



## THE OPPORTUNITY

**We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world – together.**

Through our missionaries, companion churches and partner agencies, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) works to proclaim the love of God and practice the gift of healing.

Through **Lutheran Global Health Volunteers** you can use your professional skills and knowledge to help global neighbors who might otherwise have difficulty accessing health care.

The **Lutheran Global Health Volunteers** program matches practicing or retired health care professionals with short-term medical mission opportunities. Most volunteers will take on one- to three-month service assignments in the areas of health education and medical services, working hand in hand with our Lutheran partners across the world. Initial sites are in rural areas of Liberia, India and Tanzania – at places like Curran, Parkijuli and Karatu Lutheran Hospitals.

At the heart of our global outreach is developing relationships. All Lutheran Global Health Volunteers are trained in accompaniment, which means walking together with others in solidarity, interdependence and mutuality. The ELCA will work with volunteers after an assignment so they understand how they can continue to make a contribution.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR

- Doctors
- Nurses
- Occupational Therapists
- Physical Therapists
- Dentists
- Hospital Administrators
- Facilities Engineers
- Health Educators
- Medical Records Librarians
- Information Technology Specialists
- And Others!



# LUTHERAN GLOBAL HEALTH VOLUNTEERS



*Short-term mission opportunities for people with health care experience*



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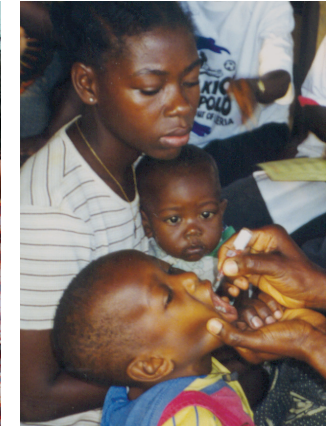
## THE NEED

Health care is neither easily accessible nor affordable for many living in remote villages and poor urban areas. Often nearby clinics and hospitals only have basic facilities. Because of this, poverty creates a barrier to accessing quality health care.

**Lutheran Global Health Volunteers bridge this barrier for families and individuals in need.**

## LUTHERAN GLOBAL HEALTH VOLUNTEERS

- **Serve** in health fields and locations identified by the ELCA's partner institutions.
- **Work together** with local health care workers at public walk-in clinics serving vulnerable populations.
- **Assist** local doctors and nurses with new treatments and techniques for hard-to-treat injuries, anomalies and rare diseases.
- **Deliver** lectures to increase local medical literacy on prenatal care, HIV and AIDS and other relevant topics.
- **Shadow** a doctor, a nurse, a therapist or another local health care worker to provide basic patient care.
- **Help develop** medical records systems using available technologies.
- **Assist** health care administrators with financial or human resource procedures.



## REQUIREMENTS

- Retired or active health care personnel with current licensure/professional accreditation (if required for practice in the United States) and experience that matches requests from partner ministries.
- Initiative, enthusiasm and readiness to work in unfamiliar circumstances to help others in need.

*While not employees, Lutheran Global Health Volunteers are considered global personnel of the ELCA, and are expected to reflect the values of this church and respect the faith and standards of our partners. A clear background check is required and volunteers are subject to the personnel policies of the ELCA.*

## SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTEERS

- Housing is provided by an ELCA companion church or partner (there may be a small charge).
- Volunteers receive basic overseas medical insurance (if requested), visa and work permits required for the period of service.
- Volunteers are responsible for their transportation, local living costs, passport and inoculation fees.

## GET INVOLVED

To volunteer or request more information, contact us at 800-638-3522, ext. 2655, or [Lutheran.Health@elca.org](mailto:Lutheran.Health@elca.org).

More details and volunteer applications are available online at [www.ELCA.org/LutheranGlobalHealthVolunteers](http://www.ELCA.org/LutheranGlobalHealthVolunteers).