Second Round Notification for 2024 Senegal Medical Mission Trip

July 25, 2023

Get ready to join the 2024 Senegal Medical Mission Trip! Limited space available, so register now on a first-come, first-served basis. We need medical volunteers in various specialties, especially anesthesiologists and surgeons. Other professionals and youths are also welcome to contribute.

Important Details:

- 1. Time: The mission takes place after the Senegal presidential election on February 25, 2024. Two groups: Group 1 departs on March 7, serving until March 15; Group 2 departs on March 15, serving until March 24.
- 2. Vaccinations: Consult your PCP for CDC-recommended vaccinations: Typhoid, Hepatitis A, Yellow Fever, and Covid-19. Passport Health (https://www.passporthealthusa.com/location) provides vaccination services (insurance coverage may vary).
- 3. Registration: Download the form at (https://africacriesout.net/), with your computer, complete, sign, and upload it with a non-refundable \$1,000 fee per family. The fee will fund medicine, rice for the local people, equipment, and hospital rentals in Senegal.
- 4. Youth Participants: If bringing children, contact our youth group coordinators: Xiaohong Duan (anthea.duan@gmail.com), Jack Yang (jyang@artisan-usa.com), and Dr. Chris Liu (Eastlift@hotmail.com).
- 5. Next Announcement: Stay tuned for the third round announcement with instructions on air tickets, local transportation, accommodation, and meals.
- 6. please be expected the air fare is around \$1200 per person from NY to Dakar, Senegal, and room, board and local transportation fee is \$1100 per person. The vaccination fee varies, it depends on your insurance's coverage. You will pay the above fees before your departure. You can purchase the air ticket by yourself.

June 28, 2023

Dear friends and colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the upcoming 2024 Medical Mission to Senegal, where we will extend our support and medical services to those in need. The initial plan is as follows:

- 1. Personnel: We are seeking volunteers from various medical fields, including internal medicine, OB/GYN, ophthalmology, dentistry, oral-facial surgery, orthopedics, pediatrics, acupuncture, nurses, and medical students, among others. This year, our teams will be divided into major internal medicine, major surgery, and dental groups. Specifically, we are in urgent need of anesthesiologists and various surgeons. We also warmly invite other professionals and youths who wish to register and contribute to this noble cause.
- 2. Time: The medical mission will occur after the presidential election day in Senegal February 25, 2024. As riots and chaos may occur around this period, we have scheduled the mission into two groups to ensure safety and efficiency.
- Group 1: Departure from the United States on Thursday, March 7, serving in Senegal until Friday, March 15, departing from Dakar Airport, Senegal.
- Group 2: Departure from the United States on Friday, March 15, serving in Senegal until Sunday, March 24, departing from Dakar Airport.

You may choose either of the above weeks to participate. Please note that the summer vacation in the United States coincides with the rainy season in West Africa, leading to higher incidences of tropical diseases like malaria, making it unsuitable for our mission. Dr. Jun Xu and Pastor Nilson and the supporting team will be there for two weeks.

- 3. Our mission will encompass three main aspects:
- A. Medical Service: The surgical team will perform operations in a Dakar hospital, with local doctors joining us to provide post-operative care. The dental team will serve in the ACO base, while the internal medicine team will travel to remote jungle villages, delivering much-needed medical services to the local patients.
- B. Poverty Alleviation: Apart from medical assistance, we will also contribute to poverty alleviation efforts by distributing food, vegetable oil, and other essentials to remote villages in need.
- C. Youth Training: Collaborating with you, we aim to set positive role models and impart training in love, leadership, and professional attitudes to the youth in our team. This endeavor may also assist them in making career decisions.

Online registration will be available soon. Please await the second round of notifications for further details.

The designated contact persons for each team are as follows:

Registration: Mr. Zhifeng Yang

Youth Affairs: Ms. Xiaohong Duan, Mr. Zhifeng Yang, and Dr. Chris Liu.

General Internal Medicine Issues: Dr. Chris Liu (Internal Medicine) and Dr. Huiyi Chen (Ophthalmology)

General Surgical Issues: Dr. Daniel Jiang (OB/GYN) and Dr. Rong Zhao (Anesthesiology)

Dental Issues: Dr. Thanh Dinh (Dental)

With your unwavering support, Africa Cries Out has dedicated eleven years to serving West Africa. We are proud to have established a technical school, supported two small hospitals, and provided free medicine and food to countless patients in need. We believe it is our responsibility to send love and positively impact the lives of others. Let us seize this opportunity together and make a difference.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to this mission.

Sincerely,

Jun Xu, MD

President of Africa Cries Out