**WORLD SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**

**American Jewish World Service** works in Africa, Asia, and the Americas in non-medical and medical settings. Commitments are 2 months to 1 year. Opportunities and placement arise on an inconsistent basis in OB/GYN.

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**American Refugee Committee** works for the survival, health and well-being of refugees. ARC programs include primary health care and training (including reproductive health services), water and sanitation, shelter repair and construction, micro-credit and income-generation programs, psychosocial services and environmental rehabilitation, with training and development components related to all activities. There is **special need for OB/GYN expertise** both in education and direct patient care. **Areas served:** Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Darfur, Rwanda, Uganda, and Thailand, Pakistan  
**Language Skills:** varies  
**Duration of Service:** several months to several years, most positions require a 1 year commitment  
**Other:** 3-4 years of professional experience required. Housing and living stipend is offered.

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**Catholic Medical Mission Board, Inc.** collaborated with global health ministries such as Helping Hands to bring health professionals to Africa, Asia, and Latin America for 2 weeks to 2 years to provide education and services in the areas of HI/AIDS, prenatal care, and teaching technical skills to local MDs and nurses. MBA’s are also encouraged to apply.

**Room, board, airfare, health insurance, and stipends are provided.**  
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**Concern America** is a small nonprofit, nonsecretarian, nongovernmental development and refugee aid organization. The emphasis is on suitable progressive development projects to help impoverished communities along the path to sustainability. Training programs in primary healthcare, appropriate technology, income generation, HIV prevention and vaccination are provided. The organization was created to partner with materially poor communities living in refuge outside of their homeland, for the purpose of improving the life situations of those communities. **Areas served:** El Salvador, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Mexico, Mozambique  
**Language Skills:** Spanish required—except Mozambique  
**Duration of Service:** minimum of 2 or more years  
**Other:** Concern America provides room, board, round trip transportation, annual trip home, and health insurance. Volunteers also receive a small monthly stipend, support services from the home office, and simple repatriation allowance. Some shorter programs of 3-4 week duration are offered in Bolivia for students and residents.

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Curamericas is a non-profit, private voluntary organization that provides preventive and curative health care to children, families and communities throughout the Americas. The measurable services are community driven and assure that each child and family receive the health care they need and deserve. With a focus on sustainability, Curamericas trains native physicians, nurses and volunteers to carry out a detailed health care program to the beneficiaries. OB/GYN expertise in surgical techniques is needed. **Areas served:** Bolivia, Guatemala, Haiti, and Mexico **Language skills:** Spanish is helpful but not required **Duration of service:** usually 2 weeks. **Other:** Individual health volunteers are encouraged organize a medical team. There are usually 3 expeditions per year.

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Doctors for Global Health (DGH) is a private, non-profit organization promoting health, education, art and other human rights throughout the world. Volunteer doctors and other health care workers, students, educators, attorneys, and engineers can spend from a week to over a year working in various places in the world and aiding to the needs of numerous individuals. **Areas served:** Argentina, El Salvador, Honduras, Chiapas (Mexico), Nicaragua, Peru, Uganda, and USA
**Language skills:** sometimes Spanish **Duration:** 1 week to a year (varies)
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Doctors Without Borders (also known as Médecins Sans Frontières or MSF) delivers emergency aid to victims of armed conflict, epidemics, and natural and man-made disasters, and to others who lack health care due to social or geographical isolation. MSF provides primary health care, performs surgery, rehabilitates hospitals and clinics, runs nutrition and sanitation programs, trains local medical personnel, and provides mental health care. Physicians have both primary care and teaching duties. **Area served:** Worldwide **Language skills:** varies **Duration of Service:** 6-12 months **Other:** Although the assignments vary greatly, MSF is particularly seeking general practitioners, family practitioners, internists, pediatricians, obstetricians, gynecologists, and infectious disease specialist.
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DOCARE International is a medical outreach organization comprised of member volunteers who provide and support the delivery of health care to indigent and isolated people. DOCARE members represent a variety of medical disciplines, interests, and geographic regions. Membership includes DO and MD physicians and surgeons, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, optometrists, podiatrists, physician assistants, veterinarians, and interested lay people who contribute special skills or express an interest in helping disadvantaged communities in remote locations. Upon arrival at the location,
DOCARE members are gathered into teams to provide health care services to the host and neighboring communities. DOCARE missions can be organized at any time of the year. In the past, these usually have been in the Spring or Fall. A mission director handles all of the details of a mission the tenure of the stay. DOCARE prefers to have the assistance of local physicians when possible to aid in the success of the program and medical treatment. **Area currently served:** Guatemala and Mexico. **Language skills:** Spanish preferred **Duration of service:** varies, usually short-term.

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**Esperanca Inc.** is dedicated to improving health and providing hope for families in the poorest communities of the world through sustainable disease prevention, education and treatment programs. Since its formation in 1970, we have provided services in 14 countries, on four continents. Our current projects are in **Bolivia, Nicaragua, Mozambique, and Arizona.** OB/GYNs may for their own surgical teams and spend 10 days to one month providing services.

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**Global Medical Staffing Inc.** focuses on filling positions in underserved areas in Australia, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom. Positions are sometimes available in the South Pacific and the Caribbean. Must be board certified. Positions are compensated. **Duration of service:** 6 months to one year.

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**Global Service Corp** is an international service-learning organization that is built on the participation of its volunteers, staff, and advisors both lived in developed and developing countries of the world. Its program is established on the view that the personal lives and activities of people around the world are increasingly intertwined. Services focus primarily on teaching in the areas of HIV prevention, maternal/fetal transmission, nutrition, and public health issues. Telemedicine is also being developed and needs advisors. **Areas served:** Tanzania and Thailand. **Duration of service:** 2 weeks – 6 months. Ten-week international health internship program are available.

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**Global Volunteers** offers opportunities that relate to direct patient care and health care teaching in hospitals and clinical in rural settings. Physicians may bring family members. Other programs offered are teaching English, outreach to at-risk youth, and labor projects. **Area served:** Brazil, Ghana, China, India, Peru, Tanzania, Poland, Jamaica, Ecuador, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Greece, Hungary, Northern Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Portugal, Romania, South Africa, Vietnam, West Virginia, Montana. **Language skills:** varies. **Duration of service:** 1-3 weeks, extended stays possible.

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GOAL has responded to nearly every major natural and man-made disaster in the past 30 years, rebuilding communities after natural disasters, assisting and repatriating millions of refugees, sinking wells, refurbishing and building schools and houses, moving hundreds of tons of food in famine prone areas. GOAL places volunteers in its own projects throughout the developing world and currently has placement in 13 countries in Africa, Asia, and Europe. GOAL programs cover a wide range of activities from primary health care to caring for street children and management of refugee camps. The most common professions recruited are nurses, doctors and surgeons, accountants, and engineers. Areas served: worldwide Other: return airfares, accommodations, modest in-country allowance, full insurance, appropriate training and resettlement grants are provided by GOAL.

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HealthRight International was previously “The Doctors of the World” which provides medical assistance to the world’s most vulnerable populations. With a large corps of volunteer medical professionals, HealthRight has worked in over 20 countries throughout the world. Volunteers provide technical assistance and training to local health professionals and sometimes direct patient care. OB/GYNs are especially needed. Focus on TB & HIV/AIDS, children with special needs, women’s health, and survivors of gross human rights abuses. Areas served: Kenya, India, Russia, Kosovo, Mexico, South Africa, USA Language skills: depends on program Duration of service: 1 month to a year

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International Medical Corps provides emergency response teams as well as health maintenance and health care infrastructure building programs worldwide. IMC’s international network of approximately 4,000 doctors, nurses and other professionals, in partnership with national ministries of health, international agencies, and local non-profits and community groups, implement a wide variety of programming aimed at restoring crisis-affected communities to self-reliance. Previous work in developing countries is required. Surgical skills are needed in most areas. OB/GYNs are especially needed in most areas. Long-term positions are compensated while short-term positions are volunteer. Duration of service: 1 month – 2 years Language skills: varies

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International Relief Team is a non-profit, international relief organization dedicated to organizing volunteer teams to provide medical and on-medical assistance to the victims of disaster and profound poverty worldwide. IFT conducts training programs for physicians in areas including maternal and infant care. OB/GYNs are especially needed. IRT plastic and reconstructive surgical teams utilize their specialized skills, assist many men, women, and children worldwide who have endured severe burns cause by preparing food on primitive stoves, or have suffered disfigurement from cleft lips and palates, and other birth defects. IRT ophthalmology teams restore the gift of sight to numerous people in developing countries suffering from blindness due to cataracts. IRT general surgery teams assist those living with painful conditions such as hernias, gallstones, tumors and other correctable maladies. Areas served: Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Romania, Uganda Language skills: varies Duration of service: 1-3 weeks

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International Rescue Committee was founded in 1933. The IRC is a global leader in emergency relief, rehabilitation, protection of human rights, post-conflict development, resettlement services and advocacy for those uprooted or affected by violent conflict and oppression. The IRC is on the ground in 25 countries, providing emergency relief, relocating refugees, and rebuilding lives in the wake of disaster. During these emergencies the International Rescue Committee strives to rapidly reduce illness and death rates to normal levels. When conflict subsides, the IRC works with displaced individuals and communities to rebuild their health systems. IRC health programs assist approximately 13 million people in 25 countries, focusing on primary health care, reproductive health, environmental health, child wellness, blindness treatment and prevention, and assistance for victims of sexual violence. In areas affected by conflict where pregnancy-related deaths are exceptionally high, IRC provides basic and comprehensive emergency obstetric care to manage complications that arise during pregnancy and childbirth. IRC trains local health workers and educated communities to ensure that women can access good quality care before, during, and after giving birth. Surgical skills are needed in all subspecialties. Skills: Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, flexibility, patience and the ability to work in a multi-cultural environment, the ability to work well in a team as well as independently. Helpful, but not essential: prior experience working with refugees, asylees, or immigrants, fluency in another language (French, Arabic, Somali, Vietnamese, Bosnian, Russian, etc.)

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Lalmba is made up of a small group of health care professionals who provide good care and always maintain good quantities of medicines, supplies and equipment to do the job. The majority of its efforts are devoted to teaching and training the local people to care for their own health needs to the maximum extent possible. This organization supports reproductive health programs aimed at education, family planning, prenatal care, STI prevention, vaccinations, ad vertical transmission of HIV. Areas of service: Kenya, Ethiopia Duration of service: 6 months – 2 years

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Medical Training Worldwide carried out programs that teach modern surgery, anesthesia, and emergency medical services to public hospitals in developing countries. Each program is built around on-site teaching courses that require medical volunteers to travel to a developing country and teach local physicians and nurses over a 4-7 day period. A second volunteer may assist in some cases. Depending on our funding level, Medical Training Worldwide may sometimes be able to offer funds for travel. Lodging, meal, and local transportation costs are usually covered by the host hospital. Conversational language skills are usually required for successful participation; however, translators can be used when this is not possible. We stress safety and high standards of care in our teaching, and strive to bring the best of modern medicine to our colleagues in developing countries. Areas served: Bolivia, Chile, Guinea, India, Nicaragua, Ukraine, Language skills: varies – Spanish helpful

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Northwest Medical Teams is a non-profit Christian humanitarian aid organization working to reduce suffering around the world and the Pacific Northwest. They represent a special partnership of volunteers, partner agencies, and donors committed to helping those in need. Focus is on bringing medical services and training in primary care, midwifery, surgery, dentistry, ophthalmology, child survival, and HIV/AIDS. Areas of service: Honduras, Liberia, Mexico, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Uganda, Mozambique, Sri Lanka, El Salvador. Language skills: varies. Duration of service: varies. Other: there is no religious requirement to participate in volunteer work.

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Omni Med has programs in Belize, Guyana, and Kenya that bring health providers with some or no prior international experiences to short-term, effective teaching trips, rendering maximal impact for both volunteers and learners. We work with the American Medical Association (AMA) to publish books on global service that explore root causes of poverty, review pragmatic steps of health volunteerism, and encourage direct service through our large database of service opportunities. Language skills: English. Duration of service: 2-3 weeks. Other: Omni Med covers cost of transportation and housing. Omni Med sends physician volunteers to Belize five times yearly, every other month from September through May. These teaching tours last two weeks and cover six hospitals in Belize.

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PeaceWork arranges and manages international volunteer projects for groups, which may have an academic, service, medical, or other emphasis. Occasionally, individual volunteers may join one of these groups or be referred to one of the
sites. Through an extensive list of contacts abroad, Peacework can work with a medical or other delegation to identify a project location. Groups of 5-64 volunteers can be placed. Peacework manages all arrangements and provides orientation and support services. This organization provides advice and consultative services for groups that are interested in carrying out a medical mission in the following developing countries: Belize, Cameroon, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ghana, Honduras, India, Kenya, Nepal, Russia, Vietnam. Language skills: varies. Duration of service: 1-3 weeks.

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Physicians for Peace is an international, non-profit, medical education organization dedicated to building peace and international friendships in developing nations with unmet medical needs and scarce resources through: medical education and training, clinical care, and donated medical supplies. By focusing exclusively on long term, sustainable medical education and training, Physicians for Peace sends teams of medical volunteers including physicians, dentists, nurses, physical therapists, physicians assistants, and other healthcare professionals to places where their teaching and healing skills are needed most, including the Middle East, Central America, South America, Africa, Eastern Europe, the Caribbean, Asia, and beyond. Language skills: English. Duration of service: 4-18 days

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Project Concern International provides partners worldwide with medical training, support and health care crucial to protecting the well being of children and families. Programs aim at ensuring basic medical care, halting the spread of infectious disease, nutrition, family planning, safeguarding the health of communities along the U.S./Mexico border and sanitation. There are opportunities to participate in health education including prenatal and well baby care, as well as opportunities for direct patient care with collaboration from local physician counterparts. Areas served: India, Indonesia, Zambia, Bolivia, Guatemala, Nicaragua, San Diego, Tijuana, Mexico, Ethiopia, Malawi, Botswana, Tanzania Language skills: language fluency required for Indonesia and Latin America Duration of service: varies

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Project Hope’s work includes educating health professionals and volunteers, providing medicines and supplies, strengthening health facilities, training community health workers, and fighting communicable diseases such as TB and AIDS. Volunteers include nurse midwives, nurse educators, doctors, surgeons, pharmacists, medical equipment technicians, x-ray technicians, and radiologists. The Health of Women and Children Unit focuses on interventions in control of communicable diseases, infant feeding/nutrition/micronutrients, acute respiratory infections, control of diarrheal diseases, malaria control and prevention, HIV/AIDS prevention, maternal health/safe motherhood, reproductive health (including family planning, and adolescent health), neonatal health, school health and nutrition, health education
and prevention (cervical and breast cancer, diabetes). **Areas served:** worldwide  
**Language skills:** varies  
**Duration of service:** 3-6 months  
**Other:** most positions fully paid

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**Refugee Relief International** provides humanitarian medical assistance to victims of armed conflict around the world. Most of the volunteer doctors, nurses, and medics at RRI are military veterans who can operate in war zones and other dangerous environments where other humanitarian agencies will not go. In these places, RRI is the only help available. Additionally, RRI accepts “missions to order” and can mount relief missions to an area of special concern to you. For example, one donor was moved by the crisis in Burma, sent in a donation, and RRI send in a medical team two weeks later. An OB/GYN surgeon may be called on to perform other types of surgeries other than pelvic. **Areas served:** worldwide  
**Language skills:** varies  
**Duration of service:** 2-3 weeks

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**Remote Area Medical (RAM) Volunteer Corp** is a non-profit, volunteer, airborne relief corp dedicated to serving people by providing free health care, dental care, eye care, veterinary services, and technical and educational assistance to people in remote areas of the United States and the world. RAM is developing a major women’s health initiative in the wilderness interior of Guyana, South Africa. Female OB/GYN specialists are especially needed. RAM is actively involved in providing screening and treatment both home and abroad. On a typical U.S. expedition, we provide mammograms, and sometimes Pap smears. Currently the Guyana project is treating hundreds of village women. Guyana has the third highest rate of death from cervical cancer in the Western Hemisphere. The RAM Guyana Cervical Cancer Team travels by jeep, plane, ox and cart, foot, canoe, and by parachute, to the remote savannahs and rainforests of Guyana to provide medical hysterectomies when necessary and treat cervical cancer with life-saving radical hysterectomies. The team is also researching new techniques that would replace Pap smear screening and enable women to be diagnosed and treated in one visit. **Areas served:** Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, India, Mexico, USA, Dominican Republic, Venezuela.  
**Language skills:** varies  
**Duration of service:** 1-3 weeks to 1 year

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**WellShare International** (previously Minnesota International Health Volunteers) offers community health projects in the United States, Uganda, and Tanzania on topics including: reproductive health, safe motherhood, access to healthcare, and training. WellShare has worked overseas since it began, and has spent 20 years in East Africa. Our community health expertise continues in out overseas and our domestic projects with African refugees and immigrants in Minnesota. The expected commitment is six months to a year. Shorter-term service is available for those able to pay their own way.
WellShare aims at development rather than dependence so volunteers are typically involved in education and organization as much as health care service.

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The Worldwide Fistula Fund’s mission is to promote excellent, ethical whole-person care for women with obstetric fistulas. Our strategy is to band together and support a network of committed individuals with fistula expertise who share this common ideal. To this end we will: support the direct provision for high-quality clinical care for women with obstetric fistulas, promote excellent training for fistula surgeons incorporating these value, advocate relentlessly for the unmet needs of the whole person suffering from fistulas, encourage scientifically valid research in fistula treatment and prevention. **Areas served:** Ghana, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone. **Duration of service:** varies.

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**REGIONAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**

**Amazon Promise** brings medical and non-medical volunteers into remote villages in the Peruvian Amazon and into poor neighborhoods of Iquitos to work alongside our Peruvian medical staff. We provide general medical care and emergent care. There is always a need for OB/GYN expertise. No surgical capabilities at this time. **Duration of service:** 1-2 week commitment.

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**Basic Health International** is a non-governmental organization that collaborated with in-country partners to enhance the quality of health care for communities in developing countries. Our partnership with the medical community in El Salvador comprises BasicHealth: El Salvador. **BasicHealth: El Salvador** is essential in helping the organization realize our primary goals to: provide training opportunities for local providers, medical students, and undergraduate students in developing countries, conduct relevant, country specific research with a focus on women’s health issues, provide direct patient care via clinical delegations, collaborate at a national level to help develop sustainable public health policies and programs. There are opportunities to participate in gynecologic surgeries. **Language skills:** Spanish. **Areas served:** El Salvador. **Duration of service:** 1-3 weeks.

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**The Chiapas Project** is dedicated to the provision of the free medical and dental care to the indigenous Zoque people of the State of Chiapas, Mexico while encouraging volunteerism and personal growth amongst young people and medical/dental professionals. Medical and dental professionals bring supplies and medications each mission and provide training and education to midwives regarding emergency obstetrics and provide basic delivery kits. Students and residents are welcome to apply. All subspecialties including OB/GYN are encouraged to apply. At this time there are no surgical facilities on site.

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**Carolina Honduras Health Foundation** specializes in bringing providers of General Medicine, Ophthalmology, Pharmacy, Dentistry, and OB/GYN to **Limon, Honduras** to provide free services and education on disease prevention. On site, there is a lab, surgical site, and a pharmacy. Lodging is provided. Commitment is 1 week.

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**The Fistula Foundation** and the Hamlin hospital provide free fistula repair surgery to approximately 1,200 women every year and cares for 35 long-term patients. Located in Ethiopia, it is considered the preeminent hospital dedicated exclusively to victims of obstetric fistula. They have developed the model program for fistula treatment worldwide, and have inspired numerous centers throughout the developing world. All medical students specializing in obstetrics and gynecology in Ethiopia are required to train for two months at Fistula Hospital. So far, more than 100 surgeons from throughout the developing world have received fistula repair surgery training, and the global health community has come to recognize the importance of treating the world’s fistula victims. Though select programs OB/GYN can participate and learn how to do fistula repairs. The hospital’s training program is currently booked through 2008. **Areas served:** Ethiopia.  
**Language skills:** English, Amharic, or Oromo helpful. **Service commitment:** varies.  
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**The Flying Samaritans** being specialized healthcare to Mexico. Rural clinics are operated by physician, nurses, dentists, pilots, and translators who specialize in primary care, OB/GYN care, emergency care and education. Membership in the organization is required and trips are organized one weekend per month for member. Samaritans fly into Mexico in small propeller aircrafts from California. **Areas served:** Mexico. **Language skills:** Spanish helpful.  
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Ghana Medical Mission/Greenlife Hospital Outpost provides general health maintenance services and seasonal surgical services to rural farm workers in Central Region of Ghana, West Africa. Surgical tips are organized twice per year in October and April. There are special need for general surgeons, OB/GYN, Ophthalmologists, Internists, ENT surgeons and infectious disease experts. Medical students and residents are also welcome. Services are provided with local physicians and professors from Cape Coast University Medical School. **Language skills:** English, Fante helpful. **Duration of service:** 1 week – 1 year. **Contact:** Antonia Nicosia MD
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Helping Hands Health Organization provides volunteering opportunities for medical professional, medical student and non-medical volunteers to serve in Nepal. Initially, the organization began providing medical services to the rural and poor people of Nepal. Medical students get opportunities to work under direct supervision of an MD doctor either from the US of from Nepal depending on the time of the year they volunteer. With time, it has expanded its services to education sector and thus welcomes non-medical volunteers to teach at the village school. Along with permanent clinics in Kathmandu – the capital city of Nepal, Helping Hands boasts of other permanent clinics in the rural town of Khandbari (eastern Nepal) and in the village of Phalewas (western Nepal). Medical volunteers get opportunities to work in these permanent clinics as well as in the mobile health camps that are organized through the year. Within the permanent clinics, medical professionals can engage in general OPD, surgery, OB/GYN, pediatric services, dental services, ultra sound and x-ray services, and family planning services. As all types of services are provided at our clinics, the organization requires medical professional with specialization in these fields and welcomes family practice physicians, dentists, pediatricians, OB/GYNs, surgeons, internal medicine, lab technicians, anesthesiologists and RNs for the complete service in the clinics. It further provides medical students with the opportunities to gain first hand experience of third world medicine. **Language skills:** knowledge of local language useful but not required. **Duration of service:** 2 weeks to 1 year. **Address:** 948 Pearl Street, Boulder CO 80302
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**Website:** www.sannr.com

Himalayan Healthcare, Inc. started with healthcare needs in the remote mountain village of Tipling, and over time programs have expanded to other villages and beyond healthcare to include education and income generation. In April 2004 HHC was proud to open a clinic in the town of Ilam in eastern Nepal, serving a region of 300,000 people. The Ilam clinic provides a full array of medical services previously unavailable in this region. Services provided by medical teams include: primary patient examination and care, including out-patient services. A range of surgical procedures, including those requiring general anesthesia; examples include cesarean sections, appendectomies and herniotomies, labor and delivery care, including ultra sound and dental care, marking the first full-time dental service has been available in the entire region of north-eastern Nepal. At the present time, we are seeking volunteer physicians in the following specialties: family practice, OB/GYN, pediatrics, internal medicine, infectious disease, and general surgery. We also have a need for dentists and physiotherapists. **Duration of service:** you can volunteer for as long as you would like, but we request a minimum commitment of 2 weeks. HHC will provide housing for volunteers near the Ilam clinic, but volunteers must pay for their own transportation to the town of Ilam. Volunteers will be able to obtain inexpensive and hygienic food at the Ilam clinic canteen. **Address (USA):** P.O. Box 737 Planetarium Station, New York, NY 10024
**Himalayan Health Exchange** is a humanitarian service program bringing together healthcare professionals who give their time, talent and resources to provide care to the underserved populations in select, remote areas of Indo-Tibetan borderlands. Each trip combines service and adventure, with team members providing care while also experiencing the land, its natural environment, people, and culture. A team of healthcare professionals and other volunteers set up “health camps” in local schools, monasteries or clinics. Working side by side with local health care providers, we administer general medical and dental care, and provide free medicines to patients. Depending on the make up of the team and the needs of the patients, certain specialties may be utilized. Each time a team is formed, we learn of each members’ skills (ie. Their specialties) and discuss with local health officials their needs to determine how to contribute the best care possible to the local patient population. **Areas served:** India and Nepal, Indo-Tibetan borderlands. **Language skills:** English. **Duration of service:** 14-19 days.

**Hospital Albert Schweitzer**’s mission is to collaborate with the people of Artibonite Valley, Haiti to help staff a 200-bed hospital. Services provided by volunteer physicians include TB treatment, women’s health and family planning, immunization and nutrition, and inpatient and outpatient surgical services. Hospital provides lodging and meals. Resident rotations are offered. **Areas served:** Haiti. **Language skills:** English, French, Creole helpful. **Duration of service:** 1 month to long-term.

**Hospital de la Familia** started over 30 years ago as a small dispensing pharmacy in Nuevo Progresso, Guatemala and today is a year-round medical facility offering general medical, minor surgery, pediatric, obstetrical and dental services. The hospital consists of wards that can accommodate 72 patients. During the past several years we have maintained a staff of over 60 full-time employees, including 4 doctors, 12 nurses, and 3 or 4 nurse/nun instructors and a contingent of Guatemalan medical and dental student. The hospital treated over 10,000 patients last year. In addition, major surgery is provided by the volunteer U.S. surgical teams sent by the Hospital de la Familia Foundation in February, May, August and November for 2-week stays. These teams treat an additional 5,000 patients, performing surgery on 1,600 of them. Other hospital programs include the Malnutrition Therapy Clinic, the Dental Clinic, nurse training classes, barefoot doctor classes (teaching first aid and disease detection), adult education classes, and sewing classes. We also operate a 1-6 grade school with an enrollment of about 150 where tuition, books, and uniforms are free. There is a separate program for adults. OB/GYN teams consist of 2 attendings and 2 residents typically. OB/GYN teams provide services twice per year. **Language skills:** Spanish helpful.

**Address:** P.O. Box 12981 Berkeley, CA 94712-3981
LIGA International (Flying Doctors of Mercy) is a philanthropic volunteer organization providing medical, dental, and eye care to impoverished people in rural Mexico. LIGA operated four medical clinics located in El Fuerte, Ocoroni, San Blas and El Carrizo in the state of Sinaloa. LIGA also works closely with the local Mexican community. Many local Mexicans volunteer at the clinics and provide valuable assistance as interpreters and help in coordinating and maintaining the clinics. Some local physicians also volunteer their services to see patients at LIGA operated clinics. Closer to home, LIGA provides an opportunity for American medical student, interns and resident to greatly enhance their medical education experience. Membership is required. **Areas served:** Northern Mexico. **Language skills:** Spanish helpful. **Duration of service:** 3-4 days. **Address:** 1464 North Fitzgerald, Hanger 2 Rialto, CA 92376 **Phone:** 909.875.6300 **Fax:** 909.875.6999 **Email:** info@ligainternational.org **Website:** www.ligainternational.org

**Marie Stopes International Ghana** focuses on family planning, health screening, HIV/STIs, maternal health, primary health care, social franchising, advocacy in all regions in Ghana, West Africa. Highlights of volunteer missions include mobile outreach units going to difficult-to-access areas in Ghana to provide education in contraception, maternal health, and advocacy. **Duration of service:** 1 week to long term. **Language skills:** English. **Address:** C/900/4 Mensah Sarbah Rd. Kokomelemle Accra North, Ghana **Phone:** 233.21.24.514 **Email:** info@mariestopes.org.gh **Website:** www.mariestopes.org

**Uplift International**’s Health and Human Rights Program in Indonesia aims to build a cadre of professionals in medicine, public health and law who work with local and national policy makers and the media to improve health, bioethics and human rights simultaneously. The mission of UPLIFT international is to build a bridge of cooperation and understanding between the peoples of the United States and Southeast Asia by improving health through the advancement of healthcare, medical education, preventive health, and related technology. **Areas served:** Southeast Asia (Indonesia primarily). **Language skills:** Bahasa Indonesia is helpful, but not necessary. **Duration of service:** varies. **Other:** Doctors overseas/intercultural experience is most desirable. **Contact:** Beth E. Rivin, M.D., M.P.H. Vice President of Programs **Address:** P.O. Box 27696 Seattle, Washington 98165 **Phone:** 206.985.9888 **Fax:** 206.985.2110 **Email:** moreinformation@upliftinternational.org **Website:** upliftinternational.org