

A Legacy of Faith, A Legacy of Healing

As he traveled through Africa in 1954, what Monsignor Anthony Brouwers saw surprised him.

Local priests and bishops were busy with construction, laying concrete and fixing car engines. Religious brothers and sisters, with no medical training, were pulling teeth and delivering babies.

Msgr. Brouwers had come to Nigeria to attend the Marian Conference. As the director of the Propagation of the Faith in Los Angeles, he wanted to offer the Archdioceses' support to local clergy, to set out across the continent.

He thought they would ask for funds. Instead, they asked for people.

Everywhere he went, the request was the same: send us individuals willing to lend a hand in their professional capacities who can provide medical care and education in the schools and hospitals.

He returned to Los Angeles with a new vision and a heart on fire. Msgr. Brouwers founded the Lay Mission-Helpers Association in 1955 and working together with the members of the Catholic Physician's Guild in Los Angeles, he founded the Mission Doctors Association in 1959.

These are the two oldest organizations in the United States working to make it possible for individuals to share their gifts and live their faith in response to requests from Missionary Bishops. Together, LMH and MDA have trained, sent and supported Catholic men, women, couples and families who have served in 36 countries around the world, providing more than 2500 cumulative years of service to the Church.

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This life saving mission of healing continues today. Mission Doctors Association continues to respond to the call for help in Cameroon, Ecuador, Peru, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

This work would not be possible without the prayerful support of the Catholic community at home in the United States. This partnership allows Mission Doctors to respond to the needs of mission hospitals and clinics in Africa and Latin America.



Msgr. Anthony Brouwers



Mission Doctor, James Carey, Rhodesia



Mission Doctor, Kate Bolton, Uganda

Patients around the world are waiting for a Catholic doctor today.



Every day men, women and children with medical needs go untreated because there are too few medical professionals to help. You have the education, the expertise, and the experience to make a difference.

But how?

Mission Doctors Association, CMA Medical Mission Partner, stands in the unique role of being the only organization exclusively dedicated to recruiting, sending and supporting Catholic Doctors to serve at mission hospitals and clinics.

In addition to the original three-year, long-term service program, Mission Doctors offers a short term option for doctors and their families feeling called to serve one to three months. Most who do so, work alongside long-term Mission doctors or at facilities where MDA has a long-term relationship.

Patients in Belize, Cameroon, Peru, Uganda, Tanzania and Ecuador need your skills, your compassion and your expertise.

Help Mission Doctors from the Comforts of Home

Not everyone is called to travel to Africa or Latin America and serve as a Mission Doctor. But there are many things you can do from home to support the life-saving work of Mission Doctors around the world.



Pray

Please remember Mission Doctors and their families in your prayers. The daily work of Mission Doctors caring for patients in resource poor settings is difficult. For the doctors, knowing you are keeping them in your prayers truly lightens their work. We invite you to visit our website to sign a prayer card.

Join our Online Community

Join people from across the country and around the world staying connected with MDA online. Visit our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages. Social media is the best way to keep up-to-date on the work of Mission Doctors and see how your support is making a difference.

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Donate to Mission Doctors

You can make it possible for a Catholic doctor to serve at a mission hospital or clinic. It only takes \$3.00 to put a Mission Doctor at the bedside of a patient in Africa or Latin America. This is a mission of healing, you are our partner in hope. Donate online www.MissionDoctors.org

Spread the Word

Many of our Mission Doctors tell us they have heard about the organization through a friend or colleague. Please share a newsletter, prayer card, flyer or email with friends and family at your parish or with Catholic doctors you may know. If you need additional material, please call Laurie at our office (213) 368-1872.

