



## Mission Statement

Develop intentional partnerships with Ukrainian evangelists to plant churches via medical evangelism in villages that are unreached spiritually, destitute economically and medically underserved.

## Purpose

To use healthcare to aid the ABWE-Ukraine team's goal of facilitating a national church-planting movement and training leadership.



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## Model for Medical Missions

Jesus' ministry of preaching, teaching and healing in Matthew 9:35-36.

## How Can Medical Ministry Fulfill This Purpose?

Many people will not admit spiritual need until they are sick and vulnerable. A Christian doctor or nurse has unique openings to share the gospel with their patients. A medical missionary can impact laypeople and professionals through evangelism and discipleship.

## Rationale for Medical Missions in Ukraine:

Most villages have little or no medical care. Because of the economic crisis following the collapse of the Soviet Union, many people cannot afford to buy medicine. Fourteen million people live in rural "third-world" villages. The medical system has been so corrupted that the Ukrainian people don't know which doctors they can trust and are afraid to go to hospitals. The system has changed from socialized to fee-for-service, but there is no insurance and minimal assistance. Proper medical care (even in emergencies) is not provided without cash payment. During Communism, the average number of abortions per woman was SEVEN. Currently, there are 49 abortions reported for every 100 births.

## Plan for Medical Ministry in Ukraine:

**Village Evangelism:** Hold clinics in villages where we are planting churches with Ukrainian partners and where a critical need for healthcare exists. Assist these growing churches in making contacts with unsaved villagers. Share Christ with patients who are spiritually hungry. Involve Christian Ukrainian physicians and P.A.'s to teach them how to make their medical practice a ministry.

**Health Education:** Develop seminars that teach laymen in both cities and villages how to prevent and control common diseases and that include an evangelistic message. Train Ukrainians how to teach these seminars.

**Professional Education:** Build relationships with Ukrainian healthcare professionals by organizing medical seminars that will enhance their practice. Create opportunities for evangelism and discipleship.

**Pro-Life Ministry:** Teach God's healing of the traumatic effects of abortion through intense Bible study. Prevent abortions through a pregnancy care center. Teach the value of abstinence to young people in schools and churches. Provide volunteer hospice care for the terminally ill.

