



# VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Haiti \* Guatemala \* Jamaica \* Peru \*

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_ Please check:  Male or  Female

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Check if Retired:** \_\_\_\_\_ (and skip the next 4 lines)

Facility/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Location (City and State): \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Personal Motivation

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

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

<u>Mission Location &amp; Service Focus</u> <b>UPCOMING TEAMS</b>	<u>Dates of Mission</u> (lv US to arv US)	<u>Orientation</u> (at GHV Ofc /via Conf/Video Call)	<u>Choice</u>
We will notify all applicants of any date changes or confirmations when they occur.			
<b>Jamaica, Kingston</b> – <u>Primary Care</u>	<b>1/24 to 2/2, 2025</b>	Thurs 7-9 pm Sep 26, 2024	
<b>Guatemala, Esquipulas-</b> <u>Primary Care</u>	<b>3/21 to 3/30, 2025</b>	Thurs 7-9 pm Jan 9, 2025	
<b>Peru, Chulucanas</b> – <u>Primary Care and Surgery</u>	<b>6/13 to 6/27, 2025</b>	Sat Feb 15, 2025 8:45 a.m.- 12 p.m.	
<b>USA, Edison, NJ</b> – Help inventory and pack supplies and equipment that will be sent to Chulucanas.	<b>9am to Noon, Sat., July 20, 2024</b> In Edison, NJ (No Orientation) Email marie.robson@trinity-health.org		
<b>Peru, Chulucanas</b> – <u>Primary Care and Surgery</u>	<b>10/10 to 10/25, 2025</b>	Sat. March 8, 2025 8:45a.m.- 12 p.m.	
<b>Jamaica, Kingston</b> – <u>Primary Care</u>	<b>1/23 to 2/1, 2026</b>	Fall 2025 TBD 7-9pm On a Thurs	

**BRIEF OVERVIEW OF MISSION LOCATIONS AND PROGRAMS**

<u>Location</u>	<u>Clinical Program</u>	<u>Education Program / Special Notes</u>
<p><b><u>Guatemala:</u> Esquipulas</b>, our home base, is a small city. Primary Care Team rides in back bed of a truck daily to rural mountain villages outside Esquipulas.</p> <p><b><u>Jamaica:</u> Kingston</b>, The Primary Care Team travels by van each day to inner-city communities of Kingston. Rural communities may also be service sites.</p>	<p><b>All Primary Care Programs:</b></p> <p>Family and community medicine, pediatrics and GYN, along with Pharmacy, PT and OT. MH, may be included.</p> <p>All teams also need persons with skills other than clinical skills. (Logistics: Interpreters, Supply Team; Teachers, Data input, General Support Services )</p>	<p><b>Education Program:</b></p> <p>Depending on the topics identified by our in- country partners and the bilingual expertise of our volunteers, we may provide educational seminars for community volunteers, professional and para-professionals on topics such as Chronic Disease Management, Maternal-Child Health, STDs, Hygiene, Wound Care, Cancer Prevention, Eye Care, and Body Mechanics..</p>
<p><b><u>Peru:</u> Chulucanas</b>, a city in Northern Peru is our home base and primary clinic site. Most of the team provides care in Chulucanas, on or close to the same campus where the team stays. A few team members may travel and stay in mountain villages where they set up "clinic".</p>	<p><b>Primary Care Program:</b> Same as above</p> <p><b>Surgery Program:</b> General &amp; Vascular, OB/GYN, Plastics, and Podiatry. Surgeons, Anesthesia Providers and O.R. Staff for Pediatric &amp; Adult Surgery.</p>	<p><b>Primary Care Team:</b> Same as above.</p> <p><b>Surgery Program:</b> One-on-one during Pre/Post OP</p>

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

\*We are suspending missions to Haiti until the current political and civil unrest improves.

**Applications should be received at Global Health AT LEAST 4 weeks before Orientation.**

Applications may be submitted all year long, even many months prior to the mission.

## **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. \_\_\_\_\_

## **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. ***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 often not very 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)

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**, how do you mitigate the problem?

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

- Proof of Covid-19 Vaccination**
- Letter of Recommendation from a Supervisor/Co-worker.
- Personal Motivation Statement (see page 1)
- Licensed Clinicians** on ALL Missions- Please include **a copy of your current professional license**
- All Physicians and Nurses volunteering for Peru and/or Jamaica  
WE MUST ALSO HAVE CLEAR COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:
  - Copy of your Professional School Diploma [Medical School or Nursing School]
  - Abbreviated 1 PAGE Resume [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 by the country.
- \$25.00 Application Fee (*Please make checks payable to **Global Health Ministry***).
- If you are an employee or on staff at a Trinity Health, BayCare or Catholic Health System, please check this box to verify that you have notified your Mission Dept. that you are applying to be on a GHM mission team [ thank you!]

**All volunteers: please verify with your supervisor that you will have the necessary PTO time. If you are connected to a Trinity Health ministry and/or CHS, Buffalo or a BayCare Ministry, please inform the Mission Leader BEFORE you send this application.** 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.

**Volunteer Time Requirements:**

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

Orientation materials sent beforehand provide information that answer most questions you may have, including what you need to do pre-trip, where you will be staying and working, what to bring, etc. Flight options and travel plans as well as expenses and fund raising are also discussed.

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 cost keep you from applying. Some grant funding is available. Also, we provide fundraising ideas and materials to help volunteers raise funds.

Orientation materials include a list of medications and supplies needed for the mission. EVERY team member is asked to help acquire these supplies and to report them to GHM's Program Manager as they are obtained.

**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>Jamaica,</i>	\$900	700
<i>Guatemala</i>	\$800	\$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, travel insurance, 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.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

[This is the end of the application form – Please save a copy for reference]

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **Next Steps**

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

**However, there is NO DEADLINE for applications.** 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), and First-Hand Foundation.

Most NEW applicants are contacted to participate in a 30 minute telephone/Zoom 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 7-10 days prior to the Orientation meeting.

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

**Global Health Volunteers  
3805 West Chester Pike - Suite 100 Newtown Square, PA 19073**

**THANK YOU!**

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