

Medical Volunteer Team Opportunities for 2009-10



Medical Teams International is currently recruiting medical professionals to volunteer for both short-term international development and disaster response 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 professional references, copies of your resume, passport, and medical license(s), we will be able to consider you for placement on a team. General questions about volunteer opportunities can be directed to Eve Ford at eford@medicalteams.org or (800) 959-4325 ext. 1201.

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. Team cost estimates usually include air fare, lodging, food and in-country transportation. If you are selected for a team, we can offer you fundraising information. Although Medical Teams International does not have faith requirements for volunteers, some of our in-country partners request that we send Christian volunteers and that is noted in the recruitment announcement.

Medical students, interns and residents, please note that Medical Teams International only sends licensed, boarded professionals on international medical teams.

URGENT NEEDS

A Radiology Technician is needed to join a radiologist and serve in a clinical setting in Santa Maria del Real, Olancho - Honduras, to provide specialized medical training to clinic staff from Asociacion el Buen Pastor to improve their skill in general and vascular ultrasound, as well as mammography technique and interpretation. Dates are January 24 - February 1, 2009. For more information please contact David Castaneda at dcastaneda@medicalteams.org or at 503-624-1000 ext 1200.

AFRICA

• **Cameroon**

Surgeons are needed to provide clinical services and surgery, hands-on training and classroom lectures as part of the Pan African Academy of Christian Surgeons residency curriculum at **Mbingo Baptist Hospital** near Bamenda, Cameroon. Visiting surgeons will work alongside residents and other hospital staff. *Mbingo Hospital serves people of all faith backgrounds but requests that volunteers be Christians.*

Needed: Pathology technicians and physicians with the following specialties: General surgery, anesthesiology, ENT, orthopedics, pathology, pediatric surgery, radiology, OB/GYN, plastic surgery

Dates: 2-4 weeks, flexible timing throughout the year.
Projected cost: approximately \$3,400. Travel subsidies may be available.
Contact: Melissa McKinney, mmckinney@medicalteams.org

Family Physicians, Pediatricians, ER, Internal Medicine and OB/Gyn doctors are needed to provide clinical services, hands-on training and classroom lectures as part of the Christian Internal Medicine Specialization residency curriculum at **Mbingo Baptist Hospital** near Bamenda, Cameroon. Visiting physicians will work alongside residents and other hospital staff. *Mbingo Hospital serves people of all faith backgrounds but requests that volunteers be Christians.*

Needed: Physicians of the following specialties: Family Medicine, Pediatrics, ER, OB/Gyn and Internal Medicine (and IM subspecialties)
Dates: 2-4 weeks, flexible timing throughout the year.

Projected cost: approximately \$3,400. Travel subsidies may be available.
Contact: Melissa McKinney, mmckinney@medicalteams.org

Surgeons are needed to provide clinical services and surgery, hands-on training and classroom lectures at **Banso Baptist Hospital** near Bamenda, Cameroon. Visiting surgeons will work alongside hospital staff. *Banso Hospital serves people of all faith backgrounds but requests that volunteers be Christians.*

Needed: Physicians with the following specialties: General surgery, urology, anesthesiology, ENT, orthopedics, pathology, pediatric surgery, radiology, OB/GYN, plastic surgery

Dates: 2-4 weeks, flexible timing throughout the year.
Projected cost: approximately \$3,400. Travel subsidies may be available.
Contact: Melissa McKinney, mmckinney@medicalteams.org

Physicians and Surgeons are needed to provide clinical services and surgery, hands-on training and classroom lectures as part of the Pan African Academy of Christian Surgeons residency curriculum at **Ngaoundéré Hospital** in Cameroon. Visiting surgeons will work alongside hospital staff. *Ngaoundéré Hospital serves people of all faith backgrounds but requests that volunteers be Christians.*

Needed: Physicians with the following specialties: orthopedics, urology, plastic surgery, pediatric surgery, OB/Gyn, anesthesiology, radiology and oncology
Dates: 2-4 weeks, flexible timing throughout the year.

Projected cost: approximately \$3,400. Travel subsidies may be available.
Contact: Melissa McKinney, mmckinney@medicalteams.org

• Ethiopia

Physicians are needed to provide clinical services and training to residents and doctors at **Myungsung Christian Medical Center** (MCM) in Addis Ababa. *The hospital serves people of all faith backgrounds but requests that the volunteers be Christians.*

Needed: Gastroenterology, thoracic surgery, internal medicine, cardiology and general surgery
Dates: Flexible, 1-6 month assignment

Project cost: approximately \$3,000. Travel subsidies may be available.
Contact: Dr. Fisseha Gurmessa, fgurmessa@medicalteams.org

Specialty surgeons are needed to provide clinical services and surgery, hands-on training and classroom lectures as part of the Pan African Academy of Christian Surgeons residency curriculum at **Soddo Hospital** in Addis Ababa. Visiting surgeons will work alongside residents and other hospital staff. *Soddo Hospital serves people of all faith backgrounds but requests that volunteers be Christians.*

Needed: Physicians of the following specialties: urology, general surgery, plastics, ENT and orthopedics
Dates: 2-4 weeks, flexible throughout the year.

Projected cost: approximately \$3,000. Travel subsidies may be available
Contact: Dr. Fisseha Gurmessa, fgurmessa@medicalteams.org

• Gabon

Specialty surgeons are needed to provide clinical services and surgery, hands-on training and classroom lectures as part of the Pan African Academy of Christian Surgeons residency curriculum at **Bongolo Hospital** in Lébamba, Gabon. Visiting surgeons will work alongside residents and other hospital staff. *Bongolo Hospital serves people of all faith backgrounds but requests that volunteers be Christians.*

Needed: Pathology techs and physicians of the following specialties: general surgery, OB/Gyn, orthopedics, urology, ENT, plastics, neurosurgery, thoracic & general surgery, trauma surgery, GI endoscopy and anesthesiology

Dates: 2-4 weeks, flexible timing throughout the year.
Projected cost: approximately \$3,400. Travel subsidies may be available.
Contact: Melissa McKinney, mmckinney@medicalteams.org

Ophthalmologists are needed at **Bongolo Hospital** in Lébamba, Gabon to provide clinical services and surgery at the busiest ophthalmology clinic in the country. Visiting surgeons will work alongside residents and other hospital staff. *Bongolo Hospital serves people of all faith backgrounds but requests that volunteers be Christians.*

Needed: Ophthalmologists
Dates: 2-4 weeks per volunteer through March 2009

Projected cost: approximately \$3,400. Travel subsidies may be available.
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• Kenya

Specialty surgeons are needed to provide clinical services and surgery, hands-on training and classroom lectures as part of the Pan African Academy of Christian Surgeons residency curriculum at **Kijabe Hospital** in Kijabe, Kenya. Visiting surgeons will work alongside residents and other hospital staff. *Kijabe Hospital serves people of all faith backgrounds but requests that volunteers be Christians.*

Needed: Physicians of the following specialties:
urology, plastic surgery, ENT, pediatric surgery,
anesthesiology and neurosurgery
Dates: 2-4 weeks, flexible timing during the year.

Projected cost: approximately \$3,000. Travel subsidies may be available.
Contact: Fisseha Gurmessa, fgurmessa@medicalteams.org

Specialty surgeons are needed to provide clinical services and surgery, hands-on training and classroom lectures as part of the Pan African Academy of Christian Surgeons residency curriculum at **Tenwek Hospital** in Kenya. Visiting surgeons will work alongside residents and other hospital staff. *Tenwek Hospital serves people of all faith backgrounds but requests that volunteers be Christians.*

Needed: Physicians of the following specialties:
general surgery, orthopedics, urology, plastic
surgery, ENT, pediatric surgery, neurosurgery and
oncology

Dates: 2-4 weeks, flexible timing throughout the year.
Projected cost: approximately \$3,000. Travel subsidies may be available.
Contact: Fisseha Gurmessa, fgurmessa@medicalteams.org

• Liberia

General medical training teams are needed to provide ongoing capacity building at **ELWA Hospital** near Monrovia. Team members will provide clinical services as well as hands-on training for staff doctors, nurses and technicians. *ELWA Hospital serves people of all faith backgrounds but requests that volunteers be Christians. Prior international experience preferred.*

Dates: 2-4 weeks, flexible throughout the year
Needed: Volunteers with the following specialties:
family medicine, OB/GYN nurse, general nurse,
pharmacist and X-ray technician.

Projected cost: approximately \$3,400. Travel subsidies may be available.
Contact: Melissa McKinney, mmckinney@medicalteams.org

General surgeon is urgently needed to provide clinical hospital services (patient rounds, clinic consults, and surgery) and to provide training of hospital staff and the county health officer. The location is F.J. Grante Memorial Hospital in Greenville, Liberia. The project is being managed by ELWA ministries in collaboration with the Liberia Ministry of Health. *F.J. Grante Hospital serves people of all faith background. ELWA Ministries requests that volunteers be Christians. Prior international experience preferred.*

Urgently Needed: General Surgeon
Dates: 6 month assignment (dates flexible)
Developing nations experience preferred

Project Cost: approximately \$3000, stipend provided
Contact: Debbie Doty, ddoty@medicalteams.org

• Mali

OB/Gyn physician is needed to provide clinical services and hands-on training to hospital staff at the **Koutiala Hospital for Women and Children** during scheduled absence of missionary OB/Gyn. *Koutiala Hospital serves people of all faith backgrounds but requests that volunteers be Christians.*

Dates: 1-3 months, June, July, August 2009
Needed: OB/Gyn doctor

Projected cost: approximately \$3,000. Travel subsidies may be available.
Contact: Melissa McKinney, mmckinney@medicalteams.org

• Niger

General surgeons and OB/GYN surgeons are needed to provide clinical services, surgery and training at SIM Galmi Christian Hospital in Madaoua, Niger. *Galmi Hospital serves people of all faith backgrounds but requests that volunteers be Christians.*

Dates: Flexible timing throughout the year
Needed: General surgery, and OB/GYN

Projected cost: approximately \$3,000. Travel subsidies may be available.

Contact: Melissa McKinney, mmckinney@medicalteams.org

Specialty physicians and surgeons are needed to provide clinical services, surgery and training at SIM Galmi Christian Hospital in Madaoua, Niger. *Galmi Hospital serves people of all faith backgrounds but requests that volunteers be Christians.*

Needed: Physicians with the following specialties: ophthalmology, orthopedics, nephrology, dermatology, pathology, radiology, urology, and plastics. **Also needed: Ultrasound tech**

Dates: 2-4 weeks, flexible timing throughout the year.

Projected cost: approximately \$3,000. Travel subsidies may be available.

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Primary care physicians are needed to provide clinical services and training at SIM Galmi Christian Hospital in Madaoua, Niger. For these primary care specialties, it is preferable that the volunteer have at least a basic knowledge of French, but it is not required. Translation will be provided. *Galmi Hospital serves people of all faith backgrounds but requests that volunteers be Christians.*

Dates: One month, flexible timing throughout the year.

Needed: Physicians with specialties in: family medicine, internal medicine and pediatrics.

Projected cost: approximately \$3,000. Travel subsidies may be available.

Contact: Melissa McKinney, mmckinney@medicalteams.org

• Swaziland

General Surgeons, Urologists or other MD's with surgical experience are needed to provide adult male circumcision services with our partner, the Circumcision Task Force of the Ministry of Health at a clinic in **Mbabane, Swaziland**. Volunteers will work alongside Swazi clinic staff and lead 50 cases per week. Prior to departure, volunteers will receive training materials on the sleeve method of circumcision. Male circumcision is the latest promising technology for HIV prevention, reducing HIV transmission by at least 60%.

Needed: Four physicians per team of following specialties: General surgery, urology or MD with surgical experience

Dates: 2-4 weeks, flexible timing throughout the year.

Projected cost: approximately \$2,500

Contact: Melissa McKinney, mmckinney@medicalteams.org

EAST ASIA

• Cambodia

Doctors with pediatrics experience are needed to provide hands-on training and lectures for medical staff with our partner, Angkor Hospital for Children in Siem Reap, Cambodia. Qualified doctors are needed each month to work in the hospital with local medical staff. Volunteers have the opportunity to provide lectures within their field of specialty for 10 days to 3 weeks duration.

Flexible Dates: 10 days to 3 weeks:
Jan/Feb 09 *Pediatric Gastroenterologist*
Mar/Apr 09 *Pediatric Nephrologist*
May/June/Jul 09 *Pediatric hematologist/rheumatologist*
Aug/Sep 09 *Medical Ethics*
Oct-Dec 09 *MPH, epidemiology, biostatistics*

Projected cost: \$2100-\$2400

Contact: Steve Wytcherley
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EURASIA

• Afghanistan

Medical/specialty medical teams are needed to work in hospitals and health facilities in Kabul with international and local staff. All specialties are needed, especially OB/GYN, surgery, nursing, family practice, physical therapy and occupational therapy. *Prior international experience is required.* Partial scholarships are available.

Dates: 3-4 week long trips or longer, Fall 2008, Winter 2009, Spring 2009. Dates are flexible, and negotiable.

Projected cost: \$2,500-\$2,800

Contact: Shukhrat Arifdjanov, shukhrat@medicalteams.org

Note: *due to security precautions, teams to Afghanistan are temporarily on hold. Please contact us to discuss your potential availability and your name will be placed on a waiting list for future teams.*

• Uzbekistan

Medical specialty teaching teams (physicians and physician assistants) are needed to provide training at the **Tashkent Medical School** in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Examples of specialties include: ER specialists, nephrology, dermatology, radiology, urology, ENT and others.

Dates: 3-4 week long trips, dates negotiable, preferably for Winter 2009, Spring 2009

Projected cost: \$2,200-\$2,500

Contact: Shukhrat Arifdjanov, shukhrat@medicalteams.org

Physical/occupational/massage therapy teams are needed for teams to provide care for disabled children (cerebral palsy, polio, spinal deformities) in Orphanage #1 in Tashkent and training for care-giving staff. Non-medical professionals such as behavior specialists, music therapists, speech therapists, audiologists, art therapists and other educators with expertise in caring for disabled children are invited to provide training for local staff. Partial scholarships (up to 40% of team costs) may be available. Interested volunteers can put their names on a list for this on-going project at the orphanage.

Dates: 2-3 week long trips for Winter and Spring 2009

Projected cost: \$2,200-\$2,500

Contact: Shukhrat Arifdjanov, shukhrat@medicalteams.org

LATIN AMERICA

• Honduras

Optometry teams are needed to provide optometry services to patients of the Community Health Clinic of San Isidro. The teams will be working with our partner organization, Project Global Village.

Dates: one week duration, Apr/May preferred

Needed: Two optometrists or ophthalmologists per team

Projected cost: approximately \$1600

Contact: Melissa McKinney, mmckinney@medicalteams.org

An OB/GYN physician is needed to serve in a clinic setting in Catacamas, Olancho to provide specialized medical treatment to health staff from Asociacion el Buen Pastor on evaluation, diagnosis and treatment options for pre-malignant and malignant cervical lesions. The team will be needed for one week and will provide services to 40 pre-screened patients.

Dates: One week, Spring 2009

Projected cost: \$1,400-\$1,600

Contact: David Castaneda, dcastaneda@medicalteams.org

An urologist is needed to serve in a clinic setting in Catacamas, Olancho. The objective of the project is to provide specialized medical training to health staff from Asociacion el Buen Pastor to improve their skill in prostate evaluations and biopsies. The team of trainers will be needed for one week and will provide services to 40 pre-screened patients.

Dates: One week, Winter or Spring 2009

Projected cost: \$1,400-\$1,600

Contact: David Castaneda, dcastaneda@medicalteams.org

• El Salvador

An ophthalmology team is needed to serve in El Salvador. The team will conduct 100 eye surgeries at our ASAPROSAR's eye clinic for patients, of rural communities around Santa, suffering from cataracts, strabismus and pterigioms. The team along with our partner staff will provide around 520 optometry consultations. The team will be needed for one week. Volunteers needed: Ophthalmologists, Registered Nurses, Ophthalmic Technicians and Assistants.

Dates: One week, June 2009

Needed: Ophthalmologists, surgical support staff

Projected cost: \$1,400-\$1,600

Contact: David Castaneda, dcastaneda@medicalteams.org

DISASTER RESPONSE TEAMS

Disaster response teams serve the urgent medical needs of individuals and families whose lives are disrupted by natural and man-made disasters. Teams are placed from our response-ready pool of volunteers who have completed an application, orientation and interview process. *Current recruitment roster needs* center on **physicians (internists, general practitioners and ER physicians)** and psycho-social professionals (inquire for specific qualifications). Teams are being sent to Uganda and other countries as the need arises.

Dates: As needed

Projected cost: Personal costs only (passports, personal gear, immunizations)

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