Volunteering with Medical Teams International:
Being an Ambassador of Compassion with Dr. Neumann

Following Nepal’s devastating earthquake of 2015, Dr. Paul Neumann was Medical Teams’ first volunteer doctor to hike the Himalayan foothills in search of the sick and injured. In the rural highlands, villages lay in rubble. Hurting and scared people slept outside, nursing their injuries as aftershocks rumbled beneath them.

As a member of the “first-in team,” Dr. Neumann viewed himself as an ambassador of compassion, an outsider working closely with locals to bring lasting health to those in need. In Nepal, Dr. Neumann treated wounds both physical and emotional.

In places like Nepal, Bangladesh or Uganda, where health care is insufficient to meet the needs of people in crisis, you can make a difference.

This is the work Dr. Neumann had wanted to do ever since he was 5 years old. With Medical Teams, he’s been deployed five times, to some of the harshest places in the world, places like Somalia, Uganda and Lebanon.

His recommendation to potential volunteers is “just do it.” Every deployment has its special moments. In Somalia that moment happened when a woman – after Dr. Neumann and his team helped her sick child – said through a translator:

“Thank you! This is the first time anyone has done anything for me.”

Those words stuck with Dr. Neumann, and he remembers them whenever he’s deployed.

Serve as a Volunteer like Dr. Neumann!

Are you a medical professional with a heart for refugees, women & children, and survivors of natural & man-made disasters? Medical Teams International seeks medically-licensed volunteers for our Global Programs and Humanitarian Response Roster to bring basic but life-saving medical care and to restore wholeness in a hurting world. Going where we’re needed most, we ease the suffering of those devastated by crises. We mobilize staff and volunteers quickly – entering places of turmoil, disease, and natural disaster – to save lives and leave communities healthier.

We are currently recruiting for our program in Bangladesh responding to the Rohingya refugee crisis as well as for our Humanitarian Response Roster. We require all our volunteers to be currently licensed, have the ability to travel for up to 8 weeks at a time, and to have previous international experience in their field of practice in a lower-resource setting or in an emergency response in order to serve on a team with us.


For more information on our volunteer opportunities and on how to apply, visit: https://www.medicalteams.org/volunteer/