

Article Review

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Christian Health Care and Holistic Mission

What is one concept that stood out to you in this article?

This article is composed of a solid holistic mission. Holistic missions is one having five theories of relief: disaster, water, food, business and healthcare. The author feels that you can do more for a person, by developing these holistic views and being more of a success of bringing them to Christ than just curing the disease. It is promoting health more than curing a disease that could have been prevented if the person was taught about health early on in life.

What implications does this concept have for Missions?

If this is done correctly a person has a better chance of introducing another human into a deep committed relationship with Jesus Christ. So many people think that it is about religion, when in reality, it is having the relationship with Jesus. As Tetsunao Yamamori states in this article, “The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the world of the devil, and as his Father sent(him) so(he sends us)” (2001, p. 102). If we use the theories of relief in this article and care for the people of the world on a physical, emotional, spiritual and psychological level we will go further than just preaching the gospel, to sometimes deaf ears because the person's needs are not being met.

What needs to change in your life as a result?

I need to learn and implement these theories into my life. After I get acclimated to them I need to use them wisely and do more with the people in need that not only enhances their lives, but also touches mine. This pleases Jesus and people will start to trust you and want to be a part of the church and missions.

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