



VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Haiti * Guatemala * Jamaica * Peru *

Global Health Volunteers, a division of Global Health Ministry,
is a member of *Trinity Health*.

[GHM Veterans-Email amurph@trinity-health.org for a shorter "Veteran Application"]

Please send all required attachments and the \$25 application fee via **US Mail**. **Thank you!**

Personal Data

Please Print Name (as it appears **on passport**): _____

First Name Middle Name Last Name(s)

Suffix(es) (i.e. MD, RN, CNA, etc.): _____

Name/Nickname by which you prefer to be addressed by teammates: _____

Country of passport: _____ Date of Birth: _____

If your passport is not from the US, please go online to check to see if you need a Visa to travel where we serve.

Passport Number: _____ Date **Passport Expires** is: _____

IMPORTANT > Passport Expiration date must be at least **6½ months after the departure date of your mission trip**

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail you want us to use: _____ (Please PRINT CLEARLY)

*We **must** have a home or work email for every volunteer. Email communication is critical for team planning.*

Work or School Information (Applicants should be 20 years or older):

Facility/School: _____

Location: _____

Your specific role at work/Students: your major: _____

Number of Years Working There: _____ **OR** Level Completed in School: _____

Language Proficiency- Please check or highlight your level of competency for the languages listed below. It is not necessary to be bi-lingual, but it is helpful for us to know if you have bi-lingual skills.

- SPANISH: No Skill in Spanish Minimal Conversational Fluent Read Write
- HAITIAN KREYOL: No Skill in Haitian Kreyol Minimal Conversational Fluent Read Write
- FRENCH: No Skill in French Minimal Conversational Fluent Read Write

Current or Previous Volunteer Experience

Have you been a team member on another International Health Team? Yes ____ No ____

If **Yes**, please list the organization, and year(s) and the service you provided. _____

Are you currently, or have you recently been involved in any local volunteer commitments to those who are poor?

Yes ____ No ____

If yes, please give a brief description of this volunteer service, including frequency and/or duration:

Personal Health Status – mindful of being in a very demanding environment

Working in a developing country can present a strenuous and stressful environment. Teams work **long days** with only a short break for lunch. Only 1 free day per 2 weeks. ***It is very important that you are in shape and healthy enough to meet the physical demands of working long days in hot climates.*** Sleeping environments are clean & adequate, but not quiet.

Are you physically fit and free of medical conditions or disabilities that could limit your activities and/or prevent you from safely performing the volunteer services for which you are applying? Yes ____ No ____ **If no**, please give details:

Do you have any dietary restrictions? Yes ____ No ____ **If yes**, please give details (including vegetarians/vegans and/or gluten free).

Please list any allergies you have: _____

Medications currently using: _____

Motion Sickness: Many Global Health teams travel daily on rough, winding roads to get to remote sites. It is important for us to know any volunteer who may have a problem with motion sickness. Please complete below:

Do you have any problems with motion sickness? Yes ____ No ____ **If yes**, what mitigates the problem?

Personal Motivation

In 200 words or less / one page, and on a separate sheet added to this application, describe your desires and reasons for participating in the Global Health Volunteer program. **(Please be specific. A response is required.)**



IMPORTANT:

Applications should be received at Global Health **AT LEAST 6 weeks before Orientation.**

Please write 1, 2 and 3 in the last column to indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Choices.

<u>Mission Location & Service Focus</u> Volunteers are needed for the following teams:	<u>Dates of Mission</u> (leave US to arrive US)	<u>Orientation</u> (at GHV Ofc /via Conf/Video Call)	<u>RANK</u>
Jamaica, Kingston – Primary Care <i>No longer accepting applications – all positions filled</i>	Jan. 2018		
Guatemala, Esquipulas – <u>Primary Care</u>	4/13 to 4/26-27, 2018	Thurs. evening Feb. 8, 2018	
Peru, Chulucanas – <u>Primary Care & Ped Surgery</u> (Primary Care is 2 wks; Pediatric Surgery is Wk 1 only)	6/15 to 6/29, 2018	Sat. 8:30 – noon March 10, 2018	
USA, Edison, NJ – Help pack a container for Peru.	Sat. 7/28/18 9am-1pm	N/A	
Peru, Chulucanas – <u>Primary Care and Surgery</u> Note: Orientation for this mission is 6 months before the mission because the team needs to gather meds and supplies that will be shipped July 28. Applications should be received by or before early March, 2018.	10/5 to 10/20, 2018	Sat. 8:30 – 3 pm April 7, 2018	
Haiti, Gros Morne – <u>Primary Care</u>	11/9 to 11/18, 2018	Thurs 7 – 9 pm Aug. 9, 2018	
Jamaica, Kingston – <u>Primary Care</u>	1/18 to 1/30, 2019	Thurs 7 - 9 pm Sept 13, 2018	

Applications are received all year long. It is ok to send in applications months, even a year before the mission. Please make sure you prioritize the missions for which you are available.

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF MISSION LOCATIONS AND PROGRAMS

Location	Clinical Program	Education Program / Special Notes
<p>Guatemala: Esquipulas, our home base, is a small city. Primary Care Team travels by truck each day to rural mountain villages outside Esquipulas.</p> <p>Haiti: Gros Morne, in the north, is our home base. Primary Care Team travels each day to rural sites and may also teach in schools / other locations.</p> <p>Jamaica: Kingston, The Primary Care Team travels each day to inner-city communities of Kingston and to rural settings along the southern coast.</p>	<p>All Primary Care Programs:</p> <p>Include family and community medicine, pediatrics and GYN, along with Pharm., PT and OT. MH, may be included.</p> <p>All teams also need persons with skills other than clinical skills. (Logistics: Supply Team; Teachers, Data input, General Support Services)</p>	<p>Education Program:</p> <p>Depending on the topics identified by our in- country partners and the bilingual expertise of our volunteers, we often provide educational seminars for community volunteers, professional and para-professionals in each country we serve. Topics such as Chronic Disease Management, Maternal-Child Health, STDs, Hygiene, Wound Care, Cancer Prevention, Eye Care, and Body Mechanics may be covered.</p>
<p>Peru: Chulucanas, a city in Northern Peru is our home base and primary clinic site. Service to mountain communities may be included in the primary care program. Some outpatient services may also be provided in Chulucanas.</p> <p>The surgery program utilizes the general hospital in Chulucanas.</p> <p>Primary Care teams may provide care in a quasi-clinic on the same campus where the team stays in Chulucanas or they may travel into the mountains to set up "clinic" as well as into local rural villages.</p>	<p>Primary Care Program: Same as above</p> <p>Surgery Program: General & Vascular, OB/GYN, and Plastics, Ophthalmology, and Podiatry. ENT Surgery may be included depending on resources and staff. Bio-Med Staff are always needed. Anesthesia Providers and O.R. Staff (Scrub / Circulating) for Pediatric as well as Adult Surgery are especially needed.</p>	<p>Primary Care Team: Same as above.</p> <p>Surgery Program: Education other than that in the OR depends on resources, demand and OR schedule each year.</p>

Global Health Volunteers serve with reliable in-country partners who provide safe housing, water, and meals.

Attachments – Please make sure you enclose all these items with your MAILED application

Applications are not complete until all required attachments have been received.

- Ranked Mission choices in Section. (You may be requested to consider a team not your first choice)
- Letter of Recommendation from a supervisor or peer (not a relative)
- Personal Motivation Statement (see page 2)
- Licensed Clinicians- Please include **a copy of your current professional license**
- All Physicians and Nurses volunteering for Peru and/or Jamaica
WE MUST HAVE CLEAR COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:
 - Copy of your Professional School Diploma [Medical School or Nursing School]
 - Copy of any Professional Certification
 - Copy of your current clinical license
 - Abbreviated 1-PAGE Resumé [Education and Work Experience only]

- Copy of Photo page of your passport – Photo must be clear and in color. Please send US Mail, NOT Email/Fax**

Please do not try to upload and send us a photo of your passport or other documents. Uploaded photos become distorted in internet or faxed transmission. They are not able to be clearly read and often rejected.

- \$25.00 Application Fee (*Please make checks payable to **Global Health Ministry***).

If you are connected to a Trinity Health ministry and/or CHS or BayCare Ministry, please inform the Mission Leader BEFORE you send this application. Also, please verify with your supervisor that you will have the necessary PTO time. We are a member of / affiliate of these organizations and follow their policies & procedures. Trinity Health Regional Health Ministries may have a pre-application process for colleagues in their organizations.

Some Regional Health Ministries of Trinity Health provide some form of support for colleagues participating on a **Global Health Volunteers** Mission because **Global Health Volunteers is recognized as the official international volunteer program of Trinity Health** system. Ask your Mission Leader if any support is available for GHV team members.

Volunteer Time Requirements:

Pre-Trip: All accepted applicants are expected to participate in the scheduled Orientation.

Traveling: **All team members** are expected to arrive in the country within the assigned time so that everyone can clear customs within the designated 24 hour time period. Persons wishing to add "tourist" time to their mission should do so **after the mission** and never before the mission. We need every team member to carry mission supplies to the country, so you need to go through customs with the Global Health team when Health Office officials are there specifically for our team. Also, you need to arrive at the final destination to be with the team on transport arranged for the team.

Responsibility for Finances and Supplies – Do not let costs keep you from applying. Some grant funding is available. Also, we provide fundraising ideas and materials to help volunteers.

Volunteers are expected to cover costs (via personal donation, fundraising/ sponsorship):

PROJECTED COST PER VOLUNTEER: (Note: Peru involves 2 separate flights: US-Lima + Lima to Piura in the North)

<i>Mission Location</i>	<i>*Program Costs</i> (in addition to airfare)	<i>“Average” Airfare</i>
<i>Haiti & Guatemala</i>	\$800	700
<i>Jamaica</i>	\$900	\$700
<i>Peru Missions</i>	\$900 (June) \$1,000 (Oct)	\$900 to \$1,500

***Program Costs: Paid to GHM:** covers, housing, food, ground transport, security, and a contribution toward the cost of medical services provided to our patients, including follow-up care.

Airfare Costs are based on current rates and are fairly unpredictable – Cost depends on your home base.

Additional Personal Expenses vary per person covering: Meals during international travel, Day Off expenses, laundry expense, and personal purchases. Totals can range from \$250 to \$500/more.

COMMITMENT STATEMENT:

If selected as a team member, I agree to contribute/help fund raise to cover these expenses and also assist Global Health in acquiring the medicines, and supplies required for our mission.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Next Steps

MANY TEAMS ARE FILLED 6 MONTHS BEFORE THE MISSION, SO DO NOT DELAY APPLYING !

However, there is NO DEADLINE for applications. We continue to accept applications as long as we need to fill a team position. All positions are filled on a first-come, first-chosen basis among those who are equally qualified, with priority consideration given to those connected to Trinity Health, BayCare, CHS, or one of our long-term partner organizations, including Mercy Medical Center (Baltimore, MD), First-Hand Foundation, Mercy Health or adults who have relatives on the team.

Most NEW applicants are contacted to participate in a 30 minute telephone conversation.

Every effort will be made to make sure that all applicants receive notice of their status as soon as possible. Those chosen for a team will be notified by email and receive Orientation information.

A "Registration Fee" of \$50 will be required at Orientation.

Please send the completed, signed application, attachments, and \$25 application fee as soon as possible to:

**Global Health Volunteers
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THANK YOU!

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