



MEDSEND CLASS OF OCTOBER 2011

These healthcare professionals are approved for MedSend grants and ready to serve – as soon as their grants are funded. Without your help, they can't go!

Jodi Boyd, BSN, RN

Location: Togo, West Africa

Assignment: Manage OR and train nurses and staff.

Call: "My goal is to see that every patient who comes through the door of the hospital and clinic hears about the God who loves and His Son Jesus Christ."



Andrew G.*, MS

Location: Horn of Africa

Assignment: As an epidemiologist, will help set up an HIV and chronic disease clinic in a maternity hospital.

Call: "Many times over my life I've asked God for a sign as to what I should do and every time, He somewhat abruptly and inescapably hit me over the head with the answer: (Horn of Africa). Each time I think back on those answers there remains no doubt in my mind as to that calling."



*Name withheld for security reasons

Jennifer G.*, BSN, RN

Location: North Africa

Assignment: Will serve in a free medical clinic for locals and nomadic tribespeople.

Call: "While in the Peace Corps in Uganda, I received a clear word from God that I would return home to be a nurse and serve Him on the mission field."



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Cherie Igielski, DVM, MPH

Location: Ethiopia

Assignment: As women's outreach coordinator will teach animal husbandry and community health to a remote people group.

Call: "I cannot wait to share my passion and love for God among the Gumuz people so that they might be ignited by the flames and come to know Him as well."

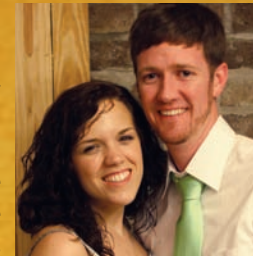


Amy Jean, PA

Location: USA

Assignment: Will serve as a physician assistant at a faith-based clinic for working people unable to afford health insurance.

Call: "I have always felt a call to serve the poor and underserved... I count it a pure blessing to be able to serve the patients at this clinic."



Jean Kapsner, BSN, RN

Location: Horn of Africa

Assignment: As part of a team developing a community health education program for nomadic people, she will train women to be community health educators.

Call: "Now that I know He is calling me, and has given me the gifts to go, I can't imagine not going. Some go and some send, but we all must be involved."



Maureen McAlhaney, MD

Location: Nigeria

Assignment: Will serve as a general surgeon at a mission hospital.

Call: "I felt God calling me into full-time ministry when I was fifteen... He has kept the fire for missions burning in me in spite of the long years of medical school and residency."



Laura Smelter, MD

Location: Nigeria

Assignment: Will serve as a family physician at a mission hospital and will oversee the family practice residency program.

Call: "In fourth grade, I announced to my incredulous family, 'I want to be a missionary when I grow up.' The vision of sharing Christ's love with the nations and being a tangible expression of His hands and feet stayed with me throughout my schooling."



Jessica Speares, PA, MPH

Location: USA

Assignment: Will serve as a physician assistant and public health practitioner at several faith-based clinics for uninsured and underinsured patients.

Call: "I committed my life to Christ at 15... My educational and vocational choices have been made in light of a desire to serve the medically underserved in service to God."



Brett Wagner, OD

Location: Coastal western Africa

Assignment: Will screen and treat eye patients on a Christian medical ship.

Call: "God has given me a vision to fuse the two great passions of my life – serving in missions and optometry – to work in conjunction to further His kingdom."



Amanda Martin, BSN, RN

Place of Service: Gabon

Assignment: Will serve at a mission hospital providing care, teaching nurses and doing community health.

Call: "When I was 10, I committed to go or do whatever it was God would ask of me for my life. Two years later, He seemed to indicate that that was overseas medical missions."



Melanie W.*, MSN, FNP

Place of Service: Middle East

Assignment: Medical coordinator for workers in her agency. Will also work with nationals.

Call: "At 13, I felt the Lord place a calling on my life for missionary service... He has equipped me with the education to get behind closed doors to reach His lost sheep."



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GRANT RENEWALS

MedSend is focused on enabling the service of career healthcare missionaries.

We are especially pleased to approve renewal grants for the following group of seasoned healthcare professionals:

Judith B.*, MSN, RN
 C.H.*, MPH, PA-C
 Y.J.*, DDS
 Michelle Kiprop, MSN, FNP
 Karen Neiswender, BSN, RN, MPH
 Chris Zoolkoski, MD, MScEd

Nurse serving in Eastern Europe
 Physician assistant serving in North Africa
 Dentist serving in North Africa
 Family nurse practitioner serving in Kenya
 Public health professional serving in Bolivia
 Surgeon serving in Niger

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