

YOU CAN HELP!



Health care professionals like you can make a difference in any number of ways. You can pray for health needs and health care projects. You can find out what is going on in health care ministries around the world and become aware of the needs.

Examples of current opportunities include:

- Volunteer on a two-week overseas medical or dental trip
- Help with the “extreme makeover” renovation of Sanyati Baptist hospital in Zimbabwe
- Provide first aid training for community leaders in a developing nation
- Receive specialized disaster response training
- Join a disaster response team in your state and be on call when a need arises
- Commit several months to covering for a doctor temporarily returning stateside
- Spend eight weeks as a Medical Receptor, which gives medical students practical experience and school credit for volunteer service

As you learn about needs, make yourself available if God asks you to go with a medical team or to a medical institution. You can be involved in patient care, public health projects or medical education. You also can become equipped to respond when disaster strikes.

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RESCUE THE PERISHING

HEALTH CARE IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF MEETING HUMAN NEEDS – AND THE NEED IS OVERWHELMING.

Diarrheal diseases kill about 2 million small children each year. About 4 million people die each year from acute respiratory infections such as influenza and pneumonia. A full 45 percent of deaths in poor communities of Southeast Asia and Africa are caused by infectious diseases. One-third of the world's population does not have access to essential drugs.

All around the world, the need for health care professionals is staggering. In many countries of sub-Saharan Africa, for example, there are fewer than three doctors per 10,000 people. When God has given us the skills and tools to help, how can we not reach out in love and rescue those who are perishing?

‘SO MUCH HOPE’

Louphine Demorcy is moved by the tenderness with which Merry Holt bandages her arm and leg.

Louphine lost parts of both limbs during Haiti's January 2010 earthquake, when her small store was reduced to a pile of broken concrete. Holt, a 62-year-old nurse from First Baptist Church in Norfolk, Va., is part of a six-member BGR medical team that served in Haiti through Baptist Global Response.

“Nurse Merry is always an encouragement to me,” Demorcy says. “She tries to get me to overcome the situation that I’m in. She always sings with us and tries to keep stress from overwhelming us.”

Once she’s finished changing bandages, Holt takes time to teach a song to Demorcy and other patients before moving on to other wards. Smiles spread across patients’ faces as they sing; Holt’s beams with affection. “I’m amazed at what God does through the smallest little gesture,” she says. “There is so much hope in this camp. More today than when I arrived ... because the physical healing is taking place -- and their souls are being healed, too.... I’m so blessed to be a part of it.”

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A HEALING TOUCH

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS ARE WHOLEHEARTEDLY ENGAGED IN HEALING MINISTRY OVERSEAS – bringing physical, mental and spiritual wholeness to hurting, suffering people. We follow the example of Jesus, who modeled healing ministry and commanded His followers to care for “the least of these.”

In partnership with a variety of groups, Baptist Global Response offers opportunities for health care professionals to live out the compassion of Christ with people in desperate need.



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focused exclusively on providing medical care to people in need, others enabling medical professionals to address broader physical, emotional and spiritual needs.