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The Medical and Dental Ministry

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U Vera, a third year med student at UC San Diego, attended our 2012 whole person care conference. As she learned to care for the spiritual needs of her patients, she dreamed how this training could be helpful to those in her home country of **Ukraine**. Vera connected us with her father, a denominational leader in Kiev, who introduced us to Dr. Joseph, an orthopedic surgeon in Zhytomyr. Plans were made for our first European training conference.

Older Christians in the area understand being persecuted for their faith. The Nazis cut the city population in half during World War II. A local pastor told Bob of his prison term in Siberia because he “systematically and regularly spoke from the Bible.” Today there is more freedom and openness. During the conference conferees spoke with patients in local hospitals. One patient was reluctant simply because she did not have money to pay for their services (Ukrainians often assume everything costs them something). Our team said, “We don’t want money,” and were soon able to share the Gospel and lead her to Christ.

K A few weeks later we were in **Kentucky** for the Global Missions Health Conference, the largest Christian medical missions conference in the world. We were able to reconnect with many who have attended our summer preceptorship or have been involved in our local ministry. Some are still in training, others are now in practice, and a few have served overseas as medical missionaries.



A young physician who is completing her psychiatry residency in Boston had realized that the meds she prescribed would not always help the patients she treated. She longed to introduce them to the one who could fully meet their needs. But she did not know how and feared repercussions for integrating her faith into her patient care. She was ready to leave medicine and go into traditional ministry. After hearing about this conference, she visited the web site and found the audio of the session Bob presented at the 2012 conference (medicalmissions.com/learn/resources/assessing-and-addressing-the-spiritual-needs-of-pa). “Listening to your talk was a turning point in helping me realize that I could care for my patients and do ministry at the same time.” She is still in medicine.

C Later this week we head to Thousand Oaks, **California** for the Cru CrossRoads Conference. We’ll join Christian leaders in business, education, law, ministry, etc. to help junior and senior undergrad students see how they can live a life on mission—serving God and working towards fulfilling the Great Commission in their future professions. Thank you for your prayers and partnership!

Upcoming METS Whole Person Care Conferences

February 7-8, 2014 Toronto, Canada * February 21-22, 2014 Jackson, MS * June 14-18, 2014 Redlands, CA

Whole Person Care Preceptorship

June 14-July 16, 2014

Pre-Med / Pre-Pro Health Student Project

July 5-15, 2014



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