Sourcebook for Healthcare Mission Experience

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This sourcebook has four parts. In the first part you can filter by how far along you are in training. In the second part you can filter by what specialty you are most interested in. The third part has a page for each site, giving you general information as well as contact information. The fourth part is a narrative about how to prepare for an international medical mission experience.
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Sites for Healthcare Mission Experience

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AFRICA
Banso Baptist Hospital
Baptist Medical Centre
Buea Adventist Hospital
Bingham University Teaching Hospital
Bongolo Hospital
Centre Medical Evangelique
Centro Evangelico de Medicina de Lubango (CEML)
Chitokoloki Mission Hospital
Chogoria Hospital
Compassion Evangelical Hospital
ECWA Eye Hospital
ECWA Hospital Egbe
ELWA Hospital
Galmi Hospital
Good News Hospital, Madagascar
Grieve Memorial Clinic
Hôpital Baptiste Biblique
Hôpital de District Gamboula
Hopitaly Vaovao Mahafaly (HVM)
Hospital of Hope
Kapsowar Hospital
Karanda Mission Hospital
Kibogora Hospital
Kibuye Hope Hospital
Kijabe Hospital
Macha Mission Hospital
Mukinge Hospital
Myungsung Christian Medical Center
Nkhoma Mission Hospital
Partners in Hope Medical Center
Rio da Huila Hospital
Soddo Christian Hospital
Tenwek Hospital
Waves South Africa
Zimba Mission Hospital
ASIA
Health Environmental & Learning Program – H.E.L.P.
Human Development and Community Services
International Nepal Fellowship
Lamb Integrated Rural Health and Development
Lamjung Community District Hospital
Memorial Christian Hospital
Okhaldhunga Community Hospital
United Mission Hospital – Tansen

LATIN AMERICA
AMOS Health and Hope
Centro de Medicina Familiar Yawisla (CEMFY)
Haiti Health Ministries
Hope Dental Clinic
Hospital Diospi Suyana
Hospital Evangélico
Hospital Loma de Luz
Hospital Misión Tarahumara
Hospital Shalom
Hospitals of Hope
Jungle Hospital (Dyer Rural Hospital)
La Fuente Centro de Salud Integral
Presbyterian Medical Clinic
Shalom Family Medical Center

OCEANIA
Kudjip Nazarene Hospital

MISSION AGENCIES WITH MULTIPLE SITES
Cure International
North Carolina Baptists On Mission
Serge
SIM USA

NOTE
For other ministry opportunities in creative access locales, contact Susan at cmm@cmda.org.
Africa
Overview.
Banso Baptist Hospital staffs provide support services to Baptist Hospital Banyo (BHB) and Dunger Baptist Hospital Mbem besides supervising 11 rural integrated health centers in three divisions of the Northwest Region. As a District Hospital, BBH is a 315-bed facility that provides preventative health care services to the local community.

Opportunities.
Specialties needed: Anesthesia, Dentistry, ER, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, OB/GYN, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, PT/OT, Radiology and Plastic and General Surgery

Daily Cost: food and lodging $
BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTRE
NALERIGU, GHANA

Overview.
BMC is a full-service rural hospital with 180 beds and a high volume out-patient clinic. Clinic is held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday with scheduled surgery on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Volunteers will see a wide variety of patients and pathology and will learn to function with minimal diagnostic & referral support. We have an active chaplaincy department with daily visitation and devotion services. Volunteers are encouraged to participate as desired.

Opportunities.
A minimum 2 - 4 weeks for residents and professional students in their final year.

Specialties needed: Chaplaincy, Dentistry, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, OB/GYN, Ophthalmology (must bring equipment), Pediatrics, Radiology, General Surgery and Tropical Medicine

Daily Cost: food and lodging $$

Contact.
Volunteer Coordinator:
volunteers@baptistmedicalcenter.org

Website
www.baptistmedicalcenter.org
BEAU ADVENTIST
HOSPITAL
CAMEROON

Overview.
Buea is a small outpatient clinic and hospital with obstetric services in an urban setting in Cameroon. As Jesus loved and served, it is our mission to serve and love the people of Buea by providing access to world-class health services & education and by encouraging our clients to total health spiritually, physically, emotionally and intellectually.

Opportunities.
A minimum 4 weeks for pre-professional college students (pre-med, dental, pharmacy, PT), nursing students in final year & professional students. No minimum stay for residents and fellows. Opportunities for health & business professionals

Specialties needed: Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Nursing, OB/GYN and Pediatrics

Volunteer Handbook with more details available upon request

Daily Cost: food and lodging $

Contact.
Administrator
apbias@yahoo.fr
or
mebellosillo2004@yahoo.com

Website
www.billntrixy.blogspot.com
Overview.
BUTH continues its decades-long commitment to serve medical and spiritual needs in Nigeria. Initially begun by SIM missionaries as Evangel Hospital, operation later shifted to the ECWA Church and a largely Nigerian staff. As a teaching hospital, it offers clinical training for medical students. The hospital houses one of Nigeria’s top vesicovaginal fistula centers, treating thousands of women with VF free of charge.

Opportunities.
Short-term positions available for nursing, medical, PT & OT students and residents.
Specialties needed: Family Medicine, Nursing, Ophthalmology, PT/OT and Pharmacy

Contact.
wmminfo@samaritan.org
828.278.1173
BONGOLO HOSPITAL
LEBAMBA, GABON

Overview.

This is a full-service Christian teaching hospital in the jungle of southern Gabon. Protestant Christians are welcome. French is necessary to participate in spiritual ministry.

Opportunities.

At least a 4-week stay is preferred for students though a shorter stay may be considered. Bongolo welcomes nursing students at all levels, professional school students at all levels, residents and fellows.

Specialties needed: ER, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Nursing, OB/GYN, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, Pediatrics and General Surgery

Daily Cost: food and lodging $

Contact.

Dr. Jennifer O’Connor
zachandjenoconnor@gmail.com
Overview.

CME is a 120-bed acute regional hospital with surgical, medical, pediatric and maternity services. There is a 13-bed intensive care unit which is equipped with new and up-to-date equipment. The outpatient department sees an average of 50-60 patients each day. The hospital is currently staffed by five Congolese general practitioners.

Opportunities.

Opportunities for residents & fellows.

Specialties needed: Anesthesia, Nursing/NP, OB/GYN, Orthopedics, Pediatrics and Surgery

Daily Cost: food and lodging $
Overview

In Angola’s complex and depleted health care scene, the Evangelical Medical Center of Lubango (CEML) serves as a vital hub for advanced and critical care in the country’s southern region, where 47% of Angolans have no direct access to health care. CEML proactively coordinates and conducts medical outreach in the surrounding area for various least-reached people groups that have no gospel witness or health care access. A comprehensive post-residency training program for Angolan doctors upgrades critical clinical skills and spiritual formation for the next generation of church-based doctors that minister in underserved interior regions.

Opportunities

College students and students in their final year of professional school, residents & fellows are welcome.

Specialties needed: Administration, Anesthesia, Community Health/Dev, Dentistry, ER, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Nursing/NP, Nutrition, OB/GYN, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, PA, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, PT/OT, Surgery, IT and Biomedical Engineers

Daily Cost: food and lodging $$$$$

Contact

Stephen Foster, MD
stephen@fosterangola.ca

US Medical Coordinator
rachel.crites@sim.org
Overview.

Chitokoloki Mission Hospital is a 200-bed Hospital, located on the Zambezi River, that serves a patient population of 150,000 in the Northwest Province of Zambia. The hospital is usually filled to capacity, with extra mattresses on the floor. The Missions’ goal is to share the Gospel and demonstrate the love of God to all who come, whether it is for spiritual, emotional or physical need.

Opportunities.

Space available for students in their final year of school, residents and fellows.

Specialties needed: Dentistry and Surgery

Daily Cost: food and lodging $$

Contact.

Becky Richmond
brichmond@samaritan.org
828.278.1203
Overview.

Chogoria Hospital has 295 beds and is the principal health care provider in Tharaka-Nithi District. Infectious diseases predominate. Gastric and esophageal cancers are the most common malignancies. Trauma is a common reason for admissions due to traffic accidents.

The hospital has four wards – medical, surgical, pediatric and maternity; a small nursery, private ward, casualty department, eye unit, physiotherapy department, lab and pharmacy. Radiology support includes plain films, ultrasound, and CT. A modern 4-room dental building was completed in 2014.

Chogoria has an established Community Health Department and a very active TB and HIV outpatient services.

Opportunities.

Medical students in their final year of school, residents and fellows are welcome.

Specialties needed: Dentistry, ER, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, OB/GYN, Pediatrics and Surgery

Daily Cost: food and lodging $
COMPASSION EVANGELICAL HOSPITAL
GUINEA, WEST AFRICA

Overview.

CEF is a developing, nationally-run, full service hospital at the crossroads of central Guinea, with an emphasis on quality care and evangelism. While participating in rounds, clinic and surgery (based on level of training), volunteers will see tropical medicine, pediatrics, some OB/GYN, and surgery as given in a rural African hospital. Our one US staff pediatrician serves alongside our mostly francophone African staff. We serve with compassion and medical competence, praying with patients and staff, sharing our testimony when invited, and occasionally teaching or preaching.

Opportunity.

A minimum of four weeks for students in their final years of nursing or professional school (pre-med, pharmacy, PT, etc.), residents and fellows.

***French fluency is strongly recommended***

Specialties needed: Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, OB/GYN, Surgery and Pediatrics

Daily Cost: food and lodging $$

Contact.

Dr. Dwight Slater
ddsvslater@cs.com
Overview.

The ECWA Eye Hospital, Kano, operates as a mission hospital under Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA). The hospital provides a wide range of specialized eye-care services - cataract and glaucoma treatment, pediatric ophthalmology, retinal laser treatment, and residency training in primary eye care and operating theater nursing. It also offers optical and pharmaceutical services related to eye treatment. Through a long history of support and training by Christian Blind Mission (CBM), the hospital has developed capacity for a high volume of intervention programs (average 23,000-25,000 outpatients annually, along with 3,200-4,500 surgeries). Surgical consultants also participate annually in three to five medical outreaches organized in local government hospitals in various surrounding states.

Opportunities.

Ophthalmologists, long-term or short-term, needed for continuous training of consultant and resident doctors.

Daily Cost: food and lodging $
ECWA HOSPITAL EGBE
EGBE, NIGERIA

Overview.

Founded in 1952, ECWA Hospital Egbe is a rural teaching hospital situated on 33 acres. The campus facilities include men’s, women’s, children’s, maternity, and isolation wards; two private rooms; two operating theaters; ER; ICU; laboratory; x-ray/ultrasound; and pharmacy, as well as an HIV & AIDS clinic, dental clinic, and an eye care center. Hospital revitalization in recent years has focused on placing staff, medical equipment, best practices, and systems in harmony with ministry and business principles to promote a self-sustaining, Christian teaching hospital. ECWA Hospital Egbe is known throughout Nigeria for integrity, medical excellence, quality medical training, and compassionate patient care provided by committed staff who share the gospel with all who come to the hospital.

Website
www.egbehospital.org or www.facebook.com/egbehospital

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SIM
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Charlotte, NC 28273
704.588.4300
www.sim.org or www.simusa/getstarted

Opportunities.

Medical Personnel needed: Anesthesia, Bio-med Tech, Dentistry, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Lab Tech, Nurse Educators, OB/GYN, Ophthalmology, Optometry, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, PT, Surgery and Tropical Medicine

Non-medical Personnel needed: Hospital Administration, IT, Maintenance, Construction and Teaching

Contact.

Medical Coordinator
rachel.crites@sim.org

Revitalization Project Coordinator
betsie.campionsmith@sim.org
ELWA HOSPITAL
MONROVIA, LIBERIA

Overview
Just outside the capital of Liberia, ELWA Hospital responds to the medical and spiritual needs of the greater Monrovia area by providing medical and dental care, general surgery, care for people living with HIV & AIDS, and lab and x-ray services—all in a place where people receive prayer and caring support. A growing medical staff, including missionary and local physicians, meets regularly for case conferences and training. A new hospital built on the ELWA campus by Samaritan’s Purse opened in 2016, expanding bed capacity by about 90 percent, replacing an outdated facility, and increasing opportunities for ministry. A family medicine residency training program began in July 2017. Key long-term goals include expanding medical outreach into rural areas.

Opportunities
3 weeks or more opportunities are available for students in their final year of professional school, residents and fellows; 6 months or greater for surgeons, OB/GYN, anesthesia and pediatrics is desired.

Specialties needed: Anesthesia, Bio-Tech, Chaplaincy, ER, Family Medicine, Lab Tech, Nursing, NP, Nutrition, OB/GYN, Ophthalmology, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, Psychology and Surgery

Website
www.elwaministries.com/elwa-hospital-2/

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Contact.
Medical Coordinator
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Overview.

Galmi Hospital staff believes in healing for the body and the soul. Since 1950, Galmi Hospital has been an oasis in the desert. Located on the south edge of the Sahara desert in Niger, West Africa, this 180-bed hospital provides compassionate care to Nigeriens from all walks of life and serves as a training center for surgical residents from several African countries. Outpatient clinics serve up to 300 men, women, and children daily. Compassionate medical care serves as a bridge to share about the love of Christ. Each day patients have an opportunity to hear the gospel message through Bible teaching and other forms of media.

Opportunities.

6 month minimum commitment required.

***French is required for nurse educators.***

Specialties needed: Administration, Anesthesia, Biomed Tech, Chaplaincy, Community Health, Dentistry, ER, Family Med, Internal Med, Lab Tech, Neurology, Nursing, NP, PA, Nutrition, OB/GYN, Ophthalmology (bring equipment), Optometry, Orthopedics, PA, Palliative Care, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, PT/OT, Preventive Care, Psychiatry (long term), Radiology, Social Services, Plastic & General Surgery and Tropical Medicine

Contact.

Medical Coordinator

rachel.crites@sim.org
Overview.

The good News Hospital in the town of Mardritsara in northern Madagascar is run by the Association of Bible Baptist Churches. The aim of the hospital is to demonstrate the love of Jesus by giving every hospital patient excellent care along with the good news of Jesus Christ. There is an orientation for medical visitors and there are protocols to aid in giving care.

Opportunities.

There is no minimum stay for healthcare students. The hospital will welcome nursing, nurse practitioner, medical, physician assistant students as well as residents and fellows.

Specialties needed: anesthesia, community health, family and internal medicine, OB/GYN, Ophthalmology, pediatrics and surgery.

Daily Cost: food and lodging $

Contact.

teamleader@mandritsara.org.uk
GRIEVE MEMORIAL CLINIC
DORO (MABAAN COUNTY), SOUTH SUDAN

Overview.
Grieve Memorial Clinic (GMC) serves as a primary health care center in an extremely undeveloped region. Doro houses the largest refugee camp in Mabaan County, with over 150,000 who fled war in Sudan. GMC offers outpatient and on-call emergency services. The busy maternity ward provides antenatal, delivery and postnatal services. Children suffering from severe acute malnutrition receive food supplements and inpatient care in the nutrition village, Ban Keeyin (Village of Hope). Leprosy is endemic to the region, and many suffer severe disability due to years without treatment. GMC’s leprosy staff visits refugee camps and outlying villages to diagnose cases for immediate treatment.

Website
https://tinyurl.com/simdoroclinic

Opportunities.
3 month minimum commitment required, 6 months or more is preferable.
Specialties needed: Chaplaincy, Community Health/Dev, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Nursing, NP, Nutrition, OB/GYN, Optometry, PA, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, Preventive Medicine, PT, Social Services and Tropical Medicine

Contact.
Medical Coordinator
rachel.crites@sim.org
Overview.

Hôpital Baptiste Biblique is a 50-bed referral hospital in the southern third of Togo that provides services for much of Togo and surrounding countries. Services include inpatient medical, surgical, pediatrics, OB/GYN, a busy OP clinic, Community Health Evangelism, and possible Mobile Medical Clinics. Volunteers will participate in hospital rounds/on call, OP clinic, and surgery (if desired) and have the opportunity to visit local churches and be involved in various non-medical ministries. We try to share the Gospel with every patient that comes to the hospital or clinic. Each year we see over 2,500 professions of faith (not necessarily decisions) at the hospital and clinic.

Opportunities.

A minimum of four weeks for final year professional students (PA, pharmacy, PT, etc.), residents, and fellows

Specialties needed: Anesthesia, Bio-Med Tech, ER, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Lab Tech, OB/GYN, Ophthalmology, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, PT, Radiology and Surgery

Daily Cost: food and lodging $$

Contact.

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HÔPITAL de DISTRICT
GAMBOULA
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Overview.
This is a 180-bed district hospital in the western part of the Central African Republic with all the usual services, including a 3-year nursing school and active public health program. Volunteers will learn and participate according to their level of training in a rural full-service mission hospital and be exposed to African culture. We hold daily chapels and conduct ministry with Individual patients. There will be opportunities to be involved with local church outreach, including films, youth group, teaching English, and ministry to students.

Opportunities.
A minimum of four weeks for college, pre-professional and professional students at various levels (nursing, pre-med, pharmacy, PT, etc.), residents, and fellows. 1 – 2 months preferred. Travel schedule difficult so multiple days involved both ways.

Specialties needed: Community Health/Dev, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Nursing, OB/GYN, Pediatrics, Pharmacy and Surgery

Daily Cost: food and lodging $$

Contact.
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HOPITALY VAOVAO MAHAFAVY
MANDRITSARA, MADAGASCAR

Overview.

In 1988, concern for the people of northwest Madagascar prompted SIM and the Bible Baptist churches of Madagascar to begin a medical evangelistic work in the area, starting with a small outpatient clinic in 1993. And so HVM was born. HVM seeks to glorify God by proclaiming the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ, teaching the Bible, and caring for those in need as Jesus did. Today, the hospital provides surgery, maternity, general internal medicine, pediatrics, community health and ophthalmology. HVM includes a governmentally recognized nursing school, Good News School and the Voice of Good News radio station.

Opportunities.

Midwives, professional students in their final year of school and residents are welcome.

***French is required.***

Specialties needed: Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Lab Tech, Nursing, OB/GYN, Ophthalmology, PT and General Surgery

Contact.

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Overview.

Hospital of Hope is located in the northern region of Togo, a country of more than 5 million people. Opening in March 2015, Hospital of Hope is a 60-bed major medical, surgical and acute care facility, and regional trauma center. The bulk of the patients are Togolese, but many come from neighboring Ghana, Burkina Faso, and Benin. The staff is composed of missionary physicians, physician assistants, nurses, and support staff.

Opportunities.

Available spaces for professional students in their final year of school, residents and fellows.

Specialties needed: Anesthesia, Dentistry, ER, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Nursing/NP, OB/GYN, Orthopedics, PA, Pediatrics and Surgery

Daily Cost: food and lodging $$

Contact.

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Overview.
The Kapsowar Hospital, with approximately 100 beds, is the only full-service hospital in the Marakwet District in the highlands of Kenya. Students and residents are matched with a long-term physician with whom they work closely in outpatient and inpatient management. If desired, participants can have a surgical experience. Visitors may pray with, read to, and share the Gospel with patients in the hospital and community.

Opportunities.
A minimum of two weeks is required for students in professional school, residents, and fellows.

Specialties needed: Anesthesia, Chaplaincy, Community Health/Dev, Dentistry, ER, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Lab Tech, Nursing/NP, OB/GYN, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, PA, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, PT/OT, Radiology, Plastic Reconstructive and General Surgery

Daily Cost: food and lodging $
Overview.

Karanda is a 150-bed Mission hospital situated out in the bush northwest of Mt. Darwin. It’s goal is to win souls for Christ by sharing the Gospel, showing Godly compassion, and disciplining believers. You will experience a wide range of surgical procedures, deal with tropical diseases including malaria and Schistosomiasis, also handle numerous cases of TB, HIV/ AIDS, malnutrition and, of course, maternity services.

Opportunities.

Minimum four week opportunities for last-year nursing and professional students, residents and fellows. Help provided in finding housing.

Specialties needed: Anesthesia, Dentistry, ER, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, OB/GYN, Pediatrics, PT/OT Radiology, Plastic and General Surgery

Daily Cost: food and lodging $$

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KIBOGORA HOSPITAL
RWANDA

Overview.
Kibogora Hospital, on the shores of Lake Kivu, is a 279-bed facility that includes: Post-surgery, Pediatric, Internal Medicine, Maternity, Neonatal, Emergency room, Isolation and Nutrition. The physician staff is either Rwandan or Congolese who mostly speak adequate English. Eye and dental clinics are staffed by Rwandans. In Rwanda there is only one doctor for every 50,000 people so the healthcare need is great.

Opportunities.
Residents and fellows are needed.

Specialties needed: Anesthesia, Dentistry, Radiology and Surgery

Daily Cost: food and lodging $$

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KIBUYE HOPE HOSPITAL BURUNDI

Overview.
Kibuye Hope Hospital is a 110-bed facility in the central region of Burundi. It has surgical, maternity, pediatrics and medical wards staffed with long-term American specialists and Burundian general medical doctors. There is a flourishing medical school, government support and a growing campus.

Opportunities.
Openings for residents and fellows.
Specialties needed: Anesthesia, Orthopedics and Surgery

Daily Cost: food and lodging $

Contact.
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Overview.

From a small clinic that started in 1915, Kijabe Hospital has grown to become a well-respected institution in Kenya that provides compassionate health care, excellent medical training and spiritual ministry in Jesus Christ. The hospital staff sees over 100,000 patients and performs around 8500 surgeries per year. The hospital provides training in nurse anesthesia, family medicine, general surgery, ENT, audiology, orthopedics, pediatric surgery, emergency medicine and pediatric neurosurgery.

Opportunities.

Opportunities for residents.

Specialties needed: Dentistry, ER, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, OB/GYN, Orthopedics, Pediatrics and Plastic & General Surgery

Daily Cost: food and lodging $

Contact.

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Overview.
Macha is a 208-bed hospital with medical and surgical services. It is 3½ hours from Victoria Falls and Livingstone. Volunteers will receive a verbal orientation and hospital tour by Dr. James DeBoe from the US, who is the Hospital Director and Visiting Staff Coordinator.

Opportunities.
Last-year medical students, residents and fellows are welcome.

Specialties needed: Anesthesia, Dentistry, ER, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, OB/GYN, Orthopedics, Radiology and Plastic and General Surgery

Daily Cost: food and lodging $$

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Overview.

Zambia is a developing country with minimal health care in rural areas. Mukinge Hospital serves the rural district of Kasempa (72,000 people) in Zambia’s North-Western Province. Through the provision of excellent and compassionate care for the sick, the staff strives to reflect the glory of God as they follow Christ’s pattern of sharing the gospel in teaching, preaching, and healing. Mukinge offers a full range of curative services: medical, surgical, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, eye care, physiotherapy, and AIDS care, with x-ray and laboratory facilities. Outpatient clinics include antenatal, children’s, TB, family planning, specialist, medical, and surgical services.

Opportunities.

A minimum of three weeks is recommended for students in their final years of professional school and for residents and fellows.

Specialties needed: Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, OB/GYN, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, Social Services, Surgery and Tropical Medicine

Daily Cost: food and lodging

Contact.
Medical Coordinator
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Overview.

The MCMC compound consists of two wings; Shalom Wing, a 161-bed facility with surgical, medical, pediatrics, OBGs, ER and Intensive Care wards, and Grace Wing with 67 beds, as well as a separate Medical College with a 6-year curriculum including internship. MCMC offers ophthalmologic, dental, plastic surgery, ENT, psychiatry and hemodialysis services as part of community health programs, in addition to general medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology. Myungsung Christian Medical Center is a Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS) program participant.

Opportunities.

Residents and fellows are needed.

Specialties needed: ER, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Orthopedics and Surgery

Daily Cost: food and lodging $$$

Contact.

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Nkhoma Mission Hospital has developed into a reasonably well-equipped 250-bed facility. It has pediatrics, surgical, general male and female wards with isolation rooms, tuberculosis, maternity and private wards, a labor room, two general theatres, outpatient department, family health clinic, ARV-clinic and supportive departments (physiotherapy, administration and pharmacy). There is also an ophthalmic department with ophthalmic theatre.

Opportunities.

Opportunities exist for pre-professional, final-year nursing and professional students, residents and fellows.

Specialties needed: Anesthesia, Chaplaincy/Counseling, Dentistry, ER, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Nursing/NP, OB/GYN, Ophthalmology, PA, Pediatrics, Psychology, PT/OT, Surgery and Urology

Daily Cost: food and lodging $
PARTNERS IN HOPE MEDICAL CENTER
LILONGWE, MALAWI

Overview.
Partners In Hope (PIH), which began in 2004 with a focus on treating HIV, has now become a center of excellence for HIV and TB care. In 2015, PIH added an inpatient ward and has plans to expand to a full nonprofit teaching and research hospital. With experienced staff, excellent diagnostics, and over 6,000 HIV patients, it serves as a regional referral center for complicated HIV cases. In partnership with the UCLA Program in Global Health, PIH also operates a USAID grant to provide training and mentoring in HIV & AIDS and TB care in more than 70 health facilities throughout Malawi. The hospital serves as a clinic of choice for a broad spectrum of medical cases. Partnerships with UCLA and the Malawi College of Medicine also provide many opportunities for teaching Malawian clinicians.

Website
www.pihmalawi.com

Opportunities.
Registration required for nurses by Malawian Registration Board. Placement at local/government hospital required for both nurses and doctors, usually 4-6 weeks.

Specialties needed: Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Nursing, Pediatrics and Pharmacy

Contact.
Medical Coordinator
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Overview.

Rio da Huila Hospital is a rural medical outreach to the Ovamuila people group, sharing the love of God through preventive and curative health care along with prayer and the Word of God. Services include general medical and maternal/pediatric care, a tuberculosis program, ophthalmology, dentistry, and a community health and nutrition program. As a place of prayer, worship, healing, and encounter with God, Rio da Huila Hospital desires to see revival ignited and spread throughout the nation of Angola.

Opportunities.

Four opportunities are available for college students and students in their final year of professional school, residents and fellows. ****Portuguese or a gift in language learning and commitment to learning basic Portuguese is required****

Specialties needed: Chaplaincy/Counseling, Community Health/Dev, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Nursing, OB/GYN, Pediatrics and Pharmacy

Contact.

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US Medical Coordinator
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SODDO CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL
SODDO, ETHIOPIA

Overview.
SCH is a full-service teaching and referral hospital in a large town in southern Ethiopia. Visitors can expect to be incorporated into the daily roles of the staff at Soddo Christian Hospital. Surgery residents/students will be expected to participate in all of the daily activities of our PAACS surgery residents, including conferences, clinic and call. The physicians and staff pray daily and share the gospel with patients. SCH chaplains regularly see patients in the hospital and ministers to them spiritually.

Opportunities.
Four-week opportunities are available for residents and fellows.

Specialties needed: Anesthesia, Dentistry, ER, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, OB/GYN, Orthopedics, Pediatrics, Radiology and Surgery

Daily Cost: food and lodging $
Overview.

Tenwek Hospital is a full-service teaching hospital with national interns and residents in a rural area of Kenya. Our primary mission is to minister to the spiritual needs of the patients, while showing God’s love by providing excellent compassionate medical care. We are looking for volunteers whose goal is to share in this spiritual ministry.

Opportunities.

A minimum of four weeks is required for students in their final years of professional school (no opportunity for nursing students). No minimum for residents and fellows though four weeks strongly recommended.

Specialties needed: Anesthesia, Dentistry, ER, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Neurology, OBGYN, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, Pediatrics, PT/OT, Radiology, Plastic and General Surgery

Daily Cost: food and lodging $
Overview.
Waves South Africa is a short-term medical adventure program focused on preparing you for global healthcare. It will provide exposure to basic healthcare, hands-on practical learning experiences and an African adventure. You will learn about diseases of poverty, HIV medicine, maternal/newborn care, disaster relief, health leadership, cross-cultural communication, etc. You will also receive certificates for all courses completed. Come and experience South Africa while you learn and serve.

Opportunities.
Three-week programs are offered, as well as a two-month program. There will be exposure to basic clinical work in rural areas with a variety of medical conditions.

Specialties needed: Chaplaincy/Counseling, Community Health/Dev and Social Services.

Daily Cost: food and lodging $$$

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ZIMBA MISSION HOSPITAL
ZIMBA, ZAMBIA

Overview.

The purpose of Zimba Mission Hospital is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and demonstrate the love of Christ through Christians working in the ministry of medicine. ZMH has 132 inpatient beds, averaging 120 deliveries and 50 surgeries per month. The outpatient department sees an average of 150 patients per day. Additionally, there are HIV, TB, dental, maternal child health and eye departments in outpatients. There is an active chaplaincy program as well.

Opportunities.

Opportunities are available for pre-professional and professional students. (nursing students last year only), residents and fellows.

Specialties needed: Chaplaincy, Community Health/Dev, Counseling, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Nursing, OB/GYN, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, PT and Surgery

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Overview.

H.E.L.P. is a Christian community health program in the Himalayas focused on church planting through agriculture, animal husbandry, economic improvement, health, environment, and literacy. Run completely by local Christians, participants have the opportunity to learn first-hand how a nationally run organization started by tentmaker missionaries can be run by nationals, completely changing the face of a country. A participant’s experience will be focused more on exposure to true community development rather than patient experiences, as they share with children in the orphanage and teach local believers.

Opportunities.

Four week opportunities focusing on community health and development are available for students in professional school at entry level, residents, and fellows.

Daily Cost: food and lodging $
Overview.
HDCS is a Christian Nepali NGO that operates two hospitals. These are district hospitals that are located in Besisahar, Lamjung and Chaurjahari, Rukum.

Opportunities.
Four-week opportunities are available for students in last year of professional school, residents, and fellows. Eight weeks required for pre-professional students if they have a plan for long-term missions.

Specialties needed: Dentistry, Family Medicine, Nursing, NP, PA, Pharmacy, PT/OT and Surgery

Daily Cost: food and lodging $

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INTERNATIONAL NEPAL FELLOWSHIP
NEPAL

Overview.
Established in 1952, INF is Nepal’s longest-serving international non-government organization. It is an interdenominational and international Christian mission that brings life in all its fullness to Nepal. INF is recognized for its innovative and successful approaches to community health and development work. Always pushing into new frontiers, INF opened its most remote office in 2013 in the Far-West of Nepal.

Opportunities.
Opportunities available for medical students.

Specialties needed: Community Health/Dev, Dentistry, OB/GYN, PT and Surgery

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LAMB INTEGRATED RURAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT
DINAJPUR, BANGLADESH

Overview.
LAMB is a full-service hospital with teaching and referral services in rural NW Bangladesh and a community health and development program in the surrounding area. LAMB provides clinical tropical medicine, pediatrics, OB/GYN services, in- and out-patients, and field services. Students will have opportunities to participate in English-language Bible studies, Bible teaching at an English-medium school, and observing chaplaincy work by national workers.

Opportunities.
A minimum of eight weeks is required for professional students in their last year, residents and fellows.

Specialties needed: Anesthesia, Chaplaincy, Community Health/Dev, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, OB/GYN, Pediatrics, PT/OT, Pharmacy, Radiology and General Surgery

Daily Cost: food and lodging $
Overview.

In 2001, LDCH made history for being the first government health institution to be handed over to an NGO. HDCS raised the hospital from 15 beds to a 65-bed hospital. Additionally, the hospital provided advanced services at a minimal cost and free treatment for impoverished and disadvantaged communities. LDCH is currently working on increasing its hospital’s capacity to 100 beds and aims to add in more specialized and advanced health care services.

Opportunities.

Opportunities available for nursing, medical, dental students and residents.

Specialties Needed: Dentistry, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Nursing

Daily Cost: food and lodging $
MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL
MALUMGHAT, BANGLADESH

Website
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Overview.
Memorial Christian Hospital has approximately 100 inpatient beds, but often many more patients. The hospital is the major surgical resource for 10 million people. Approximately 1,800 surgical cases are performed each year. The outpatient department has a very busy emergency room and sees 50-200 patients per day. This is a vital department in that it is the place where many people have their first and only contact with Christianity.

Opportunities.
Professional students, residents and fellows are welcome.

Specialties needed: Anesthesia, Dentistry, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Nursing/NP, OB/GYN, Orthopedics, PA, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, PT/OT, Radiology and Plastic Surgery

Daily Cost: food and lodging $

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Overview.

Okhaldhunga is a small community hospital with emergency services. Volunteers will take part in morning rounds and procedures during the day while having the opportunity to pray with patients and participate in weekly devotions.

Opportunity.

A minimum of four weeks for senior medical students only
Specialties needed: Community Health/Dev, OB/GYN, Pediatrics and Social Services
Daily Cost: food and lodging $
Overview.

Tansen is a 169-bed general medical/surgical hospital in the middle hills of Nepal serving a wide population area and including teaching services. Students will gain a broad experience in in-patient and out-patient care, seeing a wide variety of illness in advanced stages of presentation as well as gaining appreciation for delivery of healthcare in a developing world setting.

Opportunities.

A minimum of six weeks for final year medical students only. ***Students are required to come through a Christian sending mission agency, for help with screening, and to apply directly to the hospital.***

Specialties needed: Anesthesiology, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, OB/GYN, Orthopedics, Pediatrics, Radiology and General Surgery (choice of 2). Students wanting family medicine are especially encouraged.

Daily Cost: Food and lodging $ (plus $250 elective fee)

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Latin America
Overview.
A Christian non-profit organization seeking to improve the health of impoverished communities. The Global Health Practicum is a three-week, 120-hour course focused on current models & methodologies for improving health in low resource settings. Students can extend their experience with a Summer Internship for five weeks working with interns & staff in rural community health programs. Conversational Spanish is required for the internship. The Urban Clinic Rotation for students and medical pros gives first-hand experience in urban areas.

Opportunities.
Minimum of two weeks for students: upper level undergraduates, medical, public health, nursing, physical/occupational therapy, MPH and divinity, plus residents and fellows

Specialties needed: Community Health/Dev, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Nursing/NP, Nutrition and Pediatrics

Daily Cost: food and lodging (please inquire for updated amounts & project fees)

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Overview.
A small family practice clinic, CEMFY provides ambulatory care to mostly Quechua people in a mining city. Occupational health, including spirometry, is regularly provided, as is cardiology care due to the prevalence of Chagas disease. Six of the city’s churches host Compassion child sponsorship programs, and the clinic provides the annual medical screening for the children involved. In addition CEMFY does audiometry testing for the health department. The clinic is fully accredited by the Bolivian Ministry of Health.

Opportunities.
One-month rotation available for a resident, nursing or medical student 3 times a year.
***Spanish is required.***

Specialties needed: Family Medicine and OT

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Overview.

HHM operates a rural clinic west of Port au Prince near the coast that treats 130-200 patients daily in a Christian setting. There is an active emergency practice with transfer by helicopter as necessary. No one is turned away because of inability to pay. The medical director will give a brief orientation prior to working. Students will shadow English-speaking providers as they diagnose and treat a wide variety of illnesses. With proficiency students will help do lab tests, dressing changes, injections, EKG’s, minor surgery, etc. Help is provided in finding housing.

Opportunities.

A minimum of one week is preferred. Can take 1-2 providers and 1-2 nurses at a time, and 1 student per English-speaking provider or nurse.

Specialties needed: Dentistry, ER, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Lab Tech, Nursing/NP, OB/GYN, PA, Pediatrics and Pharmacy

Daily Cost: food and lodging $$

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HOPE DENTAL CLINIC
ABANCAY, PERU

Overview.

For Quechua people living in remote villages, the cost of traveling to a clinic keeps many from seeking the care they desperately need. Hope Dental Clinic serves people in one of the most impoverished regions in Peru. Through this mobile clinic, and thanks to advancing dental technology, dental workers are able to provide high-quality, comprehensive care in remote settings.

Opportunities.

Opportunities for pre-nursing, pre-medical, nursing, professional, OT, PT & dental students.

Specialties needed: Dentistry and PT/OT

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Overview.

Nestled in the mountains of rural Peru, Diospi Suyana is a busy mission hospital offering comprehensive care to descendants of the ancient Incas. The facility is equipped with a modern laboratory, blood bank, radiology department with CT, intensive care unit, and new dental and eye clinic. The hospital is staffed by both Peruvian and expatriate staff.

Opportunities.

Professional students in their final year are wanted. ***Spanish is required.***

Specialties needed: Anesthesia, Dentistry, ER, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Nursing/NP, Ophthalmology, Pediatrics, PT/OT, Radiology and Surgery

Daily Cost: food and lodging $$

Contact.

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Overview.

Hospital Evangélico is a full service hospital providing a Christian health presence in this region of Honduras. At Evangélico volunteers will have the opportunity to provide medical care and testify of their Christian faith to patients and friends through an intercultural experience. Volunteers are welcome to participate in all the spiritual ministries held regularly at the hospital for patients and personnel.

Opportunities.

A minimum 4 weeks for volunteers in their final years of professional school, including nursing, residents and fellows.

***Spanish is required for volunteers***

Specialties needed: Emergency Medicine, OB/GYN, Pediatrics, Radiology and General Surgery

Daily Cost: food and lodging $
HOSPITAL LOMA de LUZ
BALFATE, HONDURAS

Overview.
Loma de Luz is a full-service hospital, Foster Children's Home, Bilingual School, and Agriculture & Community Development outreach on the rural North Coast of Honduras. Visit their website www.crstone.org for detailed information on the ministries and opportunities at Loma.

Opportunities.
A minimum of four weeks for college or professional school students (pre-med, PT, pharmacy, etc.) and two weeks for post-professional school, residents and fellows.

*** Spanish is preferred. ***

Specialties needed: Dentistry, ER, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, OB/GYN, Pediatrics, PT/OT, Pharmacy, Surgery, Hospital Administration and Teaching (Bilingual School)

Daily Cost: food and lodging $$

Contact.
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Overview.
Hospital Misión Tarahumara serves as Mexico Medical Missions' primary medical center and includes outpatient facilities, a dental suite, adult and pediatric medical wards, a lab, X-ray services and a modern surgical suite. The hospital is staffed by 40 physicians, nurses and support personnel. It provides a high level of sophisticated healthcare to an area that previously struggled without it.

Opportunities.
Nursing and professional students in their final year, residents and fellows are welcome. ***Spanish is required.***

Specialties needed: Anesthesia, Dentistry, ER, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Nursing/NP, OB/GYN, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, PA, Pediatrics, Radiology and Surgery

Daily Cost: food and lodging $
Overview.
Hospital Shalom is a not-for-profit missionary hospital located in San Benito, Petén, Guatemala. It became a full-service hospital in 2011 and employs approximately 30 Guatemalans.

Opportunities.
Some level of Spanish is preferred.

Specialties needed: Anesthesia, Dentistry, ER, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Neurology, Nursing/NP, OB/GYN, Orthopedics, Pediatrics, Radiology and Surgery

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Overview.

Hospitals of Hope is a 32-bed, level II hospital located near Cochabamba, Bolivia specializing in trauma and critical care. Volunteers will be able to be involved at the hospital according to the level of their experience - from shadowing staff to hands-on medical care. There are also opportunities to be involved in community medical outreaches, work at local orphanages and evangelistic outreaches in the community and hospital, including at our evangelistic coffee shop in the waiting room.

Opportunities.

For college, pre-professional and professional students (dental, nursing, pre-med, pharmacy, PT, etc.), residents and fellows.

Specialties needed: Chaplaincy/Counseling, Dentistry, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Nursing, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, PT and General Surgery

Daily Cost: food and lodging $$

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Overview.

In November 2007, Dyer Rural Hospital of Rio Viejo (Jungle Hospital) was officially inaugurated. In 2015, the hospital became certified as a Level II hospital. The Labor and Delivery Ward was dedicated in February 2016, as well as the Surgical and Recovery Wards. They have served over 35,000 patient consults at the hospital and the surrounding community.

Opportunities.

A minimum two weeks service with intermediate to fluent Spanish is preferred. Will accept residents in last year and medical students with minimum four weeks service and fluent Spanish preferred.

Specialties needed: Anesthesia, Dentistry, ER, Family Medicine, Nursing/NP, OBGYN, PA, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, PT/OT and Radiology

Daily Cost: food and lodging $$

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LA FUENTE CENTRO de
SALUD INTEGRAL
CUSCO, PERU

Overview.
La Fuente Centro de Salud Integral is a Christian non-profit healthcare clinic offering services in the areas of ophthalmology, optometry, dentistry, adult medicine, women’s health, pediatrics, psychology, physical therapy, clinical laboratory, and pharmacy. La Fuente is staffed by Peruvian nationals as well as international volunteers.

Opportunities.
***Intermediate or better Spanish is required. Fluent Spanish required for medical students.***

Specialties needed: Dentistry, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, OB/GYN and PT/OT

Daily Cost: food and lodging $
PRESBYTERIAN MEDICAL CLINIC
COROZAL TOWN, BELIZE

Overview
The Presbyterian Medical Clinic is a primary care outpatient clinic serving the working poor in northern Belize near Mexico's border, a Spanish and English speaking area. Volunteers will have the opportunity to sharpen their diagnostic and therapeutic skills by providing acute and chronic illness management as well as dermatology, ortho and gyne office procedures. Volunteers will also minister spiritually as they work in the clinic, make home visits in the community, and worship with the local church family. Other opportunities include getting to know and pray with patients and presenting the gospel, if so led. Home visits also constitute much of our outreach to the elderly and infirm.

Opportunities.
For students in final year of professional school (including nursing and dental hygienists), residents, and fellows. Final year dental students must come accompanied by a licensed dentist.

Specialties needed: Community Health/Dev, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Nursing, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, Maternal child nursing

Daily Cost: food and lodging $$$

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  medical-clinic

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Harvesting in Spanish

Overview.
HIS is an independent, non-profit, interdenominational evangelistic mission committed to advancing the Gospel in El Salvador through literature distribution, healthcare, and the investment in young lives by instilling Christian values and hope for a brighter future. Shalom Family Medical Center has six general exam rooms for pediatric and general care, a gyno-obstetric exam room with ultrasound, dental chairs, an X-ray room, basic pharmacy, clinical laboratory, two trauma/emergency bays, administrative offices, staff lounge, classrooms, chapel and offices for a psychologist.

Opportunities.
2 week minimum service time. Intermediate to fluent Spanish preferred, but translators are available for hire. Will accept medical students and residents.

Specialties needed: Dentistry, ER, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Nursing/NP, OB/GYN, PA, Pediatrics and Radiology

Daily Cost: food and lodging $$

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KUDJIP NAZARENE HOSPITAL
MT. HAGEN, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Overview.

Kudjip is a general hospital in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea providing both inpatient and outpatient general tropical medicine in a ministry-oriented setting. A 4-week rotation provides opportunity to see and experience missionary medicine, exposing you to pediatrics, adult medicine, surgery and OB. You will be assigned patients to round on, a clinic room to see outpatients and will take call with one of the long-term doctors.

Opportunities.

A minimum of four weeks is required for students in their final year of professional school, residents and fellows

Specialties needed: Chaplaincy/Counseling, Community Health/Dev, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, OB/GYN, Pediatrics and Surgery

Daily Cost: food and lodging $

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CURE INTERNATIONAL
AFRICA, PHILIPPINES & UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Overview.
CURE is a network of 29 charitable hospitals and surgical programs delivering life-changing care and the good news of God's love to children and families with treatable conditions. CURE strives to heal the sick and proclaim the kingdom of God. Volunteering with CURE will give you first-hand medical experience as well as social, cultural, emotional and spiritual insight into a patient’s life. This is truly a life-changing experience for you and those you will serve. You will see God at work and be a part of changing children's lives! You will have the opportunity to pray with patients before surgery, hold babies, encourage caretakers, staff and much more.

Opportunities.
A minimum of two weeks for college, pre-professional and professional students (nursing, medical, pharmacy, PT, etc.), residents and fellows.

Specialties needed: Anesthesia, Chaplaincy, Dentistry, Family & Internal Medicine, Neurology, Nursing/NP, PA, Pharmacy, PT/OT and Orthopedic Surgery

Daily Cost: food and lodging $$$
(depend on location)

Contact.
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Overview.
Opportunity for healthcare students to serve on board a mobile health screening unit throughout North Carolina performing free screenings for diabetes, high cholesterol, high BP, BMI, depression and heart disease. Training in finger sticks and vital assessment is required. Students must find their own housing and can only serve when a faculty member is present. Short-term medical/dental opportunities are available in Haiti, Honduras, Guatemala, Armenia and Eastern Europe. All travel details handled by NCBM.

Opportunities.
Dental, medical, pharmacy, nursing, NP, physician assistant, EMT students and residents

Specialties needed: Community Health/Dev, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Ophthalmology and Pharmacy

Daily Cost: food and lodging $ (Please visit website for additional information.)

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Overview.

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INTRODUCTION

- “I would like to do an elective rotation in an international setting. Where do I start? How do I find information?”
- “Information on medical missions is readily available but I am feeling overwhelmed by the whole process of trying to make good choices. Will you help me?”
- “My goal is to spend my medical career in a developing country and I have a chance to spend a few weeks overseas during my training. I have many questions and would like to talk with someone. But who?”

If you are a healthcare student (medical, dental, nursing, PT, public health, administration, etc.) interested in an international medical elective, this handbook is for you. We have created this resource to answer some of the most frequently asked questions and to assist you as you think, pray, and plan for a short-term international elective.

Many of our most respected Christian heroes are those who have lived their lives in distant, often isolated areas of the world. By spending a month or two overseas you will have an opportunity to learn first-hand from these leaders and experience the blessings and challenges of a global health ministry. International electives provide an incredible opportunity to develop your medical skills and help meet the tremendous health needs in the developing world while growing in your love and commitment to Christ. We are confident that a few weeks overseas during your training will provide a challenging and unforgettable opportunity and it may just be the catalyst the Lord uses to call you into full-time ministry.

The opportunities for Christian healthcare providers overseas are greater than ever before. Although CMDA does not send missionaries or have our own hospitals, clinics or projects; we do have over 1,000 members actively involved in a variety of healthcare situations around the world. Through them, we are well known within their sending agencies and overseas projects. In addition, we have partnerships with many other groups, such as the Christian Nurses Association, the Christian Physicians Assistants Association and the International Christian Medical and Dental Association. With this resource and CMDA’s Center for Medical Missions (CMM) and Campus and Community Ministries (CCM), we desire to help you connect and plan a successful international rotation.

WHY DO AN INTERNATIONAL ELECTIVE?

1. First and foremost, it is an opportunity to serve our Lord, Jesus Christ. Throughout the Scriptures we are implored to care for those in need. As the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 29 – 37) reminds us, true Christian love is prepared to put itself at risk, and cross ethnic, social and cultural barriers to minister to another’s practical need. Christ is our hope and healthcare provides a tremendous opportunity to minister to others while sharing the love of Christ both in word and deed. Just as Christ sent out the disciples to preach and heal so we should do the same.

2. You will see diseases and advanced pathology you will not find in the U.S. or Canada. Overseas you will have the opportunity to see, treat and care for people suffering from disease and pathologies (i.e. malaria, leprosy, extra-pulmonary TB, typhoid, and amoebiasis, etc.) that you may have only read about in textbooks. You may also see more familiar conditions presenting in advanced stages with clinical signs and symptoms not often seen in the West.

3. You will gain first-hand experience and develop strong, and even a few new, clinical skills. Overseas you will not have the luxury of all of the labs, tests and high-tech equipment we often rely on in the
West. You will be forced to sharpen your clinical assessments, hone decision making skills and practice ingenuity to provide the care your patients need. You may also have the opportunity to assist in surgery and participate in procedures you would only be able to observe at a distance back at home. The skills and confidence you will gain from the hands-on experience will be incredibly valuable as you continue your training.

4. You will have opportunity to experience life and the blessings and challenges of providing healthcare in another culture. Many of the issues we face in the West are magnified in resource poor settings. This opportunity will provide a glimpse into a non-western worldview of health, disease and prevention. This varying perspective will challenge the way you view health and wellness and maybe even the way you practice medicine back home. Insights gained into disease prevention, health education, epidemiology, resource allocation, and primary health care will be invaluable wherever you integrate into a health system and ultimately practice.

5. It will allow you to ‘test the waters’ for future overseas Christian service and learn what additional skills are needed for a career in international global health. Is God calling you to a lifetime of international healthcare? Through this experience He will sharpen your vision for the future. Such an elective will help dispel any false notions you have about working overseas, provide valuable insight into what it takes and what other electives or training you need as a fulltime international healthcare worker.

6. It will provide a professional, personal and spiritually life-changing experience. As you journey and serve overseas you will likely find yourself in situations where you are tested and stretched physically, professionally, emotionally, and spiritually. It is often in these situations where you learn much about yourself, the God you serve and the tremendous power of prayer. This opportunity may even change the direction of your career!

**WHEN OR HOW SOON CAN I GO?**

This often depends on where you want to go and what you want to do. The more clinical experience and understanding you have, the more beneficial your trip will be to those you are going to serve, the staff you are going to work alongside and yourself. With that said, your last year of school, residency or fellowship is a great time to go. However, if the opportunity comes as an undergraduate or in your early years of professional training, go for it! Although it can be more difficult to find a rotation site early in your training, the rewards can be just as great.

Planning and working out the details of a successful international healthcare rotation can take up to twelve to eighteen months. The best places fill quickly and with today’s changing regulations, opportunities for credit during education and training can be challenging to get approved, so begin planning early.

If you are just starting the educational journey a great question to ask as you interview at schools and residency programs is the opportunity for international electives. If you are in the midst of your training and know you have a break, seek the Lord and begin inquiring of organizations and opportunities. Do not wait until your final year to start looking. For those of you who are already a bit late, start now and trust God to open doors.
WHERE DO I START?

Finding overseas contacts, calculating the cost, raising support and making all the required arrangements sounds intimidating. Start early and take one step at a time. If you are going for academic credit, start by understanding the requirements of your school. Make an appointment with your Dean, advisor or residency / program director to discuss your interest in a global health elective. There are a number of issues you will need to clarify:

1. **Academic credit.** To receive academic credit for the experience you will need the Dean’s approval. In most circumstances you will be able to use one of your student elective periods or vacation time to travel or as some students have done, combine the two together to stay longer. For your own learning and professional development and for those you are going to serve and serve alongside, we encourage you to stay as long as possible.

2. **Academic qualifications.** Your school may have requirements regarding the academic qualifications of your overseas mentor. For example, it could be required that the preceptor has Western medical training and/or is Board Certified, or its equivalent.

3. **Timing.** Be sure to discuss requirements as to when you are permitted to take electives away (i.e. National Board Examination dates, match day, graduation, etc.). Many students ask about match day. Today, in virtually all parts of the world, you will have some way to receive word of the match so it is entirely possible to be overseas on match day.

4. **Location.** Many schools will not allow you travel to countries that have a U.S. Department of State Travel Warning ([http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html)). Check the list and discuss the location where you desire to serve.

5. **Rotation requirements.** Discuss what you and/or your mentor will need to do to in order for you to receive academic credit. Will you make a written report, an oral presentation, is your preceptor required to submit an evaluation, etc.?

Inquiring about this early can save time and frustration down the road. You do not want to spend time exploring options and setting up an opportunity that your school may nix. In some circumstances, like being the first one from your institution to do an overseas rotation, you may need to collect a lot of information in advance to demonstrate the benefits, strengths and safety of a rotation site.

WHERE SHOULD I SERVE?

Once you know the requirements of your school or program and that an international elective is possible, you can begin exploring the possibilities.

WHAT GOALS DO YOU HAVE FOR A GLOBAL HEALTH ROTATION?

Do you want to rotate through different wards or are you seeking to meet the criteria of a certain elective? It is very important to have an idea of what you want to glean from this opportunity as you explore the options. You don’t want to go with false expectations and return disappointed. Discuss your expectations with your missionary mentor so you both understand the expectations and have the proper experience, supervision and teaching.

***If you are not trained to do it in the U.S. do not expect to go and do it overseas. Remember these are people, created in God's image, who we seek to treat and care for with the utmost respect and
professional care so that through our love we will see them come to know the Creator God as their Savior. ***

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A POTENTIAL LOCATION TO SERVE LONG-TERM?
If so, your church or denomination’s mission board is a great place to start asking about opportunities. Explore where they have medical work around the world. They should have knowledge of opportunities closely aligned to your spiritual background and Gospel vision.

ARE YOU DRAWN TO A SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION?
It may be as simple as following a yearning the Lord has given you for a part of the world.

DO YOU HAVE ANY LANGUAGE SKILLS OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED WITH A SPECIFIC CULTURE?
One of the challenges of cross-cultural work is communication. Fluency in a foreign language is not required for a short-term overseas elective; there is tremendous value in going to a country where the language and culture are totally unfamiliar, but humility and a great sense of humor will be needed. English is spoken in many of the countries of eastern or southern Africa, India or Pakistan and it is also the primary teaching language at many of the hospital based training programs such as the Christian Internal Medicine Specialization (CIMS), Institute of Family Medicine (INFA-MED), and the Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS). If you happen to speak French or Spanish, certain parts of West Africa or South America might be more appropriate and can certainly make your time more enjoyable and beneficial. However, if you do not have any language background, an interpreter can often be hired. Be sure to ask ahead of time so this can be arranged. Most locations can also provide print or online resources with basic greetings, phrases and vocabulary to study prior to your arrival.

DO YOU HAVE CERTAIN INTERESTS?
Do you want to be involved in...
- An urban or rural setting?
- Large teaching mission hospital or small rural hospital/clinic?
- Inpatient or outpatient setting?
- Faith-based or national church-run hospital/clinic or a government-run hospital/clinic?
- Community prevention, public health, or involvement with a specific disease e.g. HIV/AIDS, or tuberculosis.

*** Not all overseas work is in a mission setting. If a “tent-making” approach interests you, CMDA can refer you to members working in non-traditional medical settings overseas. ***

THE COST?
As you explore options consider the cost involved. We will discuss finances later but remember these opportunities do not come without a price.

SHOULD I GO WITH A FRIEND? MY SPOUSE?
- **Friend**: Yes, sharing the journey with someone you know can help you relax, feel safer, less isolated and lonely, and allow you to enjoy the opportunity even more. It is also helpful to have someone with whom you can talk over the experiences of the day but be aware that you will likely end up living in close quarters and in times of stress this could potentially lead to added stress and conflict.
• Spouse: Absolutely! This may be one of the greatest experiences of your life. Once you return home it is impossible to adequately “tell” someone about your experiences. Whether they are medical or non-medical, it will be important to consider what he/she will do. Most locations have many opportunities and will be glad to use their expertise but inquire before you go.

**MAKING CONTACT AND APPLICATION**

As you narrow down the opportunities you will need to contact the hospital, project, or doctor with whom you wish to work. Remember you are inquiring of someone who is typically very busy. Keep correspondence as brief as possible but be sure to include the necessary information.

1. **Who** you are (med student, resident, male, female, married, single, coming with or without children, etc.) and if you are applying to a mission setting, a bit about your faith experience and church background.
2. **How** you heard of them.
3. **When** you would like to come.
4. **Why** you are interested in doing such an elective.
5. **Any specific requirements** of your school.
6. **Ask** if they are willing for you to come and if there are any other requirements of the hospital or organization that you will need to complete.

***Many faith-based organizations require at least a short form application as part of the process. Government organizations may have other requirements. Every situation is different so carefully follow any instructions you receive.***

Communication overseas is improving rapidly but it still can take some time. Do not procrastinate in following up with applications, needed information, and any other requirements. If you don’t receive a reply in a couple weeks don’t hesitate to follow up with a brief email making sure they received your most recent inquiry.

**WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW OR SHOULD I ASK BEFORE I GO?**

1. **Transportation:** Arrival airport, who will meet you and how you will get from the airport to the site.
2. **Food:** Are there items you should bring from the States? Do you need to shop in the arrival city before traveling out to the hospital or can most things be obtained at the site?
3. **Insurance:** Before you travel, obtain an emergency medical evacuation policy. They are relatively inexpensive and should you get sick, will provide essential transportation out of the country. ([www.aaintl.com/ins_travel.cfm](http://www.aaintl.com/ins_travel.cfm)). In regards to malpractice insurance, ask your field contact. In most countries today, malpractice is still not necessary. However, in places where it is needed the hospital or clinic’s policy typically covers volunteers.
4. **Weather:** Rainy season, warm, cold, etc.
5. **Clothing:** What should you wear or not wear – shorts, jeans, dresses, church attire? Many places dress more conservatively than we do in the West. Scrubs, lab coats? Shoes. Jewelry – leave your expensive jewelry at home. Remember you will most likely be working among the poor.
6. **Mission or hospital policy:** Is there a code of conduct you must follow? Do they take a particular stand on spiritual gifts and their use in ministry or on church attendance or style of worship? Alcohol or tobacco?
7. **Read up on the country:** politics, religion, history, geography. Brush up on a bit about the culture and language of the region where you will be serving. Having some understanding of the history, culture and basic greetings on arrival will convey a sense of value in the people you are serving.

**FINANCES**

**HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?**

For most opportunities you should expect to be responsible for all travel (international and in-country) and daily living expenses (housing, food and utilities). Early in your communication discuss what your expenses will be so you can budget appropriately. You do not want to be surprised by the bill at the end of your trip.

Your international airfare will be your biggest expense. The cost will depend on where you are going and time of year but it is not often affected by the length of your stay. You can expect to pay approximately $500 to $750 a month for the other expenses (in-country travel, room and board). However depending on the amount of in-country travel required and the local cost of living, this figure could be higher.

Be sure to ask in advance the best way to settle your account (check, US cash, local currency). Keep in mind, that most, if not all of the hospitals/projects and the people who work there are on a limited budget so be prompt in paying your expenses.

As you create a budget don’t forget to include the costs of your visa, airport taxes, travel insurance, immunizations and malaria prophylaxis. Also inquire about other expenses such as special trips you could make within the country or possible hotel stays on arrival and departure.

**RAISING SUPPORT:**

It is important that you begin working on the finances for your trip early. Don’t procrastinate. God knows your need and is already preparing the way for you. He is in control and is always faithful in meeting our needs. If you have prayed about this trip and have felt God’s leading, trust Him. As healthcare providers God has given you a special set of skills and talents that not all have. Many would love to have the opportunity to serve in this way but are unable to go themselves; yet through prayer and financial support of your ministry they are able to participate.

- Don’t be shy about sharing where you are going, what you are doing and your needs. Be prepared for God to show up in some amazing ways.
- Write family, friends, co-workers and let them know of your plans and expenses.
- Prepare a simple budget and talk with your church’s missions or outreach pastor. Some groups or people may feel challenged to meet one particular portion of your trip.
- If you are not going with an established non-profit organization, ask your church about establishing a tax-deductible account through which people can donate and receive a receipt for tax purposes.

**GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:**

While you shouldn’t hesitate to apply for grants if you lack resources, if you already have sufficient funds, don’t begrudge using it on such a valuable experience. You may be depriving someone who is not as well off of funds that make the difference between being able or not able to serve.

- *The Christian Medical & Dental Associations (CMDA)* [www.cmda.org/scholarships](http://www.cmda.org/scholarships). The amounts awarded are generally $250 to $500 for students and slightly more for residents. Each of these
funds has an application process, so pay careful attention to the requirements and deadlines. These funds are generally limited to qualified students and residents who are CMDA members.

- James S. Westra Scholarship for 3rd and 4th yr. medical and dental students
- Johnson Short-Term Mission Scholarship for residents

- Your university, Dean or residency program. Often university and residency programs have grants and scholarships available to help offset travel or a portion of an international elective. These often require an application and there also may be a specific timeframe so inquire early and follow instructions.

**HOW LONG SHOULD I STAY?**

Stay as long as your ministry partner and your program will allow. Most locations request a minimum of four to six weeks. The longer you are able to stay will maximize your own educational experience and increase the benefit you can provide to those you are coming to serve. Remember there is a tremendous learning curve when you arrive. The culture and its impact on health in addition to the resources you have and the care you are able to provide are going to be vastly different. To take full advantage of the opportunity you need time to ask questions, read and process this new information. It often takes a lifetime to make a lasting impact in a culture but the longer you can stay, the more you will learn and understand for the next time your return. The biggest expense is getting there, so staying a few more weeks typically will not cost you that much more.

**SPIRITUAL PREPARATION**

It is easy to get distracted with all the ‘other’ things you need to do as you prepare for your short-term trip – immunizations, visas, plane tickets - but the most important thing you can do is to get yourself spiritually prepared for the ministry that lies ahead. Before you depart (not just the day before you leave or on the plane to your destination) examine your motives for serving. Why are you going? Is it to learn, to see medicine in a different culture or is it to declare the glory of the Lord among the nations (Psalm 96)? It may be a little of each. Spend time in prayer talking with the Lord about how He might use you. Ask Him to help you see the opportunities around you. In the Gospels the Lord prepares His disciples for ministry. Spend time reading them – read how the Lord went away before He began His earthly ministry or what He said before he sent out the disciples (Matthew 10) or the seventy-two (Luke 10). You will get busy and distracted packing and preparing to go, so carve out time and devote yourself to the reading of scripture, fasting and prayer for the ministry He is leading you to.

**WHAT ABOUT IMMUNIZATIONS?**

Be sure you know the facts before you leave the US. Check the CDC website (www.cdc.gov/travel), ask your field contact or check with the appropriate Embassy website to find out what is required. Some countries require documentation to demonstrate that you are covered for yellow fever and a few will demand a certificate regarding your HIV status. As opposed to discovering their regulations at a remote border post, do yourself and your family a favor and get the appropriate immunizations.

Be aware that two or three visits will be necessary to complete the recommended immunization schedule, so inquire early and plan in advance. These shots are not cheap and most insurance carriers do not cover
them so be sure to add them to your budget. Be sure to check with the county health department to see if you can get any of the needed vaccines there.

If you are traveling to a malaria-endemic country we recommend taking chemoprophylaxis as well as measures to reduce exposure (bed nets, insecticide spray and wearing long sleeves and pants especially between dusk and dawn). Do yourself and your hosts a favor and take your antimalarial as prescribed. You have spent a lot of time and money only to spend several days sick in bed with malaria.

As a general rule, anyone travelling to a resource poor country may need to be up-to-date with the following:

- Polio
- Tetanus/Diphtheria
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Typhoid

**PASSPORTS AND VISAS**

Make sure your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond the end of your proposed trip. In most situations a tourist visa (rather than a work visa) will suffice but requirements vary. Check with your field contact or the Embassy of your host country for up-to-date information on what you will need. Your travel agent or mission agency should also be able to advise you and might even arrange visa applications on your behalf. The length of time this takes will vary on country so again inquire early and allow, in general, two months for the relevant documents to be processed and returned.

Be sure to register with your home country’s Embassy or Consulate in the country to which you are going. You can do this simply by registering for free with the US Department of State’s Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) ([https://step.state.gov/step/](https://step.state.gov/step/)). This free program allows the Department of State to better assist you in an emergency.

Take along the address and telephone number of your home country’s Embassy or Consulate in the country you are going. Always carry a copy of the identification pages of your passport and visa along with a few spare passport photos in case the original is lost or stolen. Make sure you carry these photocopies and spare photos in a separate bag or location from the originals.

Also it may be worth scanning important documents (passport, visa, medical credentials and licensure, health information, etc.) and emailing them to yourself or carrying them with you on a small password protected or locked thumb drive.

**WHAT CAN I EXPECT WHEN I GET THERE?**

Healthcare systems in resource poor countries operate under considerable financial constraint and often limited resources. This means that the priorities in delivering health care, the standards attainable, and cultural attitudes to disease, suffering and death will be different from what you will be used to at home.

Do not expect to be given individualized systematic teaching. In most developing world health settings there is often not time to fully discuss all pathology that comes before you. Hopefully you will get regular
teaching and feedback from your mentors but expect to have to read and forage some information yourself.

If you are shocked by the way you see medicine practiced or the way ‘missionaries’ live, don’t be overly critical. Quietly observe and try to work out why things are done the way they are. Don’t be afraid to ask questions but remember you are a GUEST and should behave accordingly. It is not your job to make things ‘right’ during your month elective. Although it is tempting to try, and it may well be that changes are called for, don’t! If it is something that you see as a matter of life and death, talk with your missionary mentor, in humility and in a manner open to learning and understanding. They will have insight into the practice of medicine in this culture that can help you understand why things are being done the way they are. Remember, just because things are done differently doesn’t mean they are wrong.

Expect challenges. Travel, life and work overseas rarely go as ‘planned.’ Delays, lost luggage, dirt, pollution, and GI ailments from foods you are not accustomed to can throw a curve in your plans. Try to remember to smile and laugh. Role with the hiccups knowing that God has called you and He will sustain you.

Most importantly go with a Christ-like attitude, making the most of every opportunity. Serve with flexibility, joy, and humility and you will find that this will be a life-changing experience. We are confident that you will return having received much more than you were able to give.

FINDING SITES AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

CONTACTS

- CMDA Directory of International Preceptor Sites. This list is updated regularly with places that are interested in having students. Most of the listed rotations have web links and email addresses for further information. [hyperlink]. As we learn of new possibilities we will add them and if you know of other positions not listed we would appreciate you letting us know so it can be added.
- Your local CMDA chapter can be an excellent source for information. They may be able to provide the names of Christian physicians, dentists and others from your area who are working overseas.
- Your school should have a list of locations where other students have traveled. Check with your Dean or program director or like-minded faculty. Many USA based universities have a cooperative exchange agreement with an overseas university. It may be possible for you to do a rotation there. An example is the relationship between Indiana University and Moi University School of Medicine in Eldoret, Kenya.
- Ask your pastor or a mission’s committee member at your church if there are missionaries supported by your congregation/denomination doing medical missions. It is amazing how many people work in small medical outreaches in relatively obscure places and yet each year students find a way to serve there.

ORGANIZATIONS

- Christian Medical and Dental Association: [www.cmda.org](http://www.cmda.org)
- Christian Community Health Fellowship: [www.cchf.org](http://www.cchf.org)
- Fellowship of Christian Physician Assistants: [www.fcpa.net](http://www.fcpa.net)
- Nurses Christian Fellowship: [http://ncf-jcn.org/](http://ncf-jcn.org/)
- Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International: [www.cpfi.org](http://www.cpfi.org)
- Christian Physical Therapist International: [www.cpti.org](http://www.cpti.org)
Christian Connection for International Health: [www.ccih.org](http://www.ccih.org)
Baptist Medical and Dental Fellowship: [www.bmdf.org](http://www.bmdf.org)

**CONFERENCES**
- Global Missions Health Conference - The largest medical missions’ conference in the US, held each November in Louisville, KY. [www.medicalmissions.com](http://www.medicalmissions.com)
- CMDA National Convention - The annual professional meeting for the Christian Medical and Dental Association, typically held each Spring. [www.cmda.org](http://www.cmda.org)
- Prescription for Renewal – Samaritan’s Purse / World Medical Mission’s annual conference at the Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove, near Asheville, NC. [www.samaritanspurse.org/wmm](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/wmm)
- Medical Missions Interface. [http://www.abwe.org/training/mmi](http://www.abwe.org/training/mmi)

**BOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES**
- [www.medicalmissions.com](http://www.medicalmissions.com)
- [www.medsend.org/associates/](http://www.medsend.org/associates/) Project MedSend’s website lists the names of their partner organizations. All have some level of global healthcare ministry.
- Handbook for Short Term Medical Missionaries and Your Mission: Get Ready, Get Set, Go! by Dr. Bruce Steffes
- [www.missionarymedicine.net](http://www.missionarymedicine.net)
- [www.askamissionary.com](http://www.askamissionary.com)
- Health Education Program for Developing Countries [http://hepfdc.info/](http://hepfdc.info/)
- When Helping Hurts by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert

**THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN MAKING YOUR PACKING LIST**

**DOCUMENTS**
- Passport
- Visa (if necessary)
- Passport photos
- Itinerary with flight and hotel confirmations
- Yellow card or proof of immunizations
- List of important phone numbers, addresses (international host, guest house, embassy, sending organization)
- Cash (clean 2003 or newer bills)
- Credit card/ATM/debit card - VISA is most generally accepted. Alert your credit card company that you will be out of the country.
- International health and evacuation insurance information/card
- Copy of US medical license, certificates and diploma
- Driver’s license
- Letter of invitation (if applicable)

*Copy or scan important documents (passport, visa, ID, etc.). Carry a copy of these documents separate from the originals. Email a copy to you and a family member or friend.*
**Clothing** *
- Shirts
- Pants or long skirts
- Jeans and shorts
- Sweaters / jacket / coat
- Hat / bandanna / buff / scarf (especially if head covering necessary for women)
- Sunglasses
- Comfortable work shoes / sneakers / clogs (closed toe and able to get dirty)
- Sandals / trekking shoes / boots
- Rain jacket
- Swim suit
- Sleepwear
- “Sunday dress” – men: jacket and tie, women: long dress

*Contact your host to determine appropriate dress in the culture you will be working.

**Electronics**
- Laptop / tablet / eReader, power cord and surge protector
- Cell phone
- Music player with headphones
- Camera and memory cards
- Batteries and battery charger
- Electrical outlet adapter
- Flash Drive

**Toiletries**
- Towel
- Shampoo / conditioner / soap / lotion
- Toothbrush / toothpaste
- Anti-bacterial hand sanitizer / wet wipes
- Glasses / contacts / contact solution
- Sunscreen
- Lip balm
- Mosquito / insect repellent
- Comb / brush
- Razor and shaving cream
- Feminine products
- Tissues / toilet paper
- Laundry soap
- Personal first-aid kit
- Personal medications (allergy, anti-diarrhea, antibiotics, motion sickness, pain reliever, prescriptions, etc.)

**Professional Medical**
- White coat and scrubs
- Sterile gloves
- Specialty specific instruments
MISCELLANEOUS

- Bible, journal and pens
- Headlamp & flashlight
- Umbrella (travel size)
- Leatherman / multi-tool (placed in checked luggage)
- TSA approved luggage locks or zip ties
- Earplugs
- Sheets or sleeping bag
- Travel pillow
- Travel alarm
- Mosquito net
- Water bottle or water purification system
- Reading material
- Some sort of entertainment – reading material, musical instrument, games, movies
- Snacks (non-perishable items)
- Gifts hosts – consider things which they typically can’t get in-country: chocolate chips; chocolates and candies; seasoning packets; powdered juice mixes; cake and cookie mixes; current books, DVDs, and magazines

SUMMARY...

We at CMDA are committed to serving you and your family. We want to do whatever we can to help make this international rotation all that it can be. Your time overseas has the potential to make a great impact on both you and others - your family, those you work with, and those who you give care to. There is no doubt you will be a more complete and compassionate physician for having taken the time to complete an international rotation. We encourage you to contact the CMDA’s Center for Medical Missions department for assistance with any additional questions you have.