

# Get Involved!



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**Jump right in!** Mercy Ships Teams offer you a variety of ways to **Get Involved!** No matter the size of your church, you can make a difference by bringing hope and healing to the world's forgotten poor.

## Form a Team Today!

Please consider these options:

### Mercy Teams: Short-Term Mission Trips

see the **yellow** section for additional information

Send a team or individual on a "turnkey" short-term mission trip to serve alongside the hospital ship *Africa Mercy* at its port of call or other field service sites. All the logistics and details are arranged for you.



Trip participants will be able to share their experience with their church and community. Mercy Ships will provide the participants a personalized visual account of their experiences, as well as a website to blog their daily activities to friends and family back home.

### Team: Mercy Patient

Help support our patients in a variety of ways by providing:

- ↴ A life-changing surgery for a patient in need
- ↴ "Get Well" cards hand-delivered
- ↴ Patient Admission Kits
- ↴ Bibles



Instead of giving your congregation and community just a statistic, how about a personalized, visual account of a name and a face for those individuals you have encouraged and supported and for those who still need assistance.

### Team: Project Hope

Help support and partner with a Mercy Ships COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT project, such as building medical infrastructure, water projects, church empowerment and many more.

Track the progress and see-first hand your community development project through your Anchor Church personalized webpage. Mercy Ships will also provide you with a personalized visual account of your project. It's a way to plant "God's seeds" in your community and around the world!



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## Team: Mercy Patient Admission Kits

Provide Patient Admission Kits and/or Bibles for the patients; it's a hand-delivered gift of love from you to those that have all but lost hope! It's a great way to show God's mercy in a tangible way.



## Team: Mercy Crew

Help support, encourage and interact with a new or existing *Africa Mercy* volunteer crew member. Support could include:

- ↳ letter-writing
- ↳ prayer
- ↳ care packages
- ↳ financial support

Our volunteer crews are from over 30 countries around the world. Through your personalized web-page and other personalized media, your church will receive updates and interact with your volunteer crew member.

## Team: Mercy Academy

You can offer a great mission opportunity to your youth group or school – fun for all age groups! They can join the team of the Mercy Ships Academy onboard the *Africa Mercy* and support our “Ship Kids” by providing:

- ↳ School supplies and books
- ↳ Care packages
- ↳ Prayer
- ↳ Letter-writing (pen-pals)
- ↳ Financial support

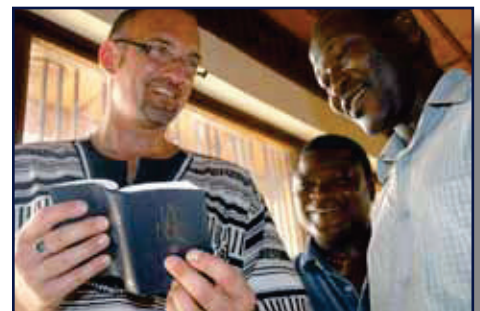


“Ship kids” are the children of our volunteers (over 30 different nationalities) that continue their course curriculum onboard the ship while their parents serve the forgotten poor.

This also provides an opportunity for your church youth to interact and communicate with youth from other countries and to see the results of their contribution. This is a great way for an individual to realize that he/she can make a big impact with a minimal effort!

## Mercy Vision Trip for Pastors

Come and experience first-hand how volunteers are impacting the enormous medical and community needs of these developing nations, or how about spending time teaching and ministering to our 450 volunteers onboard the *Africa Mercy*.



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## Volunteer Challenge

Award a short-term mission trip to the *Africa Mercy* for your church's top volunteer. This program creates an incentive within your church to volunteer in the church nursery, Sunday school or whatever area of service you select. The individuals that achieve the most points through volunteering at your church will be sponsored to serve on the *Africa Mercy*. It is a great way to reward those individuals who are the foundation of your church.

## Merciful Sunday "The Ship is Docking This Sunday"

Mercy Ships will "dock" at your church to present our message and mission. How about bringing the ship, the African people, and the desperate need to your congregation first-hand via footage and/or video from the ship? Contact the Anchor Church office to see about possibilities in your area.

## And . . . Coming Soon . . . Splash into Mercy Ships: A Children's Program & Vacation Bible Study

Educate your youth on the importance of missions and the critical needs around the world. Let us bring the ship, the volunteers, the "Ship Kids" and the world's needs to your church

**For more information on any of these programs, please contact your local Regional Development Manager or Anchor Church Manager.**



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