



# HEALTH TEAMS INTERNATIONAL (CANADA)

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***Today is the oldest you have ever been and the youngest you will ever be.  
Is today the day you will decide to serve on a medical mission team?***

Have you ever wondered who the people are who join Health Teams International's medical mission teams? Do you think that you must be a healthcare professional to join one of our teams? Do you have the impression that our mission trips are all work and no play? Do you have the impression that it is so expensive that you cannot afford to take up the challenge? Well, here are some answers to these questions:

In addition to medical doctors, dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, nurses, and optical workers, we use the services of pharmacists, jack-of-all-trades volunteers, evangelistic workers, and specialty youth workers like Youth With a Mission. We have even had veterinarians with us in Mongolia and Benin. Our ages have ranged from 14 (a daughter assisting her dentist/dad) to several 75-year-olds.

Because many of our mission trips are to some very interesting countries around the world and most of our teams members give up their annual vacation to join us, our team leaders take the opportunity to be "tourists" for two or three days at the end of the mission, visiting sites like The Great Wall of China, the Taj Mahal, Machu Picchu,

It is not too costly to accompany us on a mission trip. Costs range from \$2,500 to \$3,100 and include all expenses—travel, accommodations, and meals.

Do you have to be a citizen of Canada or the US to join a certain team? No, because HTI Canada and the U. S. work in partnership with each other, filling our teams with members of each other's volunteer database.

**Here are opportunities for you to join a team.**

Dates	Location	Leader	Team Needs
February 2012 April 2012 June 2012	North Africa Brazil Ghana	Dr. Joe Nawrocki, MD 817-480-5111 <a href="http://www.RMO.org">www.RMO.org</a>	Details for each of these trips can be found on the Rock's Medical Outreach website
Mar. 17 - 31	Cameroon	Dr. Jim Okamoto, MD 425-445-3172 <a href="mailto:jimokamoto@mac.com">jimokamoto@mac.com</a>	MDs, nurses
July 3 - 22	Uganda	Dr. Bill Johanson, MD 828-432-8042 <a href="mailto:johanson5481@charter.net">johanson5481@charter.net</a>	Dentists, nurses, opticians, MDs.
TO BE ANNOUNCED	Cambodia	Dr. Tom Harle, DDS 414-1335 Carling Avenue Ottawa, ON K1Z 8N8 613-591-9902	Dentists, dental hygienists, MDs, optometrist/optician, nurses, ophthalmologist
July 8 - 22	Honduras	Dr. Richard Charlick 810-923-2223 <a href="mailto:ddchar@earthlink.net">ddchar@earthlink.net</a>	MD/PA, nurses, opticians, dentists
October (TBD) (In planning stage)	China	Gerald Roussie 613-836-6654 <a href="mailto:roussie@sympatico.ca">roussie@sympatico.ca</a>	Dentists, dental hygienists, MDs, optometrist, nurses, ophthalmologist

**If you are not ready to join one of these teams right now, why not contact Dr. Richard Charlick, President of HTI-US at [ddchar@earthlink.net](mailto:ddchar@earthlink.net) or call him at 810-923-2223 or Gerald Roussie, Executive Director of HTI in Canada at [htimissionsteam@gmail.com](mailto:htimissionsteam@gmail.com) or 613-836-6654 to let either know that you are interested in future mission trips.**



## REPORT FROM MYANMAR

Dr. Richard Charlick just returned from a mission to Myanmar with a group of healthcare workers and reported that it was a successful trip and provided the team with great blessings by meeting the needs of hundreds of Burmese citizens. He has another trip planned for January 19 to February 3, 2013 and can use the assistance of MDs, nurses, dentists, optical workers and others. Why not contact him now to reserve your spot on his team. Doctor Charlick has led teams to Myanmar many times before and has found the work to be safe, rewarding and beneficial to so many Burmese citizens who have almost no access to healthcare.

## OPPORTUNITIES IN CAMBODIA AND CHINA IN 2012



We are recruiting volunteers to join HTI-Canada on a mission to Cambodia in late 2012. We are seeking a dentist, an MD, and an optometrist. Our trip to China in the fall of 2012 is in its planning stage, and we are looking for a dentist, dental assistant, medical doctor, nurse, and optometrist. Experiences have shown that a team of ten is ideal to offer these clinics, so it is important that you express your interest as soon as possible. Contact Dr. Tom Harle for more information ([tomharle@sympatico.ca](mailto:tomharle@sympatico.ca)) about the Cambodia trip.

Previously, we have had long line-ups for our services, and our clinics have been beneficial in supporting a local pastor's outreach initiatives. Gerald Roussie has joined or led teams to China six times in different areas of China and sees the need to provide healthcare services on a continuing basis to those who may never have an opportunity to get the care they need. Contact him at [htimissionteams@gmail.com](mailto:htimissionteams@gmail.com) for more details.

**DR. DALE AND MARY ANN LOUIS IN LIBERIA**

Dr. Dale and Mary Ann, HTI Board members from Colorado, recently returned from their longest-ever dental mission trip to Liberia where they served more than 1,500 people. Liberia is in need of more healthcare attention due to the prevalence of diabetes, malaria, parasitic worms, hypertension, and a variety of infections. Their report told of dental patients with large tumors that required a hospital setting for removal. In one instance, a man came in carrying his hernia in his two hands. For a week, they worked deep into the interior of the country working in rural villages and towns. In the process of rebuilding because of the brutal civil war that had occurred, it leads the way in being among the poorest and neediest places in Africa. They felt that their time in Liberia was very special and are contemplating returning again next year. There are so many more needs to be met. If you would like information on the work remaining in Liberia, you can e-mail them at [drdalelouis@msn.com](mailto:drdalelouis@msn.com).

**DONATING TO HEALTH TEAMS INTERNATIONAL**

Your contributions to Health Teams International are greatly appreciated. Thank you so much. Without your financial involvement, we could not continue to serve the poor, provide them with the healthcare they need, or bring the message of God's salvation to them.

Automatically donating to HTI on a regular monthly basis is convenient and assures that your support to our healthcare missions is consistent. Why not contact our Assistant Treasurer, Betty Evans at 918-694-0633 or by e-mailing her at [bjehesed@hotmail.com](mailto:bjehesed@hotmail.com) and she will tell you what needs to be done. Of course, mail-in contributions can be sent to the HTI address shown below.

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