A. CMDA Orientation to Medical Missions: Preparing the Career Medical Missionary

CMDA provides this excellent 3-day overview of orientation issues pertinent to medical and health-related missions that do not get covered in the general AIM US orientation. This is recommended for all long-term U.S. health ministry appointees.

Place: Abingdon, VA at the Jubilee House Retreat and Conference Center
When: March 9-12, 2017
Website: https://cmda.org/events/detail/new-medical-missionary-training-march-2017

B. General Health Ministries Preparation - Short Courses and On-line

There are several one to three-week courses that give an overview of cross-cultural health and medical issues and an introduction to core tropical medicine topics. They are quite valuable for understanding the broad range of health interventions employed in medical missions. These courses are encouraged for you to consider.

1. Course on International Health: Clinical Community Care  Sponsor: U of Arizona

Prof. of Family Medicine, Ron Pust, initiated this course in 1982 and continues to coordinate. Although taken mostly by medical students contemplating a summer international experience and not specifically mission focused, it is an excellent, interactive approach with focus on community aspects of majority world health needs.

Place: U of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona
Website: http://globalhealth.arizona.edu/clinical-community-care-course/details

2. International Medicine (INMED) Self-Paced Courses  Sponsor: INMED

INMED offers on-line courses that offer CME credits in the following areas: international public health, diseases of poverty, disaster medicine management, international HIV medicine, international health leadership and cross-cultural competency.

Place: On-line
When: Each course available on-line with up to 180 days to finish
Website: http://www.inmed.us/courses-inmed/self-paced-courses/

International Medicine & Public Health Hybrid Course  Sponsor: INMED

INMED offers on-line courses that offer CME credits in the following areas: international public health, diseases of poverty, disaster medicine management, international HIV medicine, international health leadership and cross-cultural competency & Healthcare Education.

Place: On-line 10 weeks & In-Person 3 Days
When: Each course available on-line with up to 180 days to finish
Website: http://www.inmed.us/courses-info/hybrid-courses/international-medicine-public-health/

3. U of Minnesota Global Family Medicine Course

A 40 hour, all online subset of the U of Minnesota Global Health Course that is focused on clinical and administrative preparation for family medicine global service. Modules: Overview, Clinical practice in resource-limited setting; Environmental issues, Nutrition; Infectious Diseases; Trauma and disaster management; Surgery in resource-limited settings; Special topics.
4. **ECHO – An Introduction to Community Development**
   “This five-day course will cover the basics of effective community development. Using proven participatory methods, experienced community development workers will introduce attendees to basic tools that can enable development workers and focus communities to survey local assets and needs- utilizing feedback, participants will practice prioritizing interventions.”
   
   Place: Fort Myer’s, FL
   When: August 14-18, 2017
   Website: https://www.echocommunity.org/en/resources/f78a28a5-9cdb-474a-bf63-3650b4242124

5. **Equip International – Missionary Medicine for Physicians**
   The training consists of detailed presentations of the most common diseases seen in majority world settings emphasizing diagnosis and treatment in resource constrained settings
   
   Place: Marion, NC Also in Shawnigan Lake, British Columbia
   When: **November 15-19, 2017**
   Website: [http://www.equipinternational.org/missionary-medicine-for-physicians](http://www.equipinternational.org/missionary-medicine-for-physicians)

6. **Equip International - Community Health Evangelism**
   The training consists of detailed presentations of the most common diseases seen in majority world settings emphasizing diagnosis and treatment in resource constrained settings
   
   Place: Marion, NC Shawnigan Lake, British Columbia
   When: **May 21-26, 2017**  **September 24-29, 2017**
   Website: [http://www.equipinternational.org/community-health-evangelism](http://www.equipinternational.org/community-health-evangelism)

7. **Community Health Evangelism ToT Training**  
   Sponsor: Medical Ambassadors
   There are three levels of Training the Trainers (ToT) seminars, each held for three days.
   
   Place: Several venues – Phoenix, AZ Marion, NC Barrington, IL
   When: See website for list of 4 – 6 training sessions per year; 3 days each.
   Website: [http://www.medicalambassadors.org/trainings/](http://www.medicalambassadors.org/trainings/)

8. **USAID Global Health eLearning Center**
   A long list of thorough online courses and certificates, each designed to take 6- 9 months. Commonly accessed courses are: HIV Basics, M&E Fundamentals, Malaria, Antenatal Care, Diarrheal Disease, Youth Reproductive Health, Family Planning 101, Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV.
   
   Website: [https://www.globalhealthlearning.org/](https://www.globalhealthlearning.org/)

   There are several other short and long courses offered in affiliation with medical schools or international health institutes around the country. Please contact us for more information or to suggest one that you know about.

**International Venue**

1. **India - Certificate in Tropical Medicine**
   A certificate in traditional tropical medicine topics taken in an endemic site of tropical disease since 2005. Affiliated with McGill U. Canada
   
   Place: Christian Medical College, Vellore, India
   When: **November 20 - December 2, 2017**
2. **UK - Developing Health Course**  
   **Sponsor:** UK Christian Medical Fellowship  
   An intensive two-week course held since 1970 for and by medical missionaries. “Lectures, practical skills and tutorials focusing on health care in resource-poor settings. Includes Bible teaching, prayer and reflection; (wk 1) paediatrics, tropical/ general medicine, HIV, community medicine and cross-cultural care; (wk 2) trauma, orthopaedics, surgery and maternal health.  
   **Place:** London School of Theology, London, UK  
   **When:** July 2-14, 2017  

C. **Tropical Medicine Courses**

These are full-length, two to five-month courses that give in-depth coverage of disease and health care issues encountered in the tropics and majority world, especially in poverty settings. Unless noted, successfully completing one of these courses allows you to sit for the *American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene* Certificate of Knowledge Examination in Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers’ Health.

Information about the exam is found at:

[http://www.astmh.org/ASTMH/media/Documents/ASTMHExamBrochure16FNLv2.pdf](http://www.astmh.org/ASTMH/media/Documents/ASTMHExamBrochure16FNLv2.pdf)

Additional U.S. - based courses are at: U of Virginia, Armed Services U, Johns Hopkins U, Baylor College of Medicine, Case Western Reserve, U Texas – Galveston.

1. **Global Health Course: Clinical Tropical, Migrant and Travel Medicine - Minnesota**  
   A mostly on-line course presented in affiliation with the CDC - Atlanta. The full ASTMH eligibility course is seven on-line modules and two, *week-long modules that need to be taken in person*, or total of nine modules. Individual on-line modules can be taken separately.  
   **Place:** Online. In-person modules at *University of Minnesota* in Minneapolis, MN  
   Alternate in-person modules at Mahidol University, Bangkok Thailand  
   **When:** Online modules available anytime. **In-person sessions for 2017:** May 1-27  
   **Website:** [https://www.dom.umn.edu/global-health/education-training](https://www.dom.umn.edu/global-health/education-training)

2. **Clinical Tropical Medicine and Traveler’s Health - West Virginia**  
   Four, two-week modules can be taken anytime and in any order.  
   **Place:** *West Virginia University* in Morgantown, West Virginia  
   **When:** Four, **two-week modules, July 10-21, 2017**  
   Online course also available  
   **Website:** [http://medicine.hsc.wvu.edu/tropmed/tropical-medicine-course/](http://medicine.hsc.wvu.edu/tropmed/tropical-medicine-course/)

3. **Diploma Course in Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers’ Health**  
   The U.S. course that has the longest history.  
   **Place:** *Tulane University* in New Orleans, Louisiana  
   **When:** website not currently listing 2017 dates  
   **Website:** [http://tulane.edu/publichealth/tropmed/diploma.cfm](http://tulane.edu/publichealth/tropmed/diploma.cfm)

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4. **Diploma of Tropical Health and Hygiene - Liverpool**
A physician-oriented diploma program that AIM has traditionally suggested; it remains the standard course and is excellent.

Place: Liverpool School of Tropical Health, Liverpool, England, UK
When: A 13 week course with two start dates: **August 29, 2017** and **January 29, 2018**
Website: [http://www.lstmed.ac.uk/study/courses/professional-diplomas](http://www.lstmed.ac.uk/study/courses/professional-diplomas)
There is also a 3 week certificate program for nurses at the above website.

5. **Diploma of Tropical Health and Hygiene - London**
A diploma program that is also highly rated but more expensive living in London.
Place: London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, England, UK
When: **September 25 - December 15, 2017**
Website: [http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/cpd/stmh.html](http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/cpd/stmh.html)

6. **East Africa Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene**
This program “takes the London School course and translates it into the Africa context”.
Place: First six weeks in Kilimanjaro Christian Medical College, Moshi TZ; one week break; second six-week term at Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda
When: **August 28, 2017 - November 24, 2017**
Website: [http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/cpd/eadtmh.html](http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/cpd/eadtmh.html)

7. **Postgraduate Course in Tropical Medicine and International Health**
A well-respected and extensive 5-month (26 weeks) course in English.
Place: Institute of Tropical Health, Antwerp, Belgium
When: **09/05/2017 - 03/15/2018** (application deadline 7/1/2017)
Website: [https://edu.itg.be/Course/Detail/5?typeId=2](https://edu.itg.be/Course/Detail/5?typeId=2)

8. **Gorgas Course in Clinical Tropical Medicine**
Affiliated with U of Alabama and taught in Lima Peru. Taught in English.
Place: Lima- UPCH Institute of Tropical Medicine, Lima Peru
When: **January 29 – March 30, 2018**.
Website: [http://www.uab.edu/medicine/gorgas/](http://www.uab.edu/medicine/gorgas/)

D. **Global Health Ministries Conferences (US)**

1. **Global Missions Health Conference**
The main medical missions conference in the US since 1994 with over 2000 attending. Breakout sessions on many topics of interest in health-related mission and ministry.
Place: Southeast Christian Church, Louisville, Kentucky
When: **November 9-11, 2017**
Website: [https://www.medicalmissions.com/conferences/gmhc-2017](https://www.medicalmissions.com/conferences/gmhc-2017)

2. **International Wholistic Healthcare Missions Conference**
A more recent missions conference on the West Coast that includes more emphasis on U.S-based ministries to the poor in addition to global interests.
Place: Peoria, AZ
When: **May 3-5, 2017**
Website: [http://www.wholisticmissions.com/](http://www.wholisticmissions.com/)

3. **Korean American Missions Health Conference**
Started in 2006 with over 1000 attending in 2010.
Place: Varies between East and West coast
When: March to May every even year.
Website: [http://www.kamhc.org/main/](http://www.kamhc.org/main/)
E. Other Global Health Conferences

1. **AAFP International Global Initiative Workshop**
   Started in 2005 and averages 300 in attendance; focus on family medicine topics for medical schools and residency development and globally.
   - Place: Varies annually.
   - 2017 Place: JW Marriott, Houston, TX
   - When: **October 5-7, 2017**
   - Website: [http://www.aafp.org/events/global-health.html](http://www.aafp.org/events/global-health.html)

2. **INMED Humanitarian Health Conference**
   Started in 2006 and averaging over 400 in attendance.
   - Place: Graceway, Kansas City, Missouri
   - When: **March 24-25, 2017**
   - Website: [http://www.inmed.us/events/hhc/](http://www.inmed.us/events/hhc/)

3. **Consortium of Universities for Global Health**
   The main conference for university clinical care professionals
   - Place: Washington DC.
   - When: **April 7-9, 2017, March 16-18, 2018 (NYC)**
   - Website: [http://www.cugh.org/events/2017-annual-cugh-global-health-conference](http://www.cugh.org/events/2017-annual-cugh-global-health-conference)

4. **American Public Health Association – Global Health Section**
   The main conference for university public health professionals
   - Place: 2017- Washington, DC
   - When: **April 20-21, 2017**

E. Global Health Fellowships in Family Medicine with focus on International Healthcare Education


   b. UPMC Family Medicine Faculty Development for Global Health Fellowship
      i. [http://www.fellowship.fmfaculty.pitt.edu/content.asp?id=2470](http://www.fellowship.fmfaculty.pitt.edu/content.asp?id=2470)

   c. University of Massachusetts Family Medicine Global Health Fellowship
      i. [http://www.umassmed.edu/fmch/fellowships/ghfellowship/](http://www.umassmed.edu/fmch/fellowships/ghfellowship/)

   d. Brown Family Medicine Faculty Development for Global Health Fellowships

G. Sampling of Handbooks of Medicine in Low Resource and Tropical Areas

1. **Handbook of Medicine in Developing Countries**, 4th Ed. Dennis Palmer & Catherine E. Wolf, CMDA, 2008. 540 pg. Available from CMDA ($30), Amazon.com ($40)
   - **Target audience**: Doctors and other clinicians going on short-term or long medical trips.

**Target audience:** Residents and practicing clinicians in the West or majority world. Part of a classic series of Handbooks used and respected widely in Anglophone Africa.

3. **Lecture Notes: Tropical Medicine, 6th Ed.** G. V. Gill & Nick Beeching, Blackwell, 2009
   Available from Amazon.com ($43), Teaching Aids at Low Cost (£15)
   **Target audience:** Students and practitioners of tropical medicine. This is a 30 year classic from the Liverpool School that uses bullet point outlines, tables, boxes and lists extensively for easier lookup.

   Available from Amazon.com ($51), Teaching Aids at Low Cost (£7)
   **Target audience:** Paramedical workers in majority world countries. Gives approach to diagnosis of presenting symptoms within a resource-limited setting.