

**Audience questions from the ICMDA webinar with
Dr Tan Lai Yong - Training village healthcare workers
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1. Selma: How did you keep yourself updated? Did you have mentors/others to ask? How often did you meet/keep contact with them?
2. Anonymous: What role did your wife and children play in your ministry there?
3. Michael: In my organisation I find a conflict between the increased healthcare governance requirements of the UK and the need to give CHWs the experience before we send them out. Do you have any thoughts on how to reconcile the increased governance of wealthier healthcare systems with building CHWs for resource poor settings?
4. Erick: How did you manage to grow your faith whilst in China? What were the challenges you faced in your faith?
5. May: What is the current situation of the village health workers in Yunnan? What happened immediately after you left?
6. Charles: What were the major challenges you faced in the mission field and how did you overcome them?
7. Betina: Do you offer your teachings, your personal journey, learnings and insights anywhere online?
8. Anonymous: Yes, that book is familiar and very useful. In the meantime there are new books and materials. Are there still the same committed doctors?
9. Sushma: We have doctors in villages in India, many of them are quacks and it's a challenge to train them in ethical practices, what was your experience with village doctors there?
10. Betina: How did you gain the full trust of the community? If you had to state the number one importance, what would that be?
11. Charles: What inspired you to go on the missions in the village and what were your best encouragements during trying times?
12. Poh Tin: For the village health worker training - did you adapt the barefoot doctor program? How were they paid to sustain their service? Did you use Chinese traditional herbs or acupuncture etc?
13. Ken: What were the common conditions encountered? Is it easy to source medications?