

FROM RESCUE TO RESILIENCE



INMED ANNUAL REPORT

A Decision That Inspires Action

Why would a young, successful healthcare professional intentionally serve in an inner city core? What would make him or her deliberately seek opportunities to care for the poor? The answers may inspire you!



Consider Jeremy Kirchoff. As a family medicine resident he enrolled in the INMED International Medicine Certificate, studying at the Baptist Medical Center in northern Ghana, West Africa. "My experience in Ghana contributed immensely to my desire to care for the underserved wherever they are located," explains Jeremy. "In Africa I advanced my skills in crossing cultures as I interacted with people so very different from myself. I also sharpened my knowledge of advanced disease - for people usually don't seek help except as a last resort."

These skills continued to serve Jeremy well while he served at Christ Community Health Services, primary-care health centers in Memphis' most under-served neighborhoods. "Parallel to Ghana, my experience in Memphis is most remarkable for those role models along side whom I'm learning the nuances of caring for urban Americans."

At the first of the year, Jeremy and his wife Leah moved to Kansas City where he is the first full-time physician at the new Hope Family Care Center, located in the city's most vulnerable zone.

"Above all," concludes Jeremy, "let your passion to serve and desire to follow God drive your decisions. I often think of Psalm 82:3 'Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed.' Pursuing the American Dream can become pretty empty. Instead, invest in people's lives. Build your treasure in heaven. It's not a hard decision."





Disasters and ongoing deprivation are marking the first years of this twenty-first century: Haiti's earthquake, Pakistan's flood, and Somalia's war. The heartening response from many of us is to donate our time, our talents, and our hard-earned treasures to provide rescue and assistance.

But even the most well intentioned efforts have their limitations, often doing little to curb the underlying causes of disasters and ill health. We must move beyond a rescue mentality and pursue those interventions that actually build more resilient communities through economic development, improvements in basic literacy, and proven effective health promotion strategies. We must also invest in local healthcare personnel to lead and provide for their own.

This 2010 INMED Annual Report is a celebration of individuals who have moved beyond a rescue mentality and have pursued those interventions that are truly eternally significant. Remember the scene described by Jesus in Matthew 25:37-40:

"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?" The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me.'"

Nicholas Comminellis, MD, MPH

INMED President & Chief Executive Officer



"The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But the good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'"

— Martin Luther King Jr.

We Are Committed To The Forgotten

We are called to serve the neediest, most disadvantaged people of the earth. We seek to relieve their suffering and to assist in making sustainable improvements in their lives. We seek to engage them, to promote their voice, and to offer our hands and feet in service. We respect those in need as active participants, not passive recipients, in this relationship.



A supervised service-learning experience provides an invaluable complement to didactic study of serving the forgotten in an international medicine and public health context. Yet students and medical professionals face a number of barriers in this pursuit, including unavailability of on-site faculty, the uncertainties of travel, and difficulties in assuring academic credit. To this end, INMED offers three levels of training:

- The INMED International Medicine, HIV, Pharmacy, & Public Health Certificate is designed to equip healthcare professionals in the clinical fields with the basic skills needed to serve in poorer communities. Each Certificate requires completion of the INMED Online Course Curriculum and at least one month of supervised service-learning at an INMED International Training Site.

43 students completed the certificate programs in 2010.

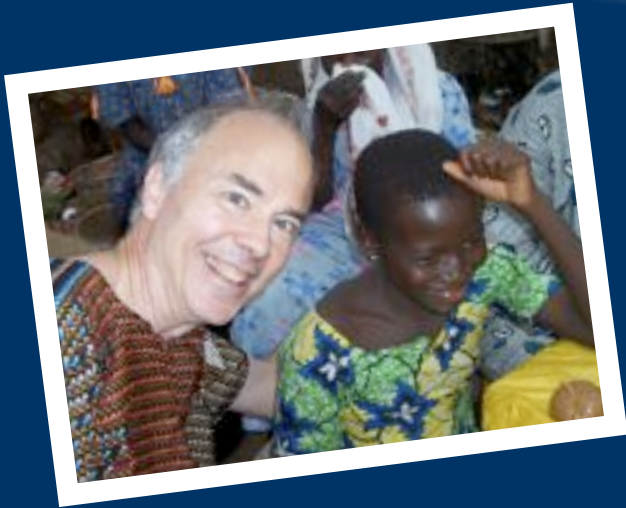
- The INMED International Medicine Diploma is intended for those healthcare professionals in the clinical fields who wish to complement their service-learning experience with a stronger academic foundation. This Diploma requires completion of the INMED International Medicine Intensive Course and the INMED International Medicine Certificate or documentation of an equivalent training experience. 4 healthcare professionals and students completed the Diploma in 2010.

- The INMED International Medicine Fellowship is offered to physicians intent on a full-time career in the field. It requires completion of the INMED International Medicine Intensive Course and at least 12 months of supervised service-learning at an INMED Training Site. INMED sent it's first Fellow to the Baptist Medical Center, Ghana in 2010.

*"If we do not lay out ourselves
in the service of mankind, whom
should we serve? "*

— John Adams

We Value All Human Life



We regard all individuals as created and loved by God. We respect dignity, uniqueness, diversity and intrinsic worth of all people - regardless of wealth, social status, and or ability to reciprocate our efforts. We encourage these virtues in all of our working relationships, including staff, volunteers, donors, community, and those receiving our support.

The INMED Exploring Medical Missions Conferences and Symposia provide intense didactic education in the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully serve the forgotten in poorer communities and across cultures. These conferences are accredited for continuing healthcare education and also provide attendees with opportunities to network with international health leaders and with outstanding service organizations.

165 Attendees at 2010
Cross-Cultural
Competency Training
Symposium



350 Attendees at 2011
Exploring Medical
Missions Conference



With an increase in demand for a formal, in-class training for healthcare profession students and professionals who desire to participate in global health volunteerism, INMED hosted the 3rd Annual International Medicine & Public Health Intensive Course in June 2011. 53 participants gathered in Kansas City from all over the world for this course, receiving training from international medicine and medical mission experts. The course will be offered online beginning Fall 2011.

Over 20 Faculty
Members & Guest
Lecturers

"Where I was born and where and how I have lived is unimportant. It is what I have done with where I have been that should be of interest."

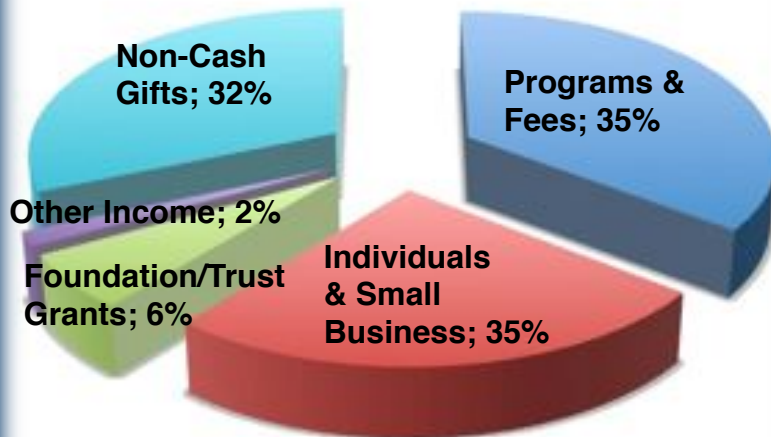
- D.L. Moody

We Are Stewards

We are stewards. We are managers, not owners, of the resources made available to us on behalf of the forgotten of this world. We are transparent and honest in our communications and relationships with our partners, communities, and governments. Not only are we stewards of resources but of people. We strive to ensure that all of our activities are efficient and effective.



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*"If you can't feed a hundred people, then
just feed one."*

— Mother Theresa

We Are Partners



We are partners with those we serve as well as with those who invest into our shared mission. Our relationships are purposeful, diverse, and encourage mutual participation in achieving the mission. We seek cooperation and partnerships with other organizations and groups that share our vision.

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