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Testimonies

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There's somebody here tonight that God would like to have speak the response that He's put in your heart. If you're that man, that woman, will you come now to the microphone? There may be more than one. Some response that God has put in your heart tonight.

For somebody here tonight—this is no ordinary meeting. For somebody here tonight, this is decision day. For somebody here tonight, *this* is when you pass the point of no return in a decision that will mean souls saved in the kingdom of God.

If God has thus spoken to some individual here tonight, won't you come just now and share.

[Unidentified Man] I want to thank God for this message tonight. I know that over the past few years that I've wanted deep down inside to serve the Lord. And I can hear Him calling me to this kind of work and what it has in the Spirit of Prophecy, and I just praise the Lord that He has given us things like this to show us the way to salvation.

[Elder Frazee] Amen.

[Woman from the audience] I really praise the Lord for Sister White, and I want to give my life to this work.

[Elder Frazee] Thank you, brother. God bless you.

Dr. Path.

[Dr. Path] I went to Loma Linda in 1935, and at that time, I had the privilege of taking a class in medical evangelism by Dr. Risley. It wasn't long after that, that that class was dropped.

I always had the desire to go to the mission field to serve the Lord, thinking that might be medical evangelism, and when a call came to go to Shanghai, China, my wife and I accepted. Unfortunately, it was in 1948, when there was political upheaval in China, and within a year, we were back in the United States. It was a frustrating experience.

But I went back into medical practice. There wasn't much of any medical evangelism in that practice: first in Los Angeles, Glendale area, then in Napa, California, with a group.

Then, we received a call to go to India, where we could serve at the Christian Medical College. And we had the privilege of working with our medical students there—Adventist medical students—in this Christian college, trying to train them to be medical missionaries, and thank the Lord, there are several of them that are doing that type of work over there now.

But we came back to the United States because of what we thought was the necessity of educating our children. And went direct to Battle Creek, where we are now, but we have felt that we must do something besides just treating patients. And my wife got interested—because of a weight problem, she got interested in a vegetarian weight control program that is spiritually oriented—a big spiritual emphasis—which some of our brethren feel is a little too strong spiritually.

We still have a feeling in our hearts (both of us) that we've got to get into a bigger work for the Lord. We can't do it alone. We feel like we have to work with someone in this. Maybe we can do it alone, I don't know. Where we are right now, that's what we have to do, and we're going to stay there until the Lord specifically directs us to go elsewhere.

But when we heard of this seminar here, we were so anxious to come down here to learn more on how to do this—how to do a broader work. And we have been more than pleased with the results of these meetings, and we've been inspired by these evening meetings, and by associating with each one of you, and we are determined to follow where the Lord leads, regardless of what it takes.

[Elder Frazee] Thank God. God bless you, doctor.

Dr. and Sister Jelts.

[Dr. Jelts] This wasn't planned, so I'll let my wife speak first.

[Sister Jelts] I've appreciated very much this seminar that was God-centered. I want to dedicate my life to His service of witnessing.

[Elder Frazee] Amen.

[Dr. Jelts] Like I say, this wasn't planned. It's a little difficult sometimes to say what you want to say in front of a lot of folk who look down at you from eyes of interest and wonder.

When we left Paradise, California, I guess it was August 1974, one of my friends says, "Where are you going?" And I told him. He said, "Oh, fine. That's wonderful. I guess you folk can always do that and get some training, and then you can always come back into private practice. You can do that quite easily."

And I looked at him, and I says, You know, you're probably right. He was doing some real estate at the time. He was a broker. And as I look back on that day—that evening he spoke to me—I realize it more than ever before that I burned my bridges behind me, and the Lord is going to lead, I know.

I've begun to realize more and more that He's leading, and that song we sang—we've been singing it every morning in worship, and again, that wasn't planned, either—somehow providence brings these things to happen, and more and more, I realize the Lord is leading in a special way every soul here.

And as we trust more in Him, as my wife and I begin to learn more of this business of waiting on the Lord, it's a really wonderful experience, and I wish everyone can have it tonight.

[Elder Frazee] God bless you both, dear folks. Thank you.

Dr. Coolidge, so happy to hear from you, Dr. Coolidge.

[Dr. Coolidge] Well, I couldn't quite refrain from coming up here tonight. I entered Loma Linda in 1911. That was just when they were starting. I wasn't an Adventist when I went there. I was when I left. There have been many ups and downs, like all the rest of us, many problems.

Dr. Kress was there, Dr. Loretta was there, and many of the others, but I know the background of this medical-evangelistic course. They had both. They were taking the same medical course. The first part of it was three years in medical evangelist, and the other was five, but most of them that were in the evangelistic course, if they had good records, finished the medical work.

And we got a foundation there. We only were there a couple years because the school was C-school, and we couldn't come back to practice in the east without another year, and we were already in a five-year program, and so we transferred.

And then, after some other time, I came to Washington Sanitarium. Dr. Kress was there then. He encouraged us to come down there, and he told me on more than one occasion: "The time has come when I will not recommend any more conference small institutions because," as you mentioned there, "they've all passed out practically, and he encouraged to come to Greenville."

And we started there and did the best we could. I wasn't too well trained for the evangelistic part of it, but Elder Frazee did come up here regularly after they came, and they gave us a foundation that we couldn't quite get away from, and while our plan wasn't what you're talking about entirely, but it helped some, and now, they've got a program up there, and of course, Dr. McKinney is head of that program, and they're doing a much greater work.

But I knew Elder Burden quite well at that time, though, at Loma Linda, between the medical work and Elder Burden, there was a big division. I can tell you many little things about that. They thought he was a hinderer of the program.

You know that, too, don't you?

[Elder Frazee] Yes.

[Dr. Coolidge] But he really had the right idea because many years later I talked to him just before he died—had a long talk with him—and I learned a lot of things I didn't know when I was there.

So I do know that this is the fundamental program that Loma Linda had started, and Sister White used to come down there and spend about six weeks at least once a year when we were there. I heard her speak a few times. She didn't speak too long. I knew Elder White quite well—her son. He came by our place once and visited us there in Greenville.

So, we're thankful, and keep up the good work.

[Elder Frazee] Thank you, my friend. Thank you, my friend. Dr. Coolidge has been a wonderful friend and partner with us in this program for about 30 years now, and we appreciate it and appreciate this word tonight.

[Unidentified Man] Been two years ago, I was called by a group of Adventist physicians from New England Memorial to come up there and work with them in following up Bible studies, giving Bible studies to their patients, and teaching them how to go out and contact people in their own medical profession.

And this tonight, and the other previous nights, has been a bombshell to me, to see how far we've drifted off course. I knew we'd drifted off course, but not quite this far, but I thank God that He's put me in a unique position. I see now that my work, Elder Frazee, is going to require much knee work to reach our own physicians that have hired me to come there to help their patients. Because I see, as a spiritual leader, I also need to have the spiritual power and the spiritual strength to help our own physicians to catch this vision, you see. Because without it, we'll go on another 25 or 50 or 100 years until we get right, and so it's a challenge to me to be able to reach these men spiritually, and from there we can go on together and change, perhaps in a greater way, the whole institution there.

[Elder Frazee] Thank God.

[Unidentified Man] But it's a giant of an institution, with tremendous potential. Our health education department right there in that institution now is starting a spiritual work. They have a spiritual survey they give every one of their patients after they finish the weight class, the smoking class—they ask them if they're interested in Bible studies. And so, right now, Bible studies are being started from these people.

[Elder Frazee] Good.

[Unidentified Man] So, we're beginning to see some progress, even this giant of an institution, but got a long way to go, and I thank God that He's going to help us.

[Elder Frazee] You spoke of a bombshell. I'd like to call it yeast.

[Unidentified Man] Well, it's exploded my mind.

[Elder Frazee] I know. You know the difference, don't you?

[Unidentified Man] Yes. Yeast works slowly.

[Elder Frazee] Yes, but it keeps...

[Unidentified Man] Keeps on working.

[Elder Frazee] It keeps on, yes.

Elder Boykin is our chaplain and associate pastor with us here at Wildwood.

[Elder Boykin] I greatly appreciate this seminar, and I want to express my deep appreciation to Elder Frazee. He's been my inspiration through the years and has directed me to the books over and over again.

I just want to say tonight that I want to give myself into the hands of the Lord like Paul did when he met Jesus on the road to Damascus. Here, my Lord. What do you want me to do?

[Elder Frazee] Thank God, brother. That may put you in a sacrificial place.

Christine Payne. Christine is a graduate nurse. We're glad she's here with us in this program.

[Sister Payne] I'm so thankful for what he said tonight about God taking us where we are. And if I understand it right, that doesn't mean we throw away everything we've learned in the past and jump into something unwisely.

[Elder Frazee] That's right.

[Sister Payne] And I may not understand all the steps that God has laid out for me in the future, but I've determined tonight that I want to follow, and I'm so thankful that it's a safe course—that we can trust ourselves with Him.

[Elder Frazee] Amen, amen.

God bless you, Dr. Davenport.

[Dr. Davenport] I don't have any set speech to make, and I can't say that I'm up here to flatter you for the program or to flatter myself for coming up here or to gain any merit or anything. I haven't made a new decision necessarily, but I have realized some of the shortcomings that I have since coming here.

I've realized some of the broader aspects of the work. I have been praying for three or four years to see this kind of work materialized or get into it. And I must say that recently we've finally seen some answers to prayer that are quite remarkable.

[Elder Frazee] Good.

[Dr. Davenport] I appreciate—in other words, I come down here and find a lot of the things that I think about reinforced 100 percent.

[Elder Frazee] Good.

[Dr. Davenport] And that makes me feel good to know that we are on the right track. We may not have gotten there yet. As you know, I work at the Redding Institute of Rehabilitation, when we came there, it was our brothers all working together. And I've had to witness that place change to a community hospital, in spite of anything that I liked or even some of the other physicians liked. And it was done without our consent and without our approval—it was done anyway, and I'm not here to criticize them.

Some of the physicians take the attitude that, "We'll stand by. We can't seem to change it, and we'll stand by as long as we can do some good" I appreciate that attitude, but I still think an institution should be run according to the principles as you've outlined and as you've read here, and we prayed about it, and I think the way is opening up. In fact, I'm sure it is, so we're very thankful.

[Elder Frazee] Thank you, my brother.

Now, sister.

[Unnamed woman] Well, I just wanted to add one thing. My husband said we'd been praying for three or four years, and it isn't necessarily opportunities God's waiting for, it's us to change.

[Elder Frazee] God bless you both.

Dr. Evans.

[Dr. Evans] As I've listened to what has been said tonight, it makes me think that some of the things that we've been discussing over the years just amongst ourselves that seem to make good sense to us—now we find out that they were already in the books some time ago.

I never had any idea that, as I talked with the conference president, and as I talked with different physicians around the country—we all felt that, you know, if you're ripped away from your practice, and you're put into a conference situation where you're just an educator, and you have no patient contact that this would do something to you—take something away from you that you needed for freshness.

[Elder Frazee] Right.

[Dr. Evans] And, you know, it was yesterday that I did such and such, and this brings a certain amount of credibility that you can't have unless yesterday you were doing something.

[Elder Frazee] Exactly.

[Dr. Evans] And now, I see that it was even planned that way, and it delights me to know that some of these things that make such good sense to me made such good sense to the prophet, as well.

[Lots of laughter from Elder Frazee and the congregation]

And I was talking to Dr. Path last night, and I'm sure he won't mind—he won't mind—where is he? We were saying last night that at first—do you mind?

[Elder Frazee laughs]

He was asked to come and to do a certain type of work. And then the thing was, well then, why don't you just come into the conference and just do education, and then the idea was that maybe instead of doing just education, you ought to just transfer down here and do your private practice at another conference.

And he was saying, "Well, I can't separate the two. It seems like we should do both." And so, last night, we were just discussing this, and we were in agreement that it should be combined, and now we find out that, sure enough, it should, and I'm delighted to know that it should.

And I think that, on this basis, that many of us, and maybe most of us, and maybe even all of us, could then get into this and keep this and make this thing a living thing and become evangelists. Not just men to hire health educators to come and do our work for us, you know, we'll go on and be our normal selves. We'll just pay the price, the financial part of having a health educator come in—we can actually be health educators and evangelists ourselves.

My, this is tremendous. I even like it.

[Laughter from the congregation]

And I want to dedicate my life to that principle, and now that we see that others are thinking the same way, maybe Dr. Waddell, you can let the folks know that there are some folks that are really interested in doing it the right way.

[Elder Frazee] Thank you, doctor.

[Unnamed woman] I'm most grateful for medical missionary work. For more than 15 years, I've been working in hydrotherapy. You know, when you have a patient there for half an hour, more or less, you have the opportunity oftentimes to help them in a spiritual way, and many times they'll tell their problems, and with the Lord's help, I can be a blessing to them.

Just this very week, there were two very interesting outpatients who came in. One was a minister's wife, and she told me something about her problems and how much better she was since she had seen a Christian psychiatrist and Dr. Hansen. And then she plied me with one question after another about the Bible, and I was so glad that the Lord gave me the answers.

There's nothing like medical missionary work!

[Elder Frazee] Thank you.

Dr. Paul Smith from Provo, Utah.

[Dr. Smith] I come from a background of rich Adventist heritage, and I've grown up in the message, grown up in our schools, grown up in the practice of medicine. I suppose as I looked at myself, I perhaps thought that I was the small debtor that the Lord had to forgive. But then the Lord tapped me on the shoulder and said, "Simon, I have somewhat to say unto Thee." And I began to argue with the Lord and say, "No, Lord, don't call me Simon. Be kind. At least, call me Mary."

Then He said, "Unto whom much is given, much is required." Then, I understood. I hope from this point on that the Lord can give me the capacity, the strength, the willingness to make the most of the heritage that He has given me. Recognizing that He not only forgave Mary, but He also forgave the large debtor.

[Elder Frazee] Thank God.

All right, Dr. Charles.

[Dr. Charles] It's with a great deal of pleasure that I come here this particular seminar. It's been a number of years since I first became acquainted with Elder Frazee. And a fair number of years back in which the inspiration to change our particular practice became a reality.

But I must confess that there were some aspects of the whole picture that I neither accepted nor at that time properly evaluated. And so I think the Lord has given me a new vision, perhaps, of a wider and broader and deeper variety of commitment to put the whole thing into reality.

As you may or may not know, there are over a million people in the state of Utah. And in the state, as far as I can momentarily mention to you, I think there are three or four of us practicing Seventh-day Adventist physicians. And as far as I know, only the two of us are reform oriented.

We have in Salt Lake City and in Ogden and in Provo (between those three communities) perhaps two-thirds of the total population or perhaps three-quarters of it. So you can see it's very concentrated in a very small area. From Provo to Ogden is only 80 miles, and in that distance, we would have probably 750,000 people. The other quarter-million people are scattered over the rest of the state.

And so, as we have looked, we've attempted at Castle Valley to put into reality some of the Wildwood principles in education. We're undergoing a great deal of internal review in our own work in Provo where we've put a portion of the blueprint into reality, but see tremendous lacks in other areas. So we've welcomed and enjoyed a great deal of the continued bringing back to the plum line, back to a more wholesome and ideal standard that this particular seminar has afforded.

As Paul and I were talking, perhaps a little earlier, “Wouldn’t it be a tragedy if it didn’t become at least an annual affair or perhaps a semi-annual affair to keep us all shaped in the direction of the great goals that the good Lord had for us?” We couldn’t help but feel that the capacity of exchange is a tremendously important need.

[Elder Frazee] That’s right, brother.

[Dr. Charles] It would be a tragedy if this seminar were the last one. And so, those of you who share with me, I know the feeling of revitalization. We are so grateful: Dr. Hansen, the staff at Wildwood and Elder Frazee, for your wonderful consideration in following the burden of the Lord to bring us all together.

I would only challenge you with one further area: I’d love to see an equivalent medical magazine of reform that would allow an exchange of both scientific and reform information that would keep us in touch with each other.

Many of you folk are doing things that I don’t have any idea at all. You have solutions to problems that I’m grasping for that my patients need. If we only had a form of exchange that would allow us an exchange of information in the areas of problem-solving, we could make our capacity of service to our patients and our ability to work with each other—our needs known.

Many of us have needs. For instance, our personnel needs are stupendous, and I’m not thinking of our own institution. Fortunately for us, we have gradually made the transition towards total Adventist personnel. And I would challenge you that if you want an Adventist institution as a clinic, that’s an absolute first.

So, Elder Frazee, on behalf of all of Smith Clinic and those who I know would love to be here and participate, including Sister Marguerite Lee, and many of the other parts of our staff who are there—we are most grateful for the opportunity, and we surely have enjoyed the seminar!

[Elder Frazee] Thank you, Charles. God bless you.

Dr. Johnson, sister.

You’ll understand if I say this. The thing I’m listening for isn’t just a thank you for this seminar. I take it for granted that you all are happy for that. But oh, I’m so thankful for every response that God has gotten through to some mind and heart to take steps in a certain direction that God is leading. You know what I mean, don’t you, friends?

All right, folks.

[Dr. Johnson] I’m thankful that we have a God who answers prayer and who supplies our need, even though we don’t know what that need is sometimes, and I want to dedicate my life fully to Him tonight.

[Elder Frazee] Thank you, sister.

[Unidentified Man] I want to express my appreciation once again, as others have done, for these meetings the last few days. I would like to second, especially what Dr. Evans and Dr. Smith have said concerning the value and the benefit and the sensibleness of the program that has been presented.

The thing that has been especially meaningful to me, I believe, is the refreshing that has come from having been here. It seems that many times as you're far, far away in an area where maybe not everyone around you agrees, at least in principle, with many of the things that you believe and do, you turn one way, and you face a blank wall. And you turn another way, and you face another blank wall. And after a while, you begin to wonder just really what you should be doing.

But times such as this, I believe, are a real benefit and a real help, and a real spiritual encouragement, to us who have attended. And I feel the same way Dr. Smith feels—that this type of thing, which is a personal refreshment to us—it sort of recharges our batteries, as it were, to go back and to try once again to carry on the Lord's work wherever He may lead us.

[Elder Frazee] God bless you both.

Dr. Bushnell is an educator. We're glad he's here in this area.

[Dr. Bushnell] These meetings have been tremendous for us. We've endeavored to come to as many as possible, and it's been possible. I'm so thankful that there's a work that the Lord has for us all to do.

[Elder Frazee] Yes.

[Dr. Bushnell] I could wish that I were an M.D., but since I'm not, I'm doing the best I can, in spite of that handicap.

[Laughter from the audience]

And I have a privilege perhaps that you M.D.s don't have. I meet my patients five times a week for an hour, and I have about 150 of them, and I meet them four quarters a year, so I get at least 600 people meeting five times a week for an hour a day.

And I'll tell you—you can do medical evangelist work with those people, too. I've found that out, and I've found that people all over are interested in what we have to say. Whether we're M.D.s or whether we're Ph.D.s or whatever we are, they have an interest in what we have to say if it pertains to their physical health and their spiritual health. And I am thankful for the type of work that I am in!

[Elder Frazee] Thank you.

Our medical director's wife, Sister Ulla Hansen.

[Ulla Hansen] Six years ago, when Richard was making a decision to come to Wildwood, it was kind of a lonely decision to make. And when we came here, Elder

Frazee said, "I can't promise you much but I can promise you a residence in gospel-medical-missionary evangelism."

I think you've got some more residents now. And it thrills our hearts to see this many people—to see all these doctors walking around Wildwood. And I consider it a real privilege to sink the rest of my life into this work.

[Elder Frazee] God bless you, Ulla.

[Unnamed woman] It's not the easiest thing for me to get up, but with my heart beating so hard, I had to. I just really appreciated being here at Wildwood. This past year has been a real blessing to my life! I thought I had really given my heart to the Lord before I came, but I know I have now, and I just want to rededicate my life to Him and just trust Him with whatever he leads me to.

[Elder Frazee] God bless you.

Dr. Ryerson.

[Dr. Ryerson] During these sessions, God has spoken to my heart in a new way. He's been speaking in a new way to my heart for three and a half years, and I've let Him do a few things in my life, but tonight I want to dedicate my life and let Him finish doing those things in my life that He knows that I need.

I haven't seen my friend Dr. Evans or Dr. Lane since my medical school days. I guess that must be 15, 16 years, and it does my heart good to see what the Lord has done.

[Elder Frazee] Amen.

[Dr. Ryerson] And it gives me great courage to see what He's done in my life this far, and I want Him to finish that good work.

[Elder Frazee] That's right. Wouldn't it be a shame, folks, to get halfway and get stuck? The only reason for going partway is to go all the way. Right?

Dr. McKinney.

[Dr. McKinney] Last night, after the meeting, Dr. Mathisen and I stood out in front and planned our first classes that we're going to conduct. Dr. Mathisen had to go home last evening.

I'd like to ask you people to pray for Dr. Mathisen and his wife. A few weeks ago, he went all the way to Bangkok for two weeks to just relieve a doctor who hadn't had a vacation in 18 months. And while he was gone, his wife found a mass in her breast, and it was malignant, had two positive nodes.

And it's quite a serious problem in the family, and Dr. Mathisen is doing a good job. A very talented man. Dr. Mathisen trained down at the University of Alabama under Dr. Tinsley Harrison, who wrote the textbook, and took three years of

internal medicine there, and then went to the University of Arkansas and trained in pulmonary medicine and was head of the Veterans Hospital in pulmonary medicine in Little Rock.

Somehow the Lord spoke to Dr. Mathisen, and he came to a little town in Greenville which is 15,000 people. It's been a wonderful blessing to us. Since he's been there, he's been called to come to Loma Linda to teach pulmonary medicine, and he came and talked with me and said, I can't take my family back to southern California. So, we ask you to pray for him and his wife.

We want to rededicate our program, Elder Frazee, to the Lord.

[Elder Frazee] Thank God.

[Dr. McKinney] In 1967, I began to teach a Bible class to my patients. I felt like I wasn't doing enough. And so in 1967, I stopped practicing at sharp twelve noon, and I went home and locked myself up in my study, and I studied all afternoon, from one till about six.

[Elder Frazee] You mean Friday?

[Dr. McKinney] On Friday afternoon. And then, I invited through announcements and the newspaper every week since 1967—the local newspaper has carried a little announcement free of charge: “Dr. McKinney teaches a Bible class every Friday evening at 7:30.” And I began to teach this Bible class in 1967. I've done it every Friday night that I've been in town since then. We've had 20 baptisms through that class, and we've only lost one, and the Lord has blessed it.

But you know who's learned the most?

[Elder Frazee] Yes, sir.

[Dr. McKinney] Do you know who has studied and been through the books and been through the Bible? The Lord helps us work out our own salvation.

[Elder Frazee] That's it.

[Dr. McKinney] I hope we can do a different manner, do a better job. I want you to pray for us. Pray for the men that are with me. We have eight wonderful Christian physicians with our group. The Lord has blessed us tremendously, and we hope to carry back some of this inspiration to the men who are there and to present true medical evangelism.

[Elder Frazee] God bless you.

[Janice] Something that Sister Hansen said that sparked my heart, and I've been thinking about it, and as I've watched all you doctors and all the health personnel come here to Wildwood, it has thrilled my heart to see you come and dedicate your lives. And I realize all of us are a team, and now I realize it more than

ever that we need to come into unity and follow what the Spirit of the Lord tells us to do.

And I want to dedicate my life, with all you folks here tonight, and I'm so thankful, and I urge you to follow the vision that the Lord wants for us, and I just thank the Lord for that.

[Elder Frazee] Thank you, Janice. It's one of our nurses that sang the nurses' song.

Dr. Weaver from Arkansas.

[Dr. Weaver] Let me just say again what a thrill it is to be here at this meeting, and as many of you have mentioned, something began happening in your lives a few years ago, and this same Spirit was moving in my life. I've never shared this publicly before, but I think I can with this group.

One Friday night, we slipped away from home in our motor home to just getaway. I was exhausted from staying up late many nights in a row—not doing medical practice or medical missionary work or anything else, but on the phone for hours trying to find a school board chairman. I was chairman of the school board and trying to find a school principal. I was chairman of the board.

And that night, as I was reading a little bit from my Sabbath school lesson, and I ran across some statements about physicians' work. And it really hit me between the eyes about the things we should be doing and the things that we shouldn't be doing—the work that others can do just as well. I went out that night in the moonlight and talked to the Lord, and the thought was planted—should I be doing some other kind of work?

As the year ended and I realized that I was going to be confronted with the decision whether to continue on, and having been brought up in this church, I was very comfortable in an active part in church things, but realizing all the time that this was not allowing me any time to do some of these other things that my eyes had been opened to.

And as I went to the Lord on my knees, searching for an answer to this quandary, I really felt that the Lord would give me more time to keep up with all of this. But early one morning, as I prayed and I laid the work before the Lord that I should be doing and the work that I had been doing, praying for wisdom, there was a voice spoke to me as I prayed about the medical work and the missionary work in relationship to health and health education—the voice said, "This is the way, walk you in it."

[Elder Frazee] Yes.

[Dr. Weaver] And I said, "Thank you, Lord," and that was the beginning. There's a long way to go. I feel like I'm sort of on the front row of a roller coaster, just ready to really take the plunge, but that was the beginning.

We haven't done a lot. We've had some series in church. We've been in some evangelistic efforts. We've had some community health programs. This year, we've started some in-office health education, and I just want to rededicate my life tonight, as Elder Frazee has outlined the way, and it's my desire that this is the way the Lord wants us to go, and I want to walk in it.

[Elder Frazee] God bless you.

[Woman from the audience] I really thank the Lord for giving us the opportunity to come here for these few days. As Bob and his brother have been looking at their practice in a different way the last few months, and they have prayed earnestly that the Lord would lead them in whatever they should do. And they had just spent a whole afternoon in prayer about a month ago when the invitation came to come to Wildwood for this seminar. We felt that this was a direct answer to prayer.

[Elder Frazee] Thank God.

[Woman from the audience] And I want to rededicate my life to the Lord tonight that I will stand by Bob's side in carrying out this work because I know many times it's easy for us wives not to accept this.

[Elder Frazee] True.

[Woman from the audience] But the Lord has spoken to my heart, and I thank Him for it. And I pray that He will continue to lead us and that we will be letting the Lord guide us in our lives and that we will not rush Him but to wait on the Lord and let Him lead us.

[Elder Frazee] God bless you. The wives are at least 50 percent of it, folks.

Dr. Marjorie Jacobs Baldwin. We're so glad that she's with us here tonight. She was on our staff at Wildwood years ago, just out from Loma Linda. Now, she's on the faculty of Loma Linda University. We're glad you're home, Marjorie.

[Dr. Baldwin] Half of my heart is here, and half of it is at Loma Linda. I don't know if that makes me schizophrenic or not, but I don't think so. I think the best schools of each are one.

In 1947, the Lord fairly dramatically took me from behind a desk teaching in one of our academies—He told me He wanted me to take medicine. I didn't want to, but He asked me if I would be willing to because He wanted me to do something for Him. Well, I couldn't turn that down.

During medicine, I tried to study and learn what He wanted me to do, and I saw a picture of medical evangelism that was very beautiful. I had the privilege of being here for eight years to learn more about it—a part of a residency. And now I have the privilege of being at Loma Linda.

I don't know how these things all fit together, but I do know that just now, at Loma Linda, the School of Health, we have a group of ministers, a group of young people, who are deeply in earnest about doing what we've learned tonight. I know that we have a group of young men and young women in the School of Medicine who are deeply interested in working with the ministers to do what we've been hearing tonight. It's a time of unprecedented opportunity. I covet your prayers for us.

My husband and I would like to rededicate our lives to this.

[Elder Frazee] Thank you.

[Woman from the audience] I've been really thankful for the messages that we've been hearing this weekend, and I just want to rededicate my life that wherever He leads, I'll go.

[Elder Frazee] Amen.

Now, this is Dr. Lang, right? From Maine?

[Dr. Lang] Right

[Elder Frazee] All right.

[Dr. Lang] Right. I'm thankful for the love of Jesus to me. I'm thankful for the light that I've received during these meetings. I think of the statement that says, "There's one way to get more light, and that's to live up to the light that you already have." And I pray, through God's help, that I will do that.

I would like to say, too, I'm thankful for the Christian friends. I wasn't sure that I'd be able to come, but I saw Jim and Galen back home, and knowing that they were coming, they encouraged me to come, and I'm thankful for these friends.

[Elder Frazee] God bless you, doctor.

[Jackie] I'm really thankful for this week and for the meetings that I've attended, and also for the blessing of the doctors that have been up at Pine Haven while I've been there and several things that they've shared and that I've learned.

And, you know, I was thinking that I'm from Eden Valley, and I guess I'm a little bit selfish, but I was thinking about Wildwood and the blessing of them having three doctors here, and at Eden Valley we only have one. And while I was sitting back there, I was really praying, and I just wish that you would pray too that the Lord will send us a doctor that can help us work there to carry out our reconditioning program.

And there are so many of the young people there that—I know myself, in these last three years that I've been involved in gospel medical missionary work, it's been a tremendous blessing in my life, and I'm really thankful for the things I've

learned. And we need so much to have another doctor there that can help to really teach some of us young people some of the things that they know about health.

I know myself the heavy responsibility I have out in the community in evangelism. There are two churches that I'm working with that are not Adventist, and this one pastor told me, "Jackie, the Lord has given you a special message in health to share with my people, and I want you to be my Bible worker."

And just the weight of this responsibility when I feel like I know so very little about health and I know so very little that I can share, but yet I just pray and ask the Lord to just really help me to study the books to know these things. The Lord has given so many of you doctors a knowledge in these things.

And like even the doctor that we have at Eden Valley—he's really overworked. And he has the sanitarium, he has classes to hold there, and he doesn't have time to go out with us as students on cooking schools and five-day plans and all these things, and there are so many things that we can get involved in.

Like, even in Fort Collins, this lady who already has several degrees in nutrition and all these other things—she told me to come and to share simply with them in a class on nutrition. Here she wanted *me* to do this, and I haven't even, you know, hardly been in nutrition and learned all that much and everything, but she says, "You're all living vegetarianism, and that's why we want, you know, you to come and share with the young people there."

But there's so much I just feel like I need to learn, and I'm really thankful for what I've been learning in this type of school.

[Elder Frazee] God bless you.

Rita Vital. This is the wife of our hospital administrator, Rita Vital.

[Rita Vital] I'm thankful for the privilege of having been here for a number of years. And before that, coming from the state of Connecticut that doesn't have one Seventh-day Adventist doctor, and it's just such a heavy burden.

I used to write to the conference president every year, regularly, through two conference presidents to please try to get an Adventist doctor for Connecticut. They still don't have one.

Before that, we were in New York City, and as you know, there are millions in New York City just dying to know our health message. So I consider it a real privilege to be here, but my prayer is still for all these other areas.

But I see the Lord doing just wonderful things all over. I'm sure you do too. But particularly here in Chattanooga, it seems like health evangelism is just breaking the city-wide open. I've never seen anything like it.

If we work with the newspapers or radio or television, whatever, they're constantly offering us time and articles, and they want to come out here and see

what we're doing. And the house is just filled every day with all different kinds of people from all walks of life, and all ages, and from the university. It's just unbelievable! And it just seems like we're at the brink of eternity, folks. This is my burden tonight—that the Lord wants to do it so quickly if we'll just cooperate with Him.

[Elder Frazee] Amen.

[Rita Vital] This next year, perhaps some of you have read or heard of some of the things that are being planned for the bicentennial. Lots of things are going to be happening this next year, and as you probably know, having lived in other states, there are Sunday laws on the books of most of our states, and it doesn't take long for them to just get put into practice if the pressure gets put on.

And the world calendar pushes on again, and in some countries, it's already in use, and then there is the other aspect, too. Have you seen this new postage stamp of world peace by law with an open Bible and a gavel? That really struck home to me, "world peace by a law." This is a stamp for 1976.

And, folks, as I read the book, *Evangelism* and other things pertaining to this, it just gives me a very strong sense of urgency that we've got to cooperate with the Lord and His message.

[Elder Frazee] Amen.

[Rita Vital] And this is my prayer for myself and for all of us.

[Elder Frazee] Thank you.

[Unidentified Man] I'm grateful tonight for two things. In this audience sit three people that mean more to me than probably everyone in my life. Although I have not been faithful to these three people, I am thankful to God that these three men were faithful to the Lord in following the blueprint that allowed them to teach me the proper habits of health.

Although, at times, I have failed in practicing these laws that I know I should be practicing, I am grateful that there are men and women out here in this audience that are different than the rest of the world. That we as people that are sick and need help can go to and receive help that is fit into a blueprint that the Lord can make everyone read and understand.

Today we have many blueprints that the average person cannot read. They go to a doctor, and he gives a piece of paper to you and says, "Come back in two days." You look at the paper, and it's got a name on it of some chemical that you don't even know what it is, but it's supposed to cure you. And believe me, it doesn't cure you.

So, I want every doctor here, if he's in any way not sure of this blueprint, please make yourself sure. Because I know out here in the world there are many people like myself that need doctors, nurses, physicians, evangelism people, that

can come across with a message that we really need to hurry the soon coming of Jesus.

So let us get the work done as individuals and as a group so that God's coming can be soon. Amen.

[Elder Frazee] Dr. and Sister Waddell. We're so thankful you folks are here with us.

[Sister Waddell] It's been almost 40 years ago that we had the privilege of joining the Lord's work, and I want to tell you that it's been 40 happy years.

[Elder Frazee] Thank God.

[Sister Waddell] And I know that this church is going through to the end and that we will go into the kingdom—that this church will go into the kingdom. Even though there are many faults and we have made many mistakes along the way, it will go through, and it won't tear apart till the very end.

[Elder Frazee] Amen.

[Dr. Waddell] My wife said very much the same as I had in mind to say, and that is that these years that we have been in the Lord's work have been very pleasant and very happy years. We feel that God has been especially good to us. He has blessed abundantly in the work that He has called us to do, and we're very grateful for that. We praise Him for the success that has come to the work.

As of just being here, Elder Frazee, and being inspired by that which we've heard, relative to the true application of the blueprint to our work, we feel that the success that has come to our work in the past has been minimal. And could have been so much greater, so much fuller, and more meaningful if we had applied these principles more fully.

We believe in health evangelism. We probably haven't had a true concept of just exactly how to go about it. We have had more of a mixture than that of a compound. We're very grateful for this inspiration that's come to us during these days we've been here, for the wonderful counsel we received and we've had read to us from the servant of the Lord. And we believe this is the way that God would have us to work.

So we appreciate the messages that have come to us, Elder Frazee, the opportunity of being here, and for a closer look at this wonderful blueprint that God has given to us.

[Elder Frazee] Thank you so much.

[Dr. Waddell] And we're going to do our very best to follow in that direction and follow the Lord however He would lead us, even though we've retired.

[Elder Frazee] You're going to pray for us, too, aren't you?

[Dr. Waddell] We surely will.

[Elder Frazee] Yes. Now, I know there are others that would like to speak, but I think perhaps we have held the meeting long enough. And I wonder if there are others who would be glad to speak if the opportunity offered, but would like to give your silent response. You who haven't spoken—you'd like to give your silent response by standing, saying, "Lord, I'll do anything you want me to do."

Shall we stand together?

[Singing]

I would be, dear Savior, wholly Thine,
Teach me how, teach me how,
I would do Thy will, O Lord, not mine,
Help me, help me, now.
Wholly Thine, wholly Thine,
Wholly Thine, this is my vow.
Wholly Thine, wholly Thine,
Wholly Thine, O Lord, just now.

Dismiss us, precious Lord, with Thy blessing. Seal to our hearts the decisions we've made this evening hour. Bless Thy church and bring us soon to that full reformation which shall usher in the Latter Rain, the Loud Cry, the finishing of the work and the coming of our King, for Jesus' sake, amen.

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