

# On Land and Sea

Claudia Juarez with Mercy Ships

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## Being an Ambassador

*“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven”* Matthew 5:16

*“Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us”* 2 Corinthians 5:20



If you are an American traveling internationally, you are representing your country whether you realize it or not. Those you encounter in the course of your travels will judge not only you, but your country by what they observe in your behavior.

In the same way, as Christians, we represent our Lord in all we do. I count it a great privilege to represent my wonderful Savior through my upcoming service with *Mercy Ships*. We go as Christians, but we provide services without regard for the religion of the person requiring the medical services we can provide... free of charge. We let our “good works” shine so that their hearts may be opened to glorify the Father. How exciting is that!



## Mercy Ships News

The *Africa Mercy* left her 10 month field service in Benin with final record results of 97,625 Total Procedures performed and 67,219 Direct Beneficiaries! Leaving Benin in early December, she sailed to Tenerife in the Canary Islands for technical servicing.

The ship is required to go through various inspections, obtain various certificates, etc and this is the closest place a ship of this size can go to for these services. Without the required certificates, we would not be permitted to sail.



As I write this the *Africa Mercy* is sailing on to her next port of call - Lome, Togo, where she is planning to serve until August.

The ministry of Mercy Ships is not limited to the procedures performed on-board the *Africa Mercy* and on-shore near the port of call. Through Mercy Teams, individuals or groups can participate in meaningful short-term service. Opportunities for service are currently available in West Africa, Central America, the Caribbean, and the United States. Mercy Ships was also able to respond to the recent catastrophic earthquake in Haiti.





## Deputation

Deputation? What's that? Deputation is the term used to describe the status of a missionary who is preparing for service and is in the process of raising support. That's me now!

***What is the timeframe of my service?*** I have a 2-phase program. I will be making a short-term trip to serve aboard the *Africa Mercy* this summer. The dates are June 5 through July 31. In January 2011 I will begin serving in a long-term capacity, committing to a minimum of 2 years service.

***What kind of support will I need?*** My budget, worked out with the staff of Mercy Ships, is \$2450 per month. For 2010, the first of any donations received will be used toward the expenses of the short-term service this summer, which will amount to approximately \$4500, including airfare. Other donations received prior to beginning my full-time service will be held to cover the initial expenses, including the Gateway training program, required of all Mercy Ships crew members serving long-term, and travel expenses to the Gateway program (in Texas) and to join the *Africa Mercy* in West Africa. I am required to have a minimum of 75% of my monthly support in place prior to reporting for my long-term service.

***How should donations be made?*** Donations are tax deductible and can be sent to Mercy Ships and should include only my designation code, # **2793**, on the check (or include the sponsor form in this newsletter). Mail to:

Mercy Ships  
Crewmates  
P.O. Box 2020  
Garden Valley, TX 75771

You can also donate online using a credit/debit card by following this link:

<http://www.mercyships.org/page/outreach/splash/crewmates>

***Pray!*** Finances are a necessity for serving as a missionary. But the best financed missionary is of little use if not also supported in prayer. Serving with Mercy Ships is a great opportunity for me, but it entails several challenges I can anticipate; and I'm sure I'll encounter others along the way. Please pray:

- That the necessary funds will be provided to meet the budget.
- That I will be able to cope with the close quarters and lack of privacy onboard the *Africa Mercy*
- That I will be able to renew my skills in areas of the laboratory in which I haven't worked for several years

***Keep in touch!*** Most future communications will be by email. If I don't have your email address and you have one, please let me know it so I can add you to my emailing list.



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# Why Support a Crew Member?

# Sample Monthly Budget for a Crew Member



Many of our dedicated volunteer crew members come for several months, others for a number of years, and there are even those who have made a lifelong career of serving onboard one of our ships or at one of our international offices. But they can only make that kind of commitment to Mercy Ships and the people they serve if they have continued financial sponsorship.

Our volunteers actually pay their own room and board, as well as other expenses, while serving with Mercy Ships.

This allows general Mercy Ships donations to be used for direct patient care, community development programs, and other costs associated with our Field Service Initiatives.

Through your support of a crew member, you enable him or her to remain focused in their service and allow them to utilize their skills in service to the poor.



*The support needs above cover only the most basic needs of our crew members. Most crew will need to raise long-term monthly support for sustained career service.*

Expense	% Of Total
Crew Fees (room and board)	30%
Clothing	5%
Medical	20%
• Insurance	
• Optometrist, dentist, doctor	
Transportation (to/from service location)	10%
General Living	35%

### Minimum Monthly Support Needs

Single	\$1,000-1,500
Couple	\$1,500-2,500
Family of 4	\$2,500-3,500

# I would like to sponsor

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at the following level:

\$25  50  100  1250  + \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make my contribution:

Monthly  Quarterly  Annually

I am making a special gift today of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Please enclose a voided check.)

Please mail this reply card with payment information or your personal check made payable to Mercy Ships to:

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