

Dental Volunteer Team Opportunities for 2009-10



Medical Teams International is currently recruiting dental professionals to volunteer for short-term international development teams.

VOLUNTEER PROCESS

The first step to volunteering with us is to apply. If you have not already done so, you can apply online at www.medicalteams.org or call us at (800) 959-4325 ext. 3336 and request a paper application. Once we receive your application, two references, copies of your passport, dental license, and resume, we will be able to consider you for placement on a team.

If you are interested in multiple countries/teams, please direct your questions to Eve Ford at eford@medicalteams.org or (800) 959-4325 ext. 1201. If you want information about one particular team or have questions about a specific country, please contact the listed International Team Coordinator by e-mail or phone. Team cost estimates usually include airfare, lodging, food, and in-country transportation. If you are selected for a team, we can offer you fundraising information. Dental students, please note that Medical Teams International only sends licensed dental professionals on international teams unless they are willing to serve as layworkers. Dental assistants are not required to have a license.

EURASIA

• Uzbekistan

Dental teams needed to provide training and clinical services to children. Teams will work with Medical Teams International office in the country and with our partner, Orphanage # 1 in Tashkent. Positions open for dentists, for hygienists and dental assistants. Trips are for 2-4 weeks. Partial scholarships are available.

Volunteers needed: Dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants

Dates: Flexible dates through June 30, 2009

Projected cost: \$2000-\$2200

Coordinator: Shukhrat Arifdjanov shukhrat@medicalteams.org

• Romania

One Dental team is needed to provide clinical services for children in placement centers in Brasov county in Romania. Teams will work with our partner, Fundatia Heart of Hope, for a week helping children with special needs between the ages of 8-18.

Volunteers needed: 1-2 Dentists, dental hygienists or dental assistants

Dates: March 28- April 5, 2009

Projected cost: \$2000-\$2200

Coordinator: Connie Cummings
ccummings@medicalteams.org

LATIN AMERICA

• Guatemala

2 Dental teams are needed to provide clinical/surgical services and basic hygiene education to adults & children living in rural communities in Guatemala. Teams will work with our partner Mercy Corps in

Tucurú near Cobán. Members needed are: 1-2 dentist(s), 1 oral surgeon, 1-2 dental hygienist(s) and 1-2 dental assistant(s) or lay-workers. Trips are usually 9 days.

Dates: Winter or Spring 2009 (full team needed)
April 2009 (need 2 RDHs only)

Projected cost: \$1,700 - \$1,800
Contact: Brenda Porter, bporter@medicalteams.org

1 Dental team is needed to provide clinical/surgical services and basic hygiene education to adults & children living in rural communities in Guatemala. Team will work with our partner Food for the Hungry. Members needed are: 1-2 dentist(s), 1 oral surgeon, 1-2 dental hygienist(s) and 1-2 dental assistant(s) or lay-workers. Trips are usually 9 days. *FHI serves people of all faith backgrounds but requests that volunteers be Christians.*

Dates: Spring 2009

Projected cost: \$1,700 - \$1,800
Contact: Brenda Porter, bporter@medicalteams.org

• Honduras

2 Dental teams are needed to provide restorative care for children and basic hygiene education to rural communities in Honduras working with our partner Cadena de Amor. Members needed are: 2 dentists, 1-2 dental hygienist(s) and 1-2 dental assistant(s) or lay-workers. Professionals must be comfortable working with children. Trips are usually 7-9 days, dates flexible.

Dates: One week – May and Jun 2009
Projected cost: \$1,400 - \$1,600

Contact: David Castaneda, dcastaneda@medicalteams.org
Needed: 2 dentists, 1-2 hygienists and 1-2 assistants

One dental team is needed to provide restorative care for children and basic hygiene education to rural communities of Honduras. Team members will work with our partner PREDISAN. Members needed include: 2 dentists, 1-2 dental hygienist(s) and 1-2 dental assistant(s) or lay-workers. Professionals must be comfortable working with children.

Dates: One week duration, March, April or May 2009

Projected cost: \$1,400 - \$1,600
Contact: Melissa McKinney, mmckinney@medicalteams.org

2 Dental teams are needed to provide restorative care for children and adults and basic hygiene education to rural communities of either San Isidro or Siguatepece in the Northwest part of Honduras. Team members will work with our partner Proyecto Aldea Global. Members needed are: 2 dentists, 1-2 dental hygienist(s) and 1-2 dental assistant(s) or lay-workers. Professionals must be comfortable working with children. Trips are usually 7-9 days, dates flexible.

Dates: Open dates, **Winter and Spring** 2009
One week duration

Projected cost: \$1,400 - \$1,600
Contact: Emily Hill, ehill@medicalteams.org

AFRICA

• Liberia

Dental teams are urgently needed to provide clinical services and hygiene education at rural clinics throughout Liberia as part of a ELWA/SIM dental program. The teams will also provide hands on training and informal lectures to local dental assistants and community health educators. Volunteers need to have international experience. Partial scholarships (up to \$2000) are available on request. *ELWA/SIM serves people of all faith backgrounds but requests that volunteers be Christians.*

Volunteers Needed: 1-2 dentists, 1-2 dental assistants, one hygienist, and one additional dental assistant willing to do basic dental education. (3-6 people per team)

Dates: 3-4 weeks, flexible timing (dates based on availability of team members)
Projected cost: \$1,400 - \$3,400 (partial scholarships available)

Contact: Melissa McKinney, mmckinney@medicalteams.org

or Debbie Doty, ddoty@medicalteams.org

• Mali

A dentist is needed to complete a team to provide clinical services and hygiene education at two rural clinics in Mali. The goal of the project is to provide quality dental services and preventive education to very poor and marginalized communities who are without access to dental care, and build the capacity of local care providers in dental treatment and preventive education. Teams will work with our partner, ODES (Development Organization for Hope in Mali), a faith based organization implementing projects in rural Mali. Fluency in French is helpful but not required. Partial scholarships (up to \$2000) are available on request. *Prior international experience preferred. ODES serves people of all faith backgrounds but requests that volunteers be Christians.*

Volunteers Needed: 1 dentist

Dates: 2 weeks, Jan/Feb 2009, dates flexible

Projected cost: \$1,500 - \$3500 (partial scholarships available)

Coordinator: Debbie Doty, ddoty@medicalteams.org

• Uganda

A Dental Team is needed to provide clinical services and hygiene education at rural clinics for a resettling population in Lira District. The team will work with our country office field staff where we have a preventive health care project. We are asking for a team of two volunteers - one dentist and a dental hygienist/assistant. The trip is for 1 month. All in-country costs and a portion of airfare is being paid for by MTI. *Previous international experience required.*

Volunteers needed: Dentist & dental hygienist/assistant

Dates: Flexible dates from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

Projected Cost: \$1000 (for a portion of the airfare)

Coordinator: Kristin Homan khoman@medicalteams.org