



# 2010 VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

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

Please complete all sections and add all requested attachments. Consideration of your application will be given only after the **application, \$25 fee, and required attachments** are received.

*Please print or write legibly.*

**Thank you!**

## Section 1: Personal Information

Please Print Name: (as it appears on passport): \_\_\_\_\_

Suffix(es) Examples: MD, RN, OSF, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Country of passport: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date Passport Expires is: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your passport valid and without restrictions for travel to any of our mission communities? ( ) Yes ( ) No

If restricted, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname/Name by which you prefer to be addressed by teammates \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail you use: \_\_\_\_\_ (PRINT CLEARLY)

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

## Section 2: Employment Information

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Employed (There): \_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your current position/job title: \_\_\_\_\_ Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Specialties (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**Clinical Professionals** are asked to include a **copy of their resume** so we know the various skills of each applicant.

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 3: Language Proficiency- If you speak Spanish, Creole or French, please complete below:

Language: \_\_\_\_\_  Minimal  Conversational  Fluent  Read  Write

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#### Section 4: Previous Volunteer Experience

Have you previously applied to Global Health Ministry mission? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (If **Yes**, please list year and country of your last GHM mission.) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been a team member on another International Health Team? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_  
(If **Yes**, please list 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 outline this service. Please include the years and city & country where you performed volunteer service.

#### Section 5: 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. Sunday is only day off. Sleeping environments are clean and adequate, but not usually 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? No \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ If yes, please give details (including vegetarians)

Please list known allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications Currently Used: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Sickness: Many Global Health teams travel daily by truck or van *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? \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes If yes, what prevents or helps mitigate the problem? \_\_\_\_\_

*All applicants who are accepted for a team will be given a medical clearance form to submit to Global Health.*

#### Section 6: Personal Motivation (Skip if you **applied** for a GHM team in the past four years)

1. 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, unless you have been on a recent Global Health team)**

**Section 7: Mission Sites & Times\*** Rank each mission in the order of Preference (1= 1<sup>st</sup> choice, etc.)

Mission Location and Overview of Volunteers Needed	Pre-Mission Orientation	Dates of Mission	Rank
<b>Guatemala, Esquipulas - Primary Care</b> <b>Need:</b> PC Practitioners fluent in Spanish; Nurses and other Clinical Support Staff; Translators; Support Staff; Dental and Optometry Practitioners, Pharmacy and Support Staff.	February 18, 2010 Thurs. 7-9 pm (Conference Call)	Apr 16 – Apr 30 2010	
<b>Peru, Chulucanas - Primary Care</b> <b>Need:</b> PC Practitioners fluent / conversational in Spanish; PT/OT Practitioners; Nurses and other Clinical Support Staff; Translators; Bio-Med or Surgical Tech; Pharmacy and General Support Staff.	Sat March 27, 2010 In Philadelphia area	June 18 – July 2, 2010	
<b>Peru-Chulucanas - Surgical and Primary Care</b> <b>Need: For Surgery:</b> Anesthesiology Practitioners - Gyn., Gen. Surg, Plastics, Ophthalmology and Podiatry Surgeons - Scrub and Circ staff; Post-Op Staff, RNs/PAs fluent / conversational in Spanish - Nurses and other Clinical Support Staff; Bio-Med/Surgical Tech – Supply Chain. <b>Need for Prim. Care:</b> [Same as above June Primary Team]	Sat May 22, 2010 in Philadelphia Area	Oct 29 – Nov. 13, 2010	
<b>Haiti— Gros Morne - Primary Care</b> <b>Need:</b> PC Practitioners; Clinicians fluent / conversational in Haitian Creole; PT/OT Practitioners; Nurses and other Clinical Support Staff; Translators; General Support Staff.	Sat May 22, 2010 In Philadelphia area	Nov 12 – Nov 21, 2010	
<b>Haiti—Port au Prince - Hospital Updating Project</b> <b>Need:</b> Clinical & Operations Leaders; Bio-med professionals; & clinicians fluent in French/Creole.	Conference Call 4 to 6 wks prior to trip.	<u>Periodic 3-day trips</u> Serve in an Advisory Role	
<b>Jamaica, Kingston - Primary Care</b> <b>Need:</b> PC Practitioners; PT/OT Practitioners; Nurses and other Clinical Support Staff; General Support Staff.	September 16, 2010 Thurs. 7-9 pm (Conference Call)	Jan. 15 – 26, 2011	

**BRIEF OVERVIEW OF MISSION LOCATIONS AND PROGRAMS**

Location	Clinical Program	Education Program / Special Notes
<p><b>Guatemala: Esquipulas</b>, our home base, is a small city. Team travels by truck each day to rural villages outside Esquipulas.</p> <p><b>Haiti:</b> Gros Morne, in the north, is our home base. Primary Care Team travels each day to rural and urban sites. <b>Hospital Teams</b> will work with Hospital St Francis de Sales in Port au Prince to assess needs and give technical support &amp; advice.</p> <p><b>Jamaica: Kingston</b>, The team travels each day from a school campus setting to the Trenchtown communities of inner- city Kingston and/or other poor community settings.</p>	<p><b>Primary Care Programs:</b> Usually family and community medicine, including Ob/Gyn and Peds, along with Physical and Occupational Medicine, Optometry (Guat. and Peru) and Dentistry (Guat.). Other services such as Podiatry, Mental Health, and ENT may be included.</p> <p><b>Hospital Support Program:</b> Global Health and other organizations in the US are partnering with St. Francis de Sales upgrade all major services and train staff. <b>Bio-Med staff are especially needed to help.</b></p>	<p><b>Education Program:</b> Depending on the topics identified by our in country partners and the expertise of our volunteers, GHM staff provide educational seminars for community volunteers, professional and para-professionals in each country we serve. Topics such as Diabetes Management, Maternal-Child Health, STDs, Hygiene, Cancer Prevention and Body Mechanics / Exercise may be covered. Patient, student, and community education programs are often included.</p>
<p><b>Peru: Chulucanas</b>, 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. Primary Care teams serving local communities may travel with the surgery team.</p>	<p><b>Primary Care Program:</b> as above</p> <p><b>Surgery Program:</b> General &amp; Vascular, OB/GYN, and Plastics. Ophthalmology, ENT and Podiatric Surgery may be included depending on resources and staff. <b>Bio-Med staff are especially needed to help in 2009.</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Care Team:</b> Same as above, with a special emphasis on Maternal-Child Health education programs for health promoters and the community.</p> <p><b>Surgery Program:</b> Education other than that in the OR depends on resources, demand and OR schedule each year.</p>

**Section 8: Attachments – Please make sure you enclose all these items with your application**

- Ranked Mission choices in Section 7. (About 50% of 1st time volunteers do not end up at their first choice)
- Copy of your resume (*Skip if you applied for a GHM team in the past five years unless major changes noted*)
- Detailed response to question in Section 6. (*Skip if you applied for a GHM team in the past five years*)
- Copy of Photo page of your passport – Photo must be clear and in color. DO NOT FAX.**
- \$25.00 Application Fee (*Please make checks payable to Global Health Ministry*)

**Letters of Recommendation:**

- A personal reference letter\* (Skip if you applied for a GHM team in the past five years).
- Employees of a CHE/CHS/BAYCARE Health System organization:  
Please ask your Mission Executive if they have a specific process for applying for a GHM team.  
GHM is a member of / affiliate of these organizations and we try to follow their policies & procedures.  
Email Sr. Mary Jo [mmcginley@che.org] if you need the name and/or contact info for your Mission Executive.

**Section 9: Agreement & Commitment to Responsibility for Finances and Supplies**

**WE NEED EVERY VOLUNTEER TO HELP US GATHER THE MEDICINES AND SUPPLIES NEEDED AND TO PERSONALLY CONTRIBUTE AND / OR FUNDRAISE TO COVER THE DIRECT EXPENSES.**

**This includes** all employees of Catholic Health East organizations, BayCare, and CHS in Buffalo.

**All volunteers are expected to cover (by personal donation or fundraising):**

(Direct Mission Expenses average between \$1,500 and \$2,200, per volunteer depending on flight costs and team size.)

We provide fundraising ideas and materials for volunteers to help them in any way possible.

- ▶ Due to some airline requirements, many volunteers MUST purchase their own flights.

Direct expenses include the following:

- **All Airfares (Total Cost ranges from \$500 to \$1500, Peru is the most expensive mission)**
- **Services provided to you (housing, meals, security, transportation, etc (range = \$50-\$80 day)**

In addition, volunteers are expected to cover all expenses they will incur while on the way to and from the mission (fees, meals, hotels, etc.) and also expenses on the team day off. (usually \$20 to \$40 per person)

**If I am 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, supplies, and sponsors required for our mission.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 10: Next Steps**

GHM staff will review all completed applications as they are received. Applicants who match current needs may be asked to participate in a phone interview. Every effort will be made to make sure that all applicants will receive written notice of the status of their application no later than March 27, 2010.

All applicants will be notified if: **1) You are on a 2010 team; 2) You are not on a 2010 team; or; 3) You are not assigned to a team, but are on standby for a team.** [We usually end up taking 2 or 3 “standbys” each year.]

2010 Team Members will receive additional information when they receive their notification letter.

**Please copy this page and keep it until you have received your status notification letter.**

Please send the completed, signed application, attachments, and fee before **January 31, 2010** to:

**Global Health Ministry  
3805 West Chester Pike - Suite 100  
Newtown Square, PA 19073  
THANK YOU!**