



# International Health Service

Participant Application – *please print clearly*

February 16 – March 1, 2024

**Note:** The mission dates are the latest arrival date in La Ceiba (usually by plane to SAP followed by bus) and the earliest departure date. The February 2024 mission begins Friday evening Feb 16 and ends Thursday evening Feb 29.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth (M/D/Y): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Name to put on nametag: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Male Female

Specialty (check all that apply) Send copies of license – Physicians and dentists must also send copies of diploma

DDS (specialty) _____	Dental Ass't _____	RDH _____	RPh _____
MD (specialty) _____	NP _____	PA _____	Paramedic _____
RN (specialty) _____	LPN _____	CRNA _____	EMT _____
OD _____	Interpreter _____	Radio Operator _____	Engineer _____
General Helper _____			

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Where are you currently working? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, when did you last work in this field? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of current or past supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your work experience:

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<p><b>Application Deadlines &amp; Project Fees</b></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td colspan="4"><b>February Trip</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Due October 15</td> <td style="width: 30%;">Application/Deposit/Licenses</td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> <td style="width: 40%;">\$150</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Due December 30</td> <td>Project fee balance/Paperwork</td> <td></td> <td><u>\$650</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Total February project fee</td> <td></td> <td>\$800</td> </tr> </table> <p>Applications received before the first due date for the project will receive priority in team assignments. Those received after will be considered only if their specialty is needed.</p> <p><b>For applications to be considered the following must be attached:</b></p> <p>Completed application with signed waiver - Deposit</p> <p>Copy of professional licenses - Physicians &amp; Dentists, copy of diploma</p> <p>Copy of COVID Vac Status - Copy of Amateur Radio License (Radio Ops)</p>	<b>February Trip</b>				Due October 15	Application/Deposit/Licenses		\$150	Due December 30	Project fee balance/Paperwork		<u>\$650</u>		Total February project fee		\$800	<p><b>Note:</b></p> <p>The deposit and project fee will be refundable due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 status in both the US and Honduras should the trip be called off.</p> <p>Make checks payable to: International Health Service</p> <p>Mail application &amp; forms to: International Health Service Attn: Project Director 3500 Vicksburg Ln N, PMB 405 Plymouth, MN 55447</p>
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**Please mark the type of team assignment(s) you prefer (check ALL that apply)**  
**Please take note: We cannot always guarantee you will be placed at your preferred choice.**

River/Lagoon      Remote (La Mosquitia)      Inland (mountains, etc.)      Eye Care      Surgery      Any  
Number of previous IHS projects you have been on \_\_\_\_\_ Would you be willing to be a team leader? \_\_\_\_\_  
How well do you speak Spanish? None      Words      Phrases      Conversational      Proficient      Fluent

How or from whom did you hear about IHS? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any major surgeries or serious illnesses in the past 5 years. \_\_\_\_\_

Mark Yes if you are able and No if not able and explain any limitations below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Lift and carry 25 pounds multiple times	<input type="checkbox"/> Climb two or more flights of stairs
<input type="checkbox"/> Work in extreme heat and humidity	<input type="checkbox"/> Walk on uneven terrain
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel by any type of transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Bend or stoop multiple times

Explain any limitations \_\_\_\_\_

When did you receive your first COVID-19 vaccine dose? \_\_\_\_\_  
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When did you receive your COVID-19 vaccine booster? \_\_\_\_\_

The IHS board has determined, based on current scientific evidence, that all participants for the February 2024 mission should have the recently approved monovalent vaccine prior to travel to Honduras. Paper confirmation (with the date and facility) indicating receipt of the vaccine should be included with the application. If the application is submitted prior to receiving the vaccine, the requested information should be shared with your respective team leader.

**SHIRTS & CAPS .....** A t-shirt is not included in the project fee.

If you wish to order T-shirts or a Hat, please fill out the section below.

(T-shirt sizes available are S M L XL 2XL)  
T-shirts @ \$15 how many \_\_\_\_\_ size \_\_\_\_\_  
Hats @ \$12 how many \_\_\_\_\_

**February Trip – Orders and payments for these extra items will only be accepted until 15 October so plan ahead.**

**First time participants must also complete the Project Suitability Form on the last page of the application.**

**INTERNATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE**  
**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY**

I, (print name) \_\_\_\_\_ along with all members of my family, in consideration of the benefits derived, if accepted for the International Health Service project, hereby voluntarily acknowledge the risk I am undertaking and waive any claim against the local and international organization, local officers, its sponsoring institutions, and all leaders of International Health Service for any and all causes in connection with the activities of the above organization.

If an IHS participant while in Honduras becomes ill with a positive COVID-19 test, an isolation protocol will be initiated.

A test for COVID-19 infection is no longer required to return to the US. It may be possible that this may change before the February 2024 mission. IHS will let you know if this changes. I understand and agree that if I am required to isolate in Honduras before leaving, that the isolation will be at my own expense. IHS will help with the arrangements. IHS takes no responsibility for my exposure or the enforcement of mandates from a positive COVID-19 test.

The use of illegal drugs is strictly prohibited by IHS and alcohol consumption by team members during the mission workdays is against IHS policy. In addition, team members should use alcohol with discretion, in moderation and be sensitive to local customs regarding the use of alcohol. I understand that as a volunteer I represent IHS and agree to abide by this policy.

International Health Service does not provide any type of insurance (medical, liability, travel, medical evacuation, life) for any participants. My signature on this form indicates my full understanding that I must provide my own insurance.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PHOTO RELEASE**

International Health Service requests permission to use photographs and narrative descriptions of participants and the work they do on projects for the purpose of public relations, advertising promotions and fund raising. These photos may be used in, but not limited to: PowerPoint presentations, the IHS NewsBreak, and the IHS web site. This authorization is only for the IHS organization. IHS has no control over how teammates and other participants use photos for purposes of their own. This authorization will remain in effect for at least one year. IHS cannot guarantee that your image from that trip will not be used after that period of time.

Yes, you may use my photo.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

No, I prefer you do not use my photo

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*If your answer is NO on the photo release, please make sure one team picture is taken excluding you, to submit to the annual Newsbreak staff. It is your responsibility to submit the correct picture to the Newsbreak editor.*

## INTERNATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE – Project Suitability Form ( required of first time participants only )

IHS projects are not for everyone as some locations are very remote and some people react differently when placed in a situation different from their normal life. To assist you in determining if this project is right for you and to assist us in placing you on the correct team, please complete this form and return with your application.

All IHS projects begin in La Ceiba, Honduras. Upon arrival participants will stay one or two nights in a hotel or with a local host family during our orientation programs. Teams will also return to La Ceiba at the end of the project, usually for one night, for debriefing, storing supplies and equipment plus a farewell dinner. Also, many repeat participants return to the same location as they get to know the local people.

The following questions are not meant to discourage you. Instead we hope they give you an understanding of the places we go and challenges that may happen.

Briefly describe any camping, hiking, or adventure trip experience you may have had. \_\_\_\_\_

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Remote areas of Honduras have limited electricity or modern transportation and few telephones. Many IHS participants return year after year so they understand this change of life and the experience of helping people in this environment. Can you honestly say you can handle 8 to 10 days in locations that have solar showers, outhouses, bugs, humidity and the possibility of sleeping in a screen tent? \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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For many, the time at the team site will be spent in a remote location away from telephones and TV with people who speak a different language, use different money, and have different habits, values and social norms. Can you handle being disconnected from friends and family for two weeks? \_\_\_\_\_ How do you plan to keep busy during quiet/slow hours? \_\_\_\_\_

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Most of Honduras experiences a hot and humid climate. Mountain teams may get chilly at night. Many participants will do a lot of walking on uneven ground, carrying their own bags, lifting, moving, loading, and unloading many boxes of supplies. Can you do your share of the work and are physically up to going on this trip? \_\_\_\_\_

Frustration can happen on the trip. You are in a foreign country where Murphy's law can happen. You may experience "hurry up and wait". You will be with a group of people you have never been with before and interacting with a different culture. All this can be challenging. How do you handle frustration? \_\_\_\_\_  
Does your temperament allow you to "not sweat the small stuff"? \_\_\_\_\_

IHS teams may see many patients, which can require long days. Some teams will be working in hot, humid locations. How is your temperament and physical stamina in times like this? \_\_\_\_\_

Teams that have the most enjoyable experience work together with each team member contributing their part to the group's overall function. This requires you to do your job well every day, trusting others to do their job, and always stepping up to help with the small tasks that need to be done every day. To what extent are you a team worker? \_\_\_\_\_

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There will be times when people work with patients in their own specialty. However, many tasks require the help of ALL team members working as a team. Group decisions are made when possible but the Team Leader has final say. Can you work within a group and be respectful of decisions made? \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\* ... some team sites have limited local communications so they also have ham radio operators who use radios to talk with the Admin team and Project Director in La Ceiba plus the logistics team in Puerto Lempira. There is telephone and/or cell phone use at some team sites. Many radio operators also have a limited e-mail capability. In the unlikely event of an emergency the Project Director and all radio operators work together to make sure the correct people are notified as soon as possible. Because electricity and other services are not available all the time, we need to understand that everyone will do their best to be timely but things do not always happen instantly. Participants need to tell family and friends at home about this situation. As with all details of each team site, participants will get information from their Team Leader about what communications and site facilities will be available for their use.