



Global Health Ministries

Newsletter

Because all people should have access to a healthy life.

Photo, Graduates at Aira School of Nursing and Midwifery, Ethiopia

Investing in Education



Community Health Worker training, TZ

Health workers are special people. Often they choose this career because they are genuinely seeking ways to improve people's lives, to change the world. Many associated with GHM are intentionally

striving to serve God. This rings true in high-income countries and low- and middle-income countries alike.

Yet, the World Health Organization (WHO) projects a shortfall of 15 million health workers by 2030, and most of that shortage will be in low- and lower-middle income countries. One of the biggest reasons is a lack of resources to study, to learn, and to serve as a health worker. The chronic under-investment in education and training of health workers is a major barrier to access to health in most of GHM's partner countries.

Last year, through your donations

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*Hold on to instruction,
do not let it go; guard it well,
for it is your life.*

~ Proverbs 4:13

At the end of 2020, ELCA medical missionary Dr. Mark Jacobson estimated that over 30 years GHM had facilitated 211 scholarships for healthworkers associated with Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre in Tanzania. He put the value at more than \$1M.

"I don't think we can ever overstate the impact this history of partnership has had on the development of health care in the Lutheran Church in Tanzania and for the country as a whole."

~ Dr. Mark Jacobson

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GHM was able to offer education to 858 health workers in seven different countries.

For example, GHM sponsored 10 students at Aira School of Nursing and Midwifery in Ethiopia, including Sister Roman Temesgen, who is now part of the work force.

“Before my father died, he was a nurse and helped sick children. I watched him and started to question why do not I become a nurse. I competed for nursing at Aira Health College and succeeded by the fund support from GHM. Thanks to the Lord! After three years of extensive trainings, I succeeded in all exams and got an opportunity to be employed at Aira Hospital. Then my dream become real. I was wearing his gown & imitating him too.”

- Sister Roman Temesgen (Aira General Hospital Staff)



Sister Roman Temesgen in training, Aira, Ethiopia

This is a common story. Emmanuel Amos, a young medical student in Tanzania, could never have afforded medical school, but thanks to you, GHM is sponsoring his medical studies at Hubert Kairuki University.

Four surgeons began intensive training in Madagascar this year thanks to collaborative support from GHM and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). These four young surgeons are an investment in the future of the Malagasy Lutheran Health system (SALFA).

GHM support has also allowed the number of Community Health Nurse (CHN) students to triple this year in Madagascar! Among the new students is Elsiné. She saw many children and mothers die during pregnancy and childbirth during her own childhood and, with the help of a GHM scholarship, became a nurse to change that. Today, she's joining 20 other CHN students to focus on making an impact through community-based education and prevention.

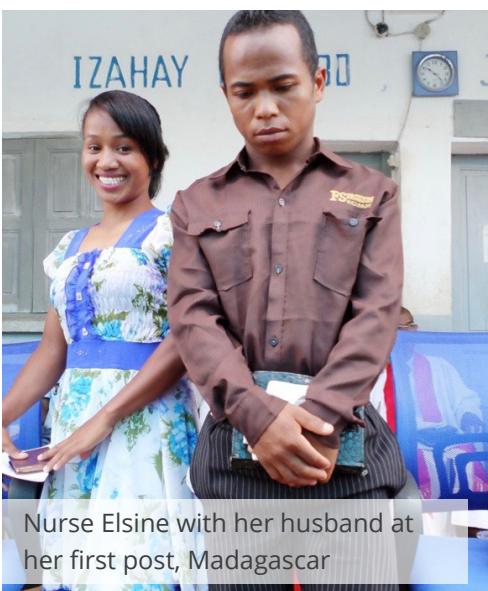


Medical student Emmanuel Amos, Tanzania

Your support helps GHM sponsor training of health workers at all levels, from community health workers to nurses, doctors, specialists and administrators. Just \$100 covers the transportation costs to bring a year of training to 25 Nigerian village health workers, sponsoring a nurse's training in Ethiopia is possible for only \$1,300/year, and a surgeon's stipend during intensive study is about \$6,000/year. Gifts to "Education" support all these things. This is part of our mission, and we're committed to grow the number of health workers being educated in 2022. Each one will help create access to health for hundreds of people.

GHM may not be able to dent the predicted shortfall of 15 million health workers by 2030. Yet, like so much that we do, we can help some of the most remote and vulnerable communities in the world. Raising up health workers is vital to that goal. Like the people we partner with around the globe, this is part of improving lives, indeed changing the world, and serving the Lord with gladness.

Rev. Doug Cox, Executive Director



Nurse Elsiné with her husband at her first post, Madagascar

School's Out? Not for GHAP!

Our world needs to find, engage and develop a new generation of global health leaders in different ways. This spring, five globally-minded University of Minnesota MHA graduate students teamed up to consult with leadership from SALFA, GHM's Lutheran health system partner in Madagascar, on a GHAP project. SALFA's top challenge? How to better recruit and retain physicians. This was the first global field site for the top-ranked MN MHA Program's core Problem Solving course. The students learned and SALFA leaders benefited from their well-researched consulting work; the team's recommendations were accepted by SALFA. One of these MHA students is doing his summer residency at Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre, Tanzania, and GHAP consultant Magdeline Aagard is his preceptor.

In addition, for the second summer in a row, two undergraduate students joined GHAP as Global Health interns. Here's what they said:



"The atmosphere at GHM is very welcoming. Everyone was very appreciative of us interns dedicating our time to their cause. GHM's principles are grounded and inspiring."

~ Susan Mammadova, Finance major, UMN Carlson School of Management



"My work with GHAP has taught me invaluable lessons for my future in global health! I have especially enjoyed some of my interactions with partner countries, such as El Salvador and Tanzania, in which I've participated in meetings and collaborated on projects."

~ Sophie Goldenberg, Medicine, Health & Society major, Vanderbilt University

Our partners benefit from the students' fresh perspective, energy and current training methods. And GHAP is blessed to support the development of these young aspiring global health leaders. Based on their strong work with GHAP, it is clear that they are becoming well prepared to help tackle our global health challenges.

Rob Thames, FACHE, FHFMA, Dir. of GHAP

“ It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it.

~ Nelson Mandela



Shipping News



Scott Lien, GHM's Director of Operations, recently visited Orkesumet Hospital in central Tanzania. Staff, including Dr. Mchau (pictured here with Scott), were delighted with their working ultrasound! After a 3-month delay in transit, a replacement probe arrived in a GHM shipment just three days before Scott, and was already installed and

in use. An answer to prayer! Joram Malisa came across the non-working ultrasound when installing Orkesumet's digital x-ray, hearing from staff how much they wished they could use this ultrasound to help patients. With Dr. Steve Friberg's help, GHM learned what was needed and sent a new probe. Our partnerships don't end when the containers are loaded! Joram, a Biomedical Engineer from Moshi, has worked with GHM on multiple projects in Tanzania, installing medical equipment that partners receive from GHM, and training staff on how to use and maintain the equipment. The training Joram provides extends the life of these gifts and helps our partners use them well.

Leaving a Legacy

Leaving a legacy gift is not just for individuals. It is our great honor to create legacies that will uplift and inspire the next generation. And that is exactly what the Deaconesses of The Fairview Foundation have done. Since 1990, the Deaconess Centennial Service Award has granted financial assistance for nurses to serve in over 20 countries around the world. As they decided to suspend this program, the Deaconesses considered what to do with remaining funds, and leaders immediately thought of the impact these dollars would have through GHM. So, together we have made a plan to transfer the funds into an account designated for nursing scholarships and education in Ethiopia, Liberia, Tanzania, and Madagascar.

"Sending the dollars overseas is in the spirit of the donors to the original fund. It is well known that a dollar goes much farther in these poorer countries. This not only increases value and impact, but also ensures nursing education for this and future generations of nursing students. As many of you know, GHM has an excellent accountability record as a Christian nonprofit organization."

~ Barbara Wang, Deaconess Alumni Scholarship Committee

Thank you to all the Deaconesses for your dedication to global health and for leaving a legacy through GHM!

Ceallagh Anderson Smart, Dir. of Philanthropy

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 This year's theme:*

Celebrating Solutions for Mother/Child Health: What Works in Low-Resource Settings?

10 am - 1 pm

October 15, 2022

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
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Registration opens Sept 15 at www.ghm.org

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GHM's Blog

Have you checked out GHM's blog? Recent posts include a Tribute to Dr. Walter T. Gwenigale, former Medical Director of Phebe Hospital and Minister of Health and Social Welfare in Liberia. "Dr. G" was an ardent advocate for Phebe Hospital and for access to health for all Liberians, and a longtime friend and partner of GHM.

Rising high school senior Olivia Lien traveled in June with her father, Scott (GHM's Director of Operations), to visit GHM partners in Tanzania. She writes about her experience in another recent blog post.

GHAP Director Rob Thames also posts regularly, sharing a communication series for health leaders in GHM's partner countries. And, GHM's 2021 Annual Impact Report is available online. You can find both the blog and annual report at www.ghm.org.



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