



***Where Your Medical Skills Are Desperately Needed:  
Volunteer Vacations with Global Volunteers***



**IF YOU HAVE MEDICAL OR HEALTHCARE EXPERTISE, A FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE, AND A DESIRE TO GIVE, GLOBAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

In many of the nearly twenty countries in which we work, local people lack access to even the most basic healthcare. The following is a list of services and types of medical professionals requested by the communities in which we work.

CONSIDER JOINING US ON ONE OF THESE UNFORGETTABLE SERVICE PROGRAMS.

**Cherbourg, Australia:** **Dentists and dental hygienists** are needed as volunteers to help in the Aboriginal community of Cherbourg, at a fully equipped dental clinic that is currently staffed by visiting dentists only two weeks out of six months. We are in the initial stages of exploring medical care opportunities in this same community. As this is a new service program, the role of our first dental and medical volunteers may focus primarily on assessment and planning for future service to this community.

**Salvador, Brazil:** **Doctors, nurses, psychologists, and nutritionists** are needed as volunteers to help care for children with cancer and hematological illnesses in the pediatric unit of a local hospital and for impoverished children in a local *favela* preschool. Currently we are requesting volunteers to participate on childcare and teaching projects and to help us assess the future need for medical professionals in this community.

**Xi'an, China:** View the Chinese medical system from the inside. Medical volunteers will **teach English medical terminology** to Chinese medical students and professionals, share information about current medical practices in the United States, and learn about the Chinese medical system in turn. Volunteers will have the opportunity to meet with their Chinese counterparts, observe current medical practices (some integrating Chinese traditional medicine and modern healthcare), and participate in discussions with Chinese medical professionals on topics of mutual interest.



**Rarotonga, Cook Islands:** **Physical and speech therapists** have been requested to work with organizations that serve people with special needs. **Mental health workers**, such as **social workers, psychiatrists, and psychiatric nurses** are needed to provide counseling for several different community organizations.

**Quito, Ecuador:** Provide for the general healthcare needs of Quito. **Physicians and nurses** are needed to provide for the healthcare needs of residents at Camp Hope, a center for disabled children located in Quito, or participate on a caravan of caregivers that provides basic care to Quito's surrounding villages. Additionally at Camp Hope **Physical therapists and speech therapists** are needed to assist children with mental and physical disabilities, **dentists and dental hygienists** may provide dental check-ups, and **public health professionals** may assist with education.

**Akrade, Ghana:** Health care professionals of various specialties, particularly those with **public health** backgrounds, are needed at the small village clinic in this community. If you are an **internist, family physician, gynecologist** or other specialist, there may be opportunities to perform patient examinations, provide prenatal care and make referrals to the regional hospital. **Nurses** are needed to help vaccinate children and to assist at the well-baby clinic.

**Chennai, India:** Our partners in India request that we send health care professionals of all backgrounds (e.g. general practitioners, surgeons, medical students, nurses, dentists, and other) to assist with patient care in a state-of-the-art hospital and its smaller affiliated dispensaries. This network of health facilities serves the economically disadvantaged of Chennai. This is a new service opportunity and will require great flexibility of the first healthcare volunteers who choose to serve.

**Mt. Vernon, Jamaica:** Provide door-to-door healthcare in the mountain community of Mount Vernon. **Nurses** are needed to conduct blood pressure and blood sugar checks for community members, including elderly people in their homes. Many people seldom see a doctor in these rural mountain communities, so the need is enormous.

**Lima, Peru:** Global Volunteers partners with the Puericultorio Perez Aranibar (PPA), a children's home that houses and cares for over 500 children; the need for a variety of medical volunteers is great. Our hosts at the PPA have requested the assistance of **child psychologists, social workers, physicians, dentists, nurses, public health educators**, and **physical and speech therapists** to assist with various needs on-site.

**Siedlce, Poland:** At Caritas, a center for disabled teens and adults, **physical therapists** are needed to work alongside a Polish therapist and provide care to the physically and mentally disabled residents at this facility.

**Ipalamwa and Pommern, Tanzania:** **Nurses, doctors, dentists, and medical students** are needed to help provide basic check-ups for community members and treatment for ailments such as malaria. **Public health educators** are requested to provide education regarding HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, water and environmental health hazards, and, where possible, first aid and CPR training. **Dentists** are needed to conduct check-ups, extract teeth, and provide education on the importance of dental hygiene. One service program each summer will be dedicated to training rural medical aids from the book, *Where There is No Doctor*.

**Beards Fork, West Virginia: Dentists** are needed to provide care for local community members, and the at-risk teens served by our hosts, the Southern Appalachian Labor School (SALS). Dentists and dental hygienists are requested most specifically to conduct check-ups and provide cavity fillings.



#### **COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE NEEDS - A CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT**

For the communities in which we serve, the assessment of local need is a continuous process making the information herein subject to change, and healthcare opportunities within service programs the most complicated to coordinate. We ask our healthcare volunteers to be flexible – prepared to pitch in on a labor project or teaching conversational English at any time. Please consult with a Volunteer Coordinator before signing up for a healthcare service program. Please also inquire regarding any medical equipment and supplies you should bring with you.

#### **GLOBAL VOLUNTEERS – PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT - CREATING A HUMAN CONNECTION**

Global Volunteers is a private nonprofit, nonsectarian organization offering short-term volunteer programs in nearly twenty countries around the world. Each year over 100 teams are coordinated for one- to three-week service programs in Australia, Brazil, China, the Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, India, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru, Poland, Romania, Tanzania, and the USA. We send volunteers only where we have been invited by a local host organization, and we work under the direction of local people.

Volunteers pay for their own airfare and a service program fee ranging from \$750-\$2595 (USA programs start at \$750 and international programs range from \$1500-\$2595). Both are fully tax-deductible to U.S. citizens. The service program fee covers each volunteer's in-country meals, lodging, and transportation, an experienced team leader, materials for the work project, and administrative expenses.

**Please call (800)487-1074 to speak with a Volunteer Coordinator, or email [info@globalvolunteers.org](mailto:info@globalvolunteers.org), to receive more information.**

**NEVER DOUBT THAT YOUR EXPERTISE AND ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED.**