

Practical Medical Missions

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Serving Christ and the World
Through Pharmacy

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Objectives

- Describe the importance of medical missions in the context of Christian faith principles
- Describe the role and responsibility of a pharmacist/pharmacy technician as part of a multi-disciplinary medical mission team.
- Identify current opportunities available to pharmacist/pharmacy technicians who wish to participate in a medical mission project.
- Provide resources for pharmacists/pharmacy technicians to actively engage in medical missions

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For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

~ Mark 10:45

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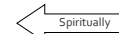
~ Luke 12:48b

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Christ as Our Example: Servanthood

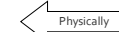
Served His Father

- Representative of the Father



Became a servant to the people around Him

- Compassionate, caring
- Miracles of the gospel of Mark
 - The Great Healer (9)
 - Power over Nature (5)
 - Control of Evil Spirits (4)



Travel to foreign places

- Left His home in heaven to come to earth

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Christ as Our Example: Our Responsibility

Spiritually

- Bring God's Word to all people groups
 - Matt 28:19 ...go and make disciples of all nations {people groups}

Physically

- Provide humanitarian aid, food, medical care, etc.

Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words. ~ St. Francis of Assisi

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Missionary work must be a combination of words and deeds. It's not enough to talk about God's love, we have to show it. The health field provides some of the most – if not the most – effective means of showing God's love in the context of the missionary enterprise.

Thomas Hale, MD
Medical Missionary to Nepal

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Missions - Overview

- Religious vs. Humanitarian Projects
- International vs. Domestic
- Short vs. Long Term
- Student Participation



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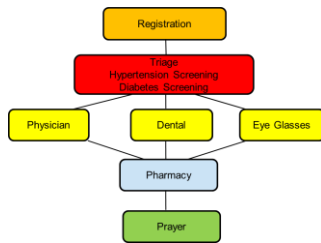
Types of Missions Settings

- Mission hospitals
- Rural clinics
- Mobile medical clinics
- Community health education
- Training nationals with updated techniques/seminars
- Universities teaching
- Public health/development
- Relief work



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Example Mobile Medical Clinic



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Medical Camp: Registration



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Vitals and Triage



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Blood Pressure and Diabetes Screening



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Physician Check-Up



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Medical Camp: Pharmacy



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Medical Camp: Dental Check



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Medical Camp: Reading Glasses Check



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Medical Camp: Prayer Station



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Women's Health Workshop



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Educational Programs

- Bible School Student
- Basic Medical Care
- Girls Home
- Health Education
- Partnership with local pharmacy school
- Clinical presentation



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Collaboration with Local Pharmacy School



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APPE Clinical Rotation

- Six week rotation
- Weeks 1 – 2: Preparations on campus
- Weeks 3 – 5: Overseas Service Trip
- Week 6: Debrief, reflections and final presentation
- Projects
- Cultural paper, Educational tool, Clinical patient report (CPC), reflections, final presentation
- Research project

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WSoP Mission/Service Trip Locations

- Summer
- El Salvador
 - Guatemala
 - Mexico
 - Montana/S.Dakota
 - Tanzania



- Clinical Rotations
- India
 - Roatan, Honduras
 - Tanzania

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Opportunities for Involvement: Learn

- Attend a Conference
 - Global Missions Health Conference
 - November 9-11, 2023 – Louisville, KY
 - <https://www.medicalmissions.com/events/gmhc-2023>
- Read a Biography
 - Don't Let the Goats Eat the Loquat Tree by Thomas Hale (Nepal)
 - Miracle at Tenwek: The Story of Ernie Steury by Greg Lewis (Kenya)

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Opportunities for Involvement: Engage

- Engage locally
 - Refugee Outreach Programs
 - Interact with a new culture
- Support Missionaries or Short Term Trips from Home
 - Pray, give, support
 - Assist with formulary preparation, collection of medication

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Opportunities for Involvement: GO!

- Partner with organizations on trips
- Summer mission/service trips
- Identify additional trips or locations
- Missions Portal - www.missionfinder.org
- Missions/Service Organization
 - Global Health Outreach
 - <https://cmda.org/global-health-outreach/gho-find-a-trip/>



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Some years ago, two evangelists were out in a tribal village in north Africa, telling the people about Jesus. After they had talked awhile, the villagers interrupted to say, "Oh, we know who you're talking about. We've met him." The evangelists were taken back. "You haven't understood us," they said. "You couldn't have met Jesus. He died 1900 years ago." But the villagers persisted. Finally, one old villager stepped forward and said, "Yes, we have seen the Christ you are telling us about. There was a doctor here..."



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