

Verse by Verse, School of Missionary Medicine

By Leonie Soubirou

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Dr. Lewis T. Talbot:

And thank you Mr. Announcer and good morning my radio friends and friends of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. This is Lewis T. Talbot greeting you and welcoming you to another broadcast of missionary challenge. And I do so in the wonderful name of our wonderful Lord. You know that for many years I have devoted this Radio Hour to a verse by verse study of the word of God. We have studied verse by verse almost every book in the New Testament as well as the great portion of the Old Testament. Well you even studied verse by verse Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers and Deuteronomy and you know that that required a great deal of time.

Next week we begin a verse by verse study of either. The Gospel According to Matthew or the Little Book of Jude or the Book of Revelation. Now I would like to have your mind in regard to which of these study's that we should take because I desire to meet your need. The Lord can lay a book upon your heart just as definitely as he can. Upon mine. You know to date that more of my

listeners have expressed a desire for the Book of Revelation than any other book that I have named and I guess that this is due to the fact that we are living in a crisis period and that vast changes are impending.

And the book of Revelation sheds a great deal of light upon the question as to where this old world is moving. However I would like to hear from every one of my listeners in regard to this matter. And so you get a letter in the mail and just address me Luis T. Talbot of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles Los Angeles 17 California. Now we are devoting the broadcast of this week to a missionary challenge because the Lord said lift up your eyes and look on the fields and I do not know a better way of doing this than to look on the mission fields through the eyes of the missionaries who have spent years in that land.

You know that here in the Bible Institute of Los Angeles We are four schools and this week we are giving your giving you information concerning one of them that I have said very little about and yet it is as important or probably more so than any other any of the other schools I referred to the school of missionary medicine that students of this school are already graduates of this and other Bible schools and have been accepted by missionary boards. But before going to the mission field they are devoting one year's study to jungle diseases and other bodily ailments and this cause is directed by Miss Leonie Soubirou and there are four of five of the most outstanding Physicians and Surgeons of Los Angeles Christian men who are associated with her in this work. Now Miss Soubirou is in the studio right now and she takes over from here.

Leonie Soubirou:

Thank you Dr. Talbot and good morning friends of Dr. Talbot's Bible study hour we're so happy to be able to share with you this morning some of our letters from our own graduates who are serving the Lord on distant fields I might say that just recently in our Biola Alum news publication of our incorporation we ran an entire edition devoted to reports of Biola school of missionary medicine graduates this briefing of reports was a delight to our faculty and staff.

Now today we will not make it so brief but endeavor to frankly share with our radio audience and the friends who are listening in the missionary medical problems that our graduates have. I've selected reports from around the world as I suggested yesterday and I thought we might start first with a clear report which has come to us from Mr. Edward Osterman of the class of 1956. He is serving the Lord in Africa and has been doing a peculiarly interesting missionary medical project. One of our own staff students will read his letter.

Student

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dear friends how often my thoughts go back to the days of SMM while here in Africa you may remember how my hand being as being shaky when it came time to give an injection but I hope that now after several hundred given here you would find it a bit more steady and sure more sure of itself. Again and again I have occasion to use some little lesson I've learned that SMM and in the years in classrooms and hospital assignments. I am small. I have a small portable dispensary fixed up as I can easily carry it out to the villages in my pickup. I have around 50 to 60 patients a week in three different villages. Each time I have a little meeting before the medicine is given out so on. As a result many are hearing the gospel I can point to several new Christians who

heard the gospel for the first time. When I when they came to get medicine as often happens medicine was a means to opening up a large village in the Ivory Coast several weeks ago. The French public health officer in the area asked me if I would take my little dispensary to a village called Cinnamon Charlie the village is a large is the largest in the area with us with no gospel witness and no known Christians as I went to the village. I talk to the chief who seem to be very friendly and agreed to arrange a place to set up a dispensary. The following week I arrived at cinnamon Charlie with my portable dispensary in hand. I asked to see the chief and. I was led through a maze of mud huts to his house. As the chief turned out to be a different man whom I had spoken to previously. The conversation passed from me to several others and finally to the chief through a series of three languages answers back came the same roundabout way. This was due strictly to custom for both the chief and I knew Sonari and could have spoken directly to each other. This man was not friendly to the idea of a dispensary as he could not arrange a place puzzled. I left the chief and asked for the man who I had spoken to previously.

They led me to him. The man was very friendly and we conversed in French and he told me that he had arranged a place for the dispensary when I saw the place. I would had this misgivings. It was next door to a village Cow yard and several cows were even tied right beside the door. The woman was piled in. Are the room was piled with dry cowhide poles and dirt. A boy was sent to take away the hides and sweep but the smell of flies from the cows next door. Hardly an atmosphere for mission medical dispensary. There was no choice. So I set up my office. I didn't expect many patients that first day but nearly 50 people appeared for treatment next week. When I return the chief that had been so unfriendly sent for me. This time he was very friendly and asked for medicine for one of these wives. And gave me the fattest guinea hen he could find.

And later I discovered that he was the big chief and the other man was a sub chief. I praise God for the opening into another village in our wonderful Lord Ed Osterman.

Leonie Soubirou:

Thank you very much I'm sure that Mr. Osterman was willing to take a guinea hen or anything else from those people and surely that was a token of their appreciation and their love for this missionary who was willing to set up his dispensary even in this cow dung condition. Now here is a testimony from India from two of our graduates Mr. and Mrs. Alco Redding of the class of 47 Mrs. Redding wrote the letter.

Student 2:

Dear friends. Tomorrow we move into camp so we want to get this greeting off to you today. Busy camp life makes letter writing almost impossible since camping season lasts until middle April. We would appreciate your prayers for God's guidance to the right villages. We have many invitations and cannot possibly accept them all the gospel message is usually preached to a quiet absorbing crowd in the early morning meetings before the villagers take the cattle goats and water buffalo out to graze for the day or oxen out to the fields. The evening meetings are well attended with the whole village turning out about sixty five villages were visited during this camping season.

Some were visited several times and others camped in for two weeks. The travelling dispensary has been valuable not only in treating an average of 25 patients each morning after preaching but as a means of entry into the village and into the hearts of men and women. It has been

comforting to know of several instances that a life was saved because the Lord directed our way to a particular village. That morning. Gospel distribution indicates an ever growing interest to this year. Thirteen hundred were sold. This figure could be easily multiplied by hundreds were funds available for subsidizing this ministry. More The Lord has been blessing our ministry in so many ways. A large signboard with the Rome verse Romans 6 23 in Marathi scrip was put up on the Nagpurduliaa highway. Other blessings have been towards more practical and healthful living such as a new pump and other sanitation improvements and a suitable tent for camping for the blessing of unlimited opportunities for presenting the old old story for temporal blessings for congenial missionary co laborers whose Fellowship has been precious for Indian co-workers who daily challenge us to new endeavors and for you dear Saints of God in the homeland who uphold us in the work with prayers and gifts and letters of encouragement. We thank God your India Co laborers Alco and Millie Redding.

Dr. Lewis T. Talbot:

And Miss Soubirou. This is exactly what I saw in India. I've been in that land now on three occasions and I noted that it is the work of the other traveling dispensary that often proves to be the opening wedge for the presentation of the Gospel. The people of India are in great need and we who know and love the Lord and have the joy of sins forgiven know that that great does need is the gospel. But there is hunger there is disease and great physical need to. And the missionary medic has a wide open door for souls.

Leonie Soubirou:

I think you're right Dr. Talbot. I've never been in India but I'm trusting that if Biola ever offers the faculty a sabbatical leave that I might have the joy of visiting my graduates 377 strong on all the fields of the world. I don't know how long it will take it may take longer than a year. That may be one reason for delaying the granting of that sabbatical now. Actually these testimonies thus far are being presented without prejudice and as I said yesterday they are letters that were just selected at random letters that were written not only to us here at the school but to the praying friends of these missionaries and I believe that in the letters we are presenting to you something of the proof of the pudding of which I spoke yesterday.

Now right now I thought that I might draw out just a few excerpts from various graduates in various areas just briefings from letters first of all here's one from Africa Zettie Finch from the Class of 1957 writing from Eritrea says this. It is hard to realize that I have been back a little over a year. Recently some finances have come so that the four room clinic can now be equipped. I am putting missionary medicine into practice every day. Then from Kenneth and Gloria Radach class of 48 right writing from Ethiopia. We read we moved from our small tin shack with dirt floors into a smaller clinic building.

It is still rugged medical work but it has been possible because of missionary medical training. Then Dean and Alice Youngberg of the class of 48 writing from Ethiopia say although we no longer have charge of the dispensary here. That experience was of utmost value in helping us to reach the hearts of the people. We are now teaching in a school in this same area where we once managed the dispensary

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Dr. Lewis T. Talbot:

And my sister. This is just what I feel is essential medical services for the people in need will oftentimes open wide they the door for the gospel they use the very good testimonies and they are I am sure stirring my heart

Leonie Soubirou:

Now from Central and South America. Dr. Talbot we have some notes from Kenneth in Maryland Chick who just recently graduate or at least it seems recently though they were really in the class of 58. The writing from Brazil they say although still studying the language Kenneth already has used the butterfly tape suture method on a patient and is putting missionary dentistry into practice every day. Then Eileen Elliott from the class of 58 writes from Peru. What a joy to see how the Lord has prepared me for this ministry here. Really I can't tell you how much that one year of training at Biola School of missionary medicine is meaning to me now. I've already had tries at teeth pulling and digging for roots and with success

Dr. Lewis T. Talbot:

And my friends I wish to say that my visits in South America would substantiate all of the things that you have heard. Many of the Nationals down there have no care whatsoever. Many are without teeth at an early age and missionary dentistry can be a tremendous help. These reports my sister are getting better and better each time.

Leonie Soubirou:

Well thank you Dr. Talbot. Now we have a few notes from India Virginia Schellenberg our registered nurse came to Biola School of missionary medicine for our four month training in tropical diseases and dispensary work. She graduated in the class of 57 and she writes from Chin Chadha I have been transferred from the small dispensary where I work for a little over a year and have started work in our hospital near this city. I am daily using the knowledge of Tropical Medicine learned in the laboratory of Biola School of missionary medicine then Glenola Marshall of the class of 48 writes from Assam India.

Our new doctor and family have arrived. We've been waiting eight long years for our resident doctor here and it seems almost too good to be true of course. During that time of waiting I've been practicing missionary medicine among the lepers and others. Many of these people have come to know the Lord through the arousing of their interest by means of medical care administered in our simple dispensary. There is hardly a day that goes by but what we have excerpts from letters that would cheer our friend's hearts I know that you friends out in radio are delighted to know of how the Lord has been leading in the lives of our graduates who have gone forth into the uttermost parts of the earth. But here are a few more detailed testimonies that might encourage you just a bit more. Encourage you to pray for our missionaries and to pray for our schools of training here at Biola. Here's one from Lauren Ferguson who was president of the Class of 1957. Lauren and his lovely wife Betty and children are serving the Lord in Northern Rhodesia Africa. Here is his testimony.

Lauren Ferguson:

Dear ones at home. I hope none of you think that when a missionary gets to the field that the Lord no longer has to teach him. We find that as before we're still students just a different school. The Lord has been speaking to this heart in recent days about motives those subtle things we can look at them and call them pure. But when the Lord pulls back the covering we often find we have but an alloy with foreign substance. Today was General clinic day patients with all sorts of ills appeared. David and I took care of the men while Eleanor and Betty Lou took care of the women. Betty Lou recorded for Eleanor as she questioned prescribed and so forth and then handed out medicine we had one case of whooping cough. A brother of a baby who had already died from it. The clinic is held just outside the cook chicken house where John and Eleanor presently live and where we will live when we move over. The patients sit around on the ground the autoclave or machine for sterilizing instruments is in our case a large black three legged iron pot which squats over an open fire in front of the little house.

Yesterday Betty Lou observed another stillbirth in this case when Esther spoke to her about it. The woman's main concern was that Esther tell my aunt that I didn't kill it here when a mother loses a baby in birth. The relatives blame it on the mother. So along with the sorrow of losing a baby the mother often has to contend with a group of relatives about her scolding and blaming her for it. She must have displeased the evil spirits or done something wrong. In the case of the last stillbirth Esther had Betty Lou administer artificial respiration on the baby while she prepared and gave the baby an injection to try to get it to breathe.

As it turned out the baby had evidently had brain damage done and these measures didn't help. Another distressing fact which often occurs is that often before the woman comes from her

village to the Hill they treat her there. Some of the elders of the village jump on the abdomen of the woman. This is to help matters they think so you can see there are many sides to treating the people here. After telling the mother about the baby Esther spoke to the relatives trying to convince them. The woman did all she could as a mother to have a normal baby. Then Esther has prayer with the patient and tries to give her some encouragement. In thinking of Luke we our hearts are turned to a portion in first kings Lord God of Abraham Isaac and of Israel. Let it be known this day that thou art God of Israel and that I am thy servant and that I have done all these things at thy word. Hear me O Lord hear me that this people may know that thou has turned their heart back again. First Kings 18:36 and 37. I suppose a new advance for the Lord is somewhat like the firing line in a battle. It's a dangerous place so far as the enemy is concerned and one is conscious of the real dangers yet exhilarated with the thought of a new advance and being in the spiritual realm. It heightens it the more lovingly in the father's care Lauren, Betty Lou Mark and Scottie Ferguson.

Dr. Lewis T. Talbot:

Thank you Mr. Ferguson for that testimony. And it is a personal joy to meet you again and my friends how true it is that our missionary teaching does not end when the missionary gets to the field. Actually it is just a beginning in many ways. And this is why we again urge all of you folks in radio land to pray you know that we are giving you information because the more information you get in regard to these fields enables you to pray more definitely for the Servers that are out there on the firing line.

Leonie Soubirou:

Now next we'd like to present a testimony from Fred and Dorothy Waldock of the class of 1948. Their letter will explain for itself some of our joys in missionary medical training

Student:

Dear friends and loved ones in Christ. Praise the Lord for a new patient who gave his testimony in prayer meeting yesterday how he had sought for peace even to the extent of fleeing to the jungle to meditate but no peace but had no peace until after he had read the biography of one of the greatest Indian Christians and accepted the Lord as his only savior pray for another patient who after the meeting admitted that he was wavering back and forth and just couldn't quite go all the way in accepting sonnet. One of our first Christian boys and one for whom many of you prayed in the beginning days of our work here is suffering greatly from arthritis. He is no longer able to walk at all and is terribly discouraged. Some of the men are carrying him to school each afternoon but he really needs a wheelchair. You remember to pray for him to outpatient leprosy clinic work is growing in nearly every village you go among the tribal peoples of Tripura. You find patients. They don't realize the seriousness of the disease until it has progressed to the advanced stages. They are just as blind to the wages of sin in their lives. I will be going to two new areas soon although the menfolk of the villages understand Bengali the children and women understand only their own language. We have been playing a gospel recording records for them and you should see their faces light up as they hear their own language. We are thankful for these records and the True Gospel message so plainly given on them. Ask the Lord to bless this ministry. We have started the school for the colony children again. Twelve children are in school each afternoon and we wish that you would pray for them that as they learn to read. They've all

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read the Bible too and really come to know the Lord several in this group have accepted the Lord just in the last year.

But in order to grow they need to read the word for themselves pray for those who know the way of salvation but have not accepted we have set up a lending library for our patients. This is another way to get the gospel message into their hearts we are starting another library for the outside workers and village children who come to the Bible club on Saturdays pray for the words it goes into the villages in this manner we surely do thank you for your faithfulness in your prayers for us and for your gifts. We think our God upon every remembrance of you and his love for it and Dorothy Waldock

Dr. Lewis T. Talbot:

And thank you for that word from India and surely that land is a valley about a native land as all the mission fields are. I understand Miss Soubirou that we have a graduate working in the Orient in the very area of the current communistic invasion the country of Laos. I pronounce that over the radio Laos. But I don't like that pronunciation Laos is what I was taught in regard to the name of it.

Leonie Soubirou:

That must be Australian. But I say Laos and I don't mean lousy. Yes Dr. Talbot it's true and we've had two letters recently from Miss Rosemary Foote of the class of 1957. I think our friends would be interested and I think that possibly we have time to read a portion of these letters. The letters are from Laos. Dear friends now that the rains have begun. No more tricks can be made to

the Teo tribe for several months. But life is as interesting as and as busy as ever on our station. I still try to study Laos five hours a day whenever possible but there are so many interruptions and other jobs to occupy my time I had the privilege of being one of the first white women to enter the Teo tribe. My partner Dr. Ursula Lowenthal a short dark haired soft spoken young woman who has had three years of experience in Thailand seeks to use her medical skill to point these needy people to the God of love who has power over disease and death and evil spirits.

Here are a few typical days at Tai Kong Monday in the midst of language study. I suddenly heard excited voices and recognizing the voice of Father of none. I rushed downstairs to greet him. His younger brother had come with him. It's always a joy to have the gala believers visit us during this visit. I ask them to translate John 3:16 into their language from the Lao and they do so eagerly and promise to read it to their wives who didn't understand Lao the next week when we visit their village they suggest improvements in translation and we gladly work over it for half an hour with them to get it just right after which they listen intently while Ursula gives medical and practical teaching.

She also gives teaching from Galatians 5:22 23 and John 15 and they delight us by singing their own tune to the Christian songs we had once written out for them from the Lao hymnal. So you see we have joys as well as frustrations. Then on Tuesday more and more of the local people are coming for medicine. Now that Ursula's fame has spread one thin young woman says she has no appetite feels weak and tired all the time is greatly underweight and she was given a vitamin injection. She gratefully pays her money about 25 cents in our money and after a few days we see her and she's much improved. Actually most of our patients are this type. Today however

Ursula and Geraldine another one of our missionaries a go to treat a young mother who got burned while sitting on the fire. This is a local custom that is demanded of a mother immediately after childbirth. Pray that the medical help we give and the teaching that we give may soften the prejudice hearts of these people and that the local people may come to hear of our blessed Saviour. Wednesday it is my turn to do the housekeeping this week. This is hard or easy depending upon the mood of our servants.

Lately he has become rather stubborn and moody like he used to be possibly because he is hardening his heart against the Lord whom he nearly yielded to a couple of months ago having come face to face with this past with these problems this past month. You can believe that we are more and more aware of the tremendous power of Satan and realizing more and more our utter frailty and our own inadequacy. We turn to him. Thank you friends for remembering us in prayer lovingly Rosemary Foote.

Dr. Lewis T. Talbot:

And my friend this half an hour has passed very rapidly and I'm sure that has been one of interest and great challenge. Let me conclude by saying that if any of you folks in radio land are going to be missionaries then you need missionary medicine and I am sure that you are convinced of that. After listening to the things that have been given to you remember that the Bible Institute of Los Angeles offers missionary medical training for young men and women. This training is offered in the practical fields of dentistry dispensary and nursing. Write today for an attractive prayer booklet and a brochure describing the work of this school. Thank you. By listening. Tune in tomorrow. Goodbye and God bless you.

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