



Dear MUSC Physicians,

We invite you to join medical and pharmacy students for our 7th medical service trip to Thomonde, Haiti, scheduled for June 17-23, 2018. The trip focuses on primary care, and thus we are seeking clinicians in pediatrics, internal or family medicine, emergency medicine, and Ob/Gyn, as well as a PharmD. We partner with the organization, Project Medishare, which has been working in Haiti since 1994. Last year, we provided care to over 300 Haitians within 5 days via “mobile clinics” travelling to rural areas within the Central Plateau of Haiti and providing health care to Haitians who have very little access otherwise. We look forward to keeping that same pace this year and are proud to work with Project Medishare to help ensure continuity with the people of Thomonde.

SLI takes pride in not only expanding healthcare to patients with limited access, but also cultivating skill sets and experience for future healthcare professionals who have an interest in global health. We work hard each year to allow pre-clinical and clinical students to gain direct patient experience with unique independence while also giving clinical students the opportunity to teach their younger peers. Our physicians each year play a key role in supervising these students in the clinics and in forming important one-on-one relationships to teach and mentor students as they grow into professionals.

The cost of the trip will average \$1600-\$1800. This cost includes in-country needs such as transportation, housing, food, as well as pharmacy supplies, interpreters, and Medishare overhead, compromising between \$800 and \$1000, of the total. The total cost also includes plane tickets, averaging \$800.

For more information about SLI, you can check us out on Facebook (www.facebook.com/MUSCSLI). If you are interested, please get in touch with Faith Middleton (middlefa@musc.edu), and we will be happy to go over details of the trip with you. We also have several faculty alum on campus who have been on the trip, and we would be happy to put you in contact with them if you'd like more information from their perspectives.

Thank you!

Faith Middleton, Continuity Committee
Taylor Harris, Junior Director
Emily Nyers and Ali Sherpe, Co-Directors

MUSC Service Learner International Goals:

Service: To serve patient populations abroad that have limited access to healthcare by planning and embarking on medical service trips on a regular basis.

Education: To provide for MUSC students the unique learning opportunities of planning and executing international service trips, and in that process, gain perspective of the moral and logistical challenges of medical aid work abroad.

More about SLI:

Founded in 2011, MUSC Service Learners International (SLI) is a student-led organization focused on delivering health care to the Central Plateau region of Haiti. The group currently consists of pre-clinical and clinical medical students and pharmacy students. Physicians from MUSC join the group for the trip to Haiti to provide clinical guidance. In Haiti, SLI partners with Project Medishare, who has a long-lasting relationship with the Central Plateau population and provides infrastructure and a health care model to which SLI can partner each year.

In preparation for the trip, SLI hosts a variety of fundraisers to cover the costs of the travel and in country expenses, as well as covering the costs of providing the medical services in country. Pre-trip curriculum focuses on Haitian culture and lifestyle as well as health care to prepare students to treat patients practically and successfully. In country, nightly seminars focus on case presentations led by clinical students and physicians.

Currently, SLI provides care via “mobile clinics”: travelling to a different town each day, focusing on primary care services. SLI has a continuing mission to promote awareness of healthcare in Haiti and the developing world, while continuing to provide sustainable, quality health care to the people of the Central Plateau. SLI will go on its fourth trip to Haiti in June 2014.