

Tips & Resources: Sharing the benefits of participating in The Longevity Project to your Supporters.

Talking points:

Healthcare Missionaries (HCMs) encounter especially challenging burdens. In most of their places of service, they find enormous numbers of seriously ill patients, but the missionaries usually don't have the resources to take care of those patients. Healthcare Missionaries encounter death and suffering on a huge scale. They commonly struggle with moral injury and even post-traumatic stress. The attrition rate of healthcare missionaries is startlingly high. This loss of missionaries from the field is especially troubling when we consider the resources which have been dedicated to their training as well as the abundant fruit from healthcare missions which will be lost.

MedSend is associated with over 50 organizations which send healthcare missionaries. In this unique relationship, we have come to understand the issues which are common to HCMs. We have developed a specialized program, the Longevity Project, which supports healthcare missionaries through their entire career of service, from pre-field preparation to post-service debrief. MedSend sponsored a program of research to better understand the needs of HCMs, then used the data from this research to develop the Longevity Project.

Resources found on MedSend.org

[The Gospel Strategy of Compassionate Healthcare](#)

[Boundaries for Healthcare Missionaries](#) – God Honoring Structure for a Thriving Life of Service by Dr. Jim Ritchie

[That Healthcare Missionaries Might Flourish](#) Research Report

[Re-Imaging Medical Missions](#): Results of the Prism Survey

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