summary of medical missions' efforts of the Churches of Christ.
8. Kelsey, Morton. ***Healing and Christianity.*** Augsburg Press. 1995 382 pp.
"Kelsey shows how healing has gone from being a central act of the church to being perceived as contrary to God's use of sickness as a tool for punishment, discipline and penance. The church then anoints people for death rather than healing. Kelsey shows the incongruity of this approach to sickness with the gospel and early church. His emphasis on the relationship between body, soul and Spirit was more innovative than it is now."

9. Numbers, Ronald L. and Darrel W. Amundsen. *Caring and Curing: Health and Medicine in the Western Religious Traditions*. New York: MacMillan, 1986, 581 pp. <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/004057368804400416> PDF \$30
10. Tucker RA. *From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya*, Academie Books, Zondervan Publishing House, 2004, 485 pp. \$23
A thorough history of missions using descriptive narrative and biography to detail the incredible sacrifice that has gone on before us.

B. The Biblical Mandate for Integral Mission – Healing *is* Good News

1. Stearns, Richard. *The Hole in Our Gospel*. World Vision, 2010, 366 pp. \$12
The head of World Vision advocates for a more integral approach to the mission of the church.
2. Fielding, Charles. *Preach and Heal: A Biblical Model for Missions*. International Mission Board, 2008, 256 pp. \$37
Fielding brings the preachers and healers together in the Person of Christ, demonstrating that like Jesus, and in obedience to Jesus, we are called to both preach and heal.
3. Myers, Bryant, Erin Dufault-Hunter and Isaac Voss. *Health, Healing and Shalom: Frontiers and Challenges for Christian Health Missions*. Pasadena CA: William Carey Library, 2015. \$42
“Over the last century, healthcare professionals focused on technology and spiritual leaders concerned with church-building have alike lost sight of *shalom* – the core of both physical and spiritual health. Nowhere has the interface between the good news, the church, health and healing been treated with this breadth and depth.”
4. Fountain, Dan. *Health, the Bible and the Church*. Wheaton IL: Billy Graham Center, 1989. \$5
“A theology of human wellness that brings in the responsibility of the entire Christian community to promote health initiatives and recover their rightful role as partners with physicians.

C. Vision and Strategy for Christian Healthcare in Mission

1. Seager, Greg. *When Healthcare Hurts: An Evidence-based Guide for Best Practices in Global Health Initiatives*. AuthorHouse, 2012, 296 pp. \$20
2. Kuhn, Ted. *Global Medical Missions*. WinePress, 2013, 336 pp.
“This text was written so that you and those you serve will benefit physically, emotionally and spiritually from the time and energy you commit.”
3. Stevens, David. *Beyond Medicine: What Else You Need to Know to Be a Healthcare Missionary*. Bristol TN: Christian Medical & Dental Assoc., 2012, 347 pp. \$10
An important look at the host of issues related to leadership, vision, conflict management and vision when carrying out healthcare missions.
4. Strand, Mark. *Medical Missions in Transition: Taking to Heart the Results of the PRISM Survey*. Bristol TN: Christian Medical & Dental Association, 2011, <http://www.cmda.org/library/doclib/PRISM-Survey-2011.pdf> Free PDF
5. Welch, Kathy. “PRISM Study Summary” Medical Missions. 2013
<https://www.medicalmissions.org/learn/resources/prism>
A power point presentation of the PRISM study.
6. Baer, Franklin. *Promoting International Health and Wholeness from a Christian Perspective*. CCIH Forum Issue #8. Aug. Carrboro NC: Christian Connections

for International Health, 2000

7. Ewert, Merrill. *A New Agenda for Medical Missions*. Brunswick GA: MAP Int'l., 1990
"Sets out a conceptual framework and a set of case studies for a new agenda."
8. Hale, Thomas. *Medical Missions: The Adventure and Challenge*. Richardson TX: Christian Medical & Dental Society, 1989, 77 pp. Out of Print.
9. Long, Meredith. *Health, Healing and God's Kingdom: New Pathways to Christian Health Ministry in Africa*. MAP Int'l., 2000, 288 pp. Used \$6 and up.
10. van Reken David. *Mission and Ministry: Christian Medical Practice in Today's Changing World Cultures*, Billy Graham Center Monograph, 1987, 66 pp.
A review of the history and future directions of involvement of medicine in missions – a strong encouragement of the role of primary health care and its integration with traditional institutional-based ministries.
11. Pocock DM, Ewert DW. *New Directions and Opportunities for Christian Health Care Ministries*. MAP Int'l, 1984, 17 pp.
A "declaration" and study guide concerning the focus of organizational efforts in delivery of health care in the Majority World.

D. Biblical Theology of Suffering, Healing and the Role of the Church

1. Swartley, Willard. *Health, Healing and the Church's Mission: Biblical Perspectives and Moral Priorities* IVP Academic, 2012, 268 pp. \$22
Biblical, historical and moral perspectives are synthesized to help all Christians, including those in health care professions, respond to our current (American-focused) health care challenges.
2. Bruckner, James. *Healthy Human Life: A Biblical Witness*. Cascade Books, 2012, 258 pp. (North Park Seminary)
"Health is God's original created intent: whole persons, healthy relationships, a thriving environment, and ongoing interaction with himself. In the Bible, human health is body-based, community-based, and deeply integrated in a relationship with God's creating Spirit."
3. Gaiser, Fredrick. *Healing in the Bible: Theological Insight for Christian Ministry*. Baker Academic, 2010, 238 pp. \$24 (Luther Seminary, St. Paul)
"With his careful analysis of healing stories in the Bible, he reminds us that healing is always tied up in the mystery and wonder of relationships—with our self, with our community, and with God—and that health depends on the wholeness of both individuals and communities."
James F. Hart, MD, UMN School of Public Health
4. Pilch, John. *Healing in the New Testament*. 2000, Fortress Press, 194 pp. \$16
"Pilch examines the ancient Judeans understood healing, what roles healers played, and the different emphases on healing among the gospels, drawing on the anthropology of the Mediterranean as well as the models employed by medical anthropologists to understand peasant societies and their health-care systems."
5. Wilkinson, John. *The Bible and Healing: A Medical and Theological Commentary*. Eerdmans, 1998.
6. Shuman, J., & Volck, B.M.D. *Reclaiming the Body: Christians and the Faithful Use of Modern Medicine*. Brazos Press, 2006, 174 pp. \$20
Christians to stop worshiping the medical establishment and to start "using medicine as if God mattered. The authors affirm the goodness of the human body, the importance of the church as the gathered body of Christ and the necessity of hospitality toward the world's helpless and suffering.

7. Hage, M.L. (2010). *Healing Agents: Christian Perspectives*, 2 ed.. CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.
8. Bingham, Rowland. *The Bible and the Body: Or Healing in the Scriptures*. London: Marshall, Morgan and Scott, 1939. (SIM Founder)
9. Bruckner. *Health and Human Life*.
10. Gills. *Gods Prescription for Healing*.
11. Lambourne. *Community, Church and Healing*
12. Payne. *Biblical Healing for Modern Medicine*
13. Ram, Eric. *Transforming Health: Christian Approaches to Healing and Wholeness*.
14. SCM Series. *Religion and Medicine Series*
15. Langberg, Diane. *Suffering and the Heart of God*.
16. Card, Michael. *A Sacred Sorrow*.

E. Transformational and Community Development

1. Lankaster, Ted and Grills, Nathan. *Setting Up Community Health and Development Programmes in Low and Middle Income Settings*, 4th ed. 2019, 568 pp.
UK Amazon: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Setting-Community-Development-Programmes-Settings/dp/0198806655>
US Amazon: https://www.amazon.com/Setting-Community-Development-Programmes-Settings/dp/0198806655/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=setting+up+community+health+and+development+programmes&qid=1584971527&sr=8-1

A very practical resource in simpler English to set up a community level intervention and how to train community health workers.
2. Myers, Bryant L. ***Walking with the Poor: Principles and Practices of Transformational Development***. Orbis, 1999, 279 pp.
The Bible on transformational development. Good theological and missiological foundations. A fine resource with detailed bibliography and sources.
3. *The Barefoot Guide to Mobilizing Religious Health Assets for Transformation*.
<http://www.barefootguide.org/index.php/download/the-barefoot-guide-3/item/the-barefoot-guide-3>
4. Bell, Colin and Robert White. *Creation Care and the Gospel: Reconsidering the Mission of the Church*. Hendrickson, 2016, 350 pp.
Dr. White is the director of the John Ray Initiative, an educational charity that works to develop and communicate a Christian understanding of the environment
5. Hipp, Gary. *Community Development and Christian Discipleship: The Wedding of the Great Commandment and the Great Commission*. Mission: Moving Mountains, 1991, 54 pp.
Discusses the integration of community development and culturally appropriate evangelism as a holistic endeavor.
6. Farmer, Paul. *In the Company of the Poor: Conversations with Dr. Paul Farmer and Fr. Gustavo Gutierrez*

7. Farmer, Paul. *Pathologies of Power: Health, Human Rights and the War on the Poor*.
8. International Religious Health Assets Programme <http://www.arhap.uct.ac.za/>

F. Development, Missions, and Service in Africa

1. Maranz, David. *African Friends and Money Matters*, 2nd ed. SIL Int'l, 2001, 310 pp. \$35
Westerners and Africans manage money, time, and relationships in very different ways, often creating friction and misunderstanding. This book describes the underlying logic of African economic systems and behavior, including personal relationships.
2. Glenwinkel, David. *The Insanity of Africa*, Quantum Press, 2010, 138 pp.
An appeal to cease the fruitless flow of funds from the West into Africa and instead equip local people to use local resources to reach local needs.
3. Somé, Malidoma Patrice. *The Healing Wisdom of Africa: Finding Life Purpose Through Nature, Ritual and Community*, Penguin Putnam, 1998, 321 pp.
A Burkinabe shaman's perspective on the topic. Essential for gaining an emic perspective on a certain West African worldview.
4. Wakatama P. *Independence for the Third World Church: An African's Perspective on Missionary Work*, InterVarsity Press, 1976, 119 pp.
An older book from an African perspective that brings out the issues of transition in missions to cooperative work rather than paternalism.
5. Taylor, John V. *The Primal Vision: Christian Presence amid African Religion*. SCM Press, 1963.
A classic on following God's initiative in Africa. Its premise is that God is at work even within the context of African religious cultures.
6. Achibe, Chinua. *Arrow of God*, Anchor, 1989, 240 pp.
7. Lay, Camara. *The Dark Child: The Autobiography of an African Boy*, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1954, 192 pgs.

G. Missions in General: Humility, Strategy, Dependency

1. Piper, John. *Let the Nations Be Glad: The Supremacy of God in Missions*. Baker Books, 1993, 228 pp.
The exegesis of "why missions?" from the now retired pastor and head of Desiring God Ministries. Powerful exegesis of the focus on God's greater glory derived from more people groups giving Him praise.
2. Richardson, Don. *Eternity in Their Hearts*. Bethany House, 2006, 206 pp. \$13
3. Wright, Chris. *The Mission of God's People*. Zondervan, 2010, 304 pp \$15
"Wright shows how God's big-picture plan directs the purpose of God's people, the church. He addresses questions of both ecclesiology and missiology with topics like "called to care for creation," "called to bless the nations," "sending and being sent," and "rejecting false gods."
4. Rowell, John. *To Give or Not to Give: Rethinking Dependency, Restoring Generosity, and Redefining Sustainability*. IVP Books, 2007, 262 pp. \$17
Rowell takes a broader view of the dependency discussion from a review of the Biblical approach to sharing of resources within the New Testament Church.
5. Lederleitner, Mary T. *Cross-Cultural Partnerships: Navigating the Complexities of Money and Mission*, IVP, 2010, 230 pp.

Very helpful work in discerning the path to partnership between Western churches and majority world opportunities.

6. Putman, Jim. *Real Life Discipleship*. NavPress, 2010, \$16
7. Corbett, Steve and Brian Fikkert. *When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty without Hurting the Poor and Yourself*, Moody, 2009, 230 pp.
Unmasks the hidden reality that even the best of intentions can go awry without carefully recognizing interior motives.
8. Hiebert, Paul. *Transforming Worldviews*. Baker Academic, 2008, 368 pp. \$21
“A call to overcome the drawbacks of dependency by urging us toward true partnership and healthy expressions of mutual support, connecting both with a profound argument for a return to simple generosity and a spirit of covenant commitment.”
9. Schwartz, Glenn J. *When Charity Destroys Dignity: Overcoming Unhealthy Dependency in the Christian Movement*, 2nd ed. World Mission Associates, 2013, 412 pp. \$20
10. Elmer, Duane. *Cross-Cultural Servanthood: Serving the World in Christ-like Humility*. IVP Books, 2006, 212 pp. \$17
“A look at learning and ministering cross-culturally through the scriptural mandate to be servants of the master engaged in kingdom work. Powerful and practical insights for how to become an effective servant in another culture.”
11. Bonk, Jonathan. *Missions and Money*, Orbis Books, 2007, 302 pp. \$24
The conversation on the ambiguity of wealth and Christian missionary outreach.
12. Myers, BL. *The New Context of World Mission*, World Vision, 1996, 60 pp. \$14
Statistical and graphical overview of Christian missions and the “unfinished task”.
13. Terry, John Mark and Payne, JD. *Developing a Strategy for Missions: A Biblical, Historical and Cultural Introduction*. Baker Academic, 2013, 304 pg. \$27.
14. Wright, NT. *Surprised by Hope*. HarperOne, 2008, 352 pp. \$18
"Wright argues that Christian hope empowers and enjoins Christians to heal humanity and nature now, not to participate in general degradation through war, greed, and pollution"
15. Keller, Timothy. *Generous Justice: How God's Grace Makes Us Just*. New York: Dutton, Penguin Group. 2010

H. Medical Missions Biographies of Africa and Middle East

1. Westberg, Sigurd F. and Frances J. Mason. *Deep Tracks in Africa: The Life and Work of Titus M. Johnson*, Covenant Press, 1976. 163 pgs.
A biographical account of the pioneer Covenant missionary who served as medical doctor in what is now the Democratic Republic of Congo.
2. Petersen, William J. *Another Hand on Mine: Dr. Carl Becker*. Masthof Press, 1967. 229 pp.
“[Becker] will long be remembered for his contribution to quality health care in Africa, and by some as a well-meaning humanitarian. But to those of us who knew the man, he was one of those few who lived a life that modeled, not just in deed but in spirit, their faith in Christ.”
3. Clarke, Angela. *The American Missionary Hospital Bahrain: Through the Changing Scenes of Life 1983-1993*. 1993. 288 pgs.
The story of mission medicine in Bahrain, started by Samuel Zwemer.
4. Armerding, Paul. *Doctors for the Kingdom: The Work of the American Mission Hospitals in the Kingdom of Saudia Arabia, 1913-1955*. Eerdmans, 2003, 184 pp.
Relates the story of medical mission work in Saudi Arabia.

5. Percy, Douglas C. *Stirrett of the Sudan, the Beloved Physician of the Sudan*. (Toronto: Sudan Interior Mission, 1948) Kessinger, 2010, 210 pp. \$17

I. Radical Christian Life and Commitment

1. Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. *Life Together*.
2. Idleman, Kyle. *Not a Fan*. Zondervan, 2011. 212 pgs.
3. Platt, David. *Radical*.
4. Piper, John. *Don't Throw Away Your Life*.

J. History and Colonialism

1. Katongole, Emmanuel. *The Sacrifice of Africa: A Political Theology for Africa*. Eerdmans, 2010.
An exploration of the colonial roots of political dysfunction in Africa and the insufficiency of common Christian approaches to this dysfunction. The first chapter should be required reading for all missionaries to Africa!
2. Hochschild, Adam. *King Leopold's Ghost: A Story of Greed, Terror, and Heroism in Colonial Africa*. Mariner Press, 1998.
A deeply troubling but incredibly important history demonstrating the worst of European colonialism and the missionaries who sometimes participated in the same and sometimes resisted.
3. Elkins, Caroline. *Imperial Reckoning: The Untold Story of Britain's Gulag in Kenya*. Henry Holt, 2005.
A detailed history of the end of Britain's colonial state in Kenya and the brutal methods used to suppress the Mau Mau Rebellion.

K. Blogs

1. Medical Missions 101 Greg Seager <http://www.healthservicecorps.org/mm101/>
2. Zeal with Knowledge Mike Soderling <https://centerforhim.org/blog/>
3. Mere Orthodoxy. Matthew Loftus. <https://blogs.mereorthodoxy.com/matthewloftus/>
4. Paradox Uganda Jennifer and Scott Myhre. <https://paradoxuganda.blogspot.com/>
5. Ask a Missionary John McVay <https://www.askamissionary.com/>

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