

Spring 2014 Volunteer Service Award Recipients

Robel Haile, recipient of a fall 2013 Volunteer Service Award, traveled to Gondar, Ethiopia to build a school after raising funds through an organization he founded called **Bottles For Poverty**, which collects funds by redeeming recyclables. The school they built now serves 200 impoverished students. Robel was awarded an additional Volunteer Service Award grant to return to Gondar to add 2 wells to the school with funds raised by Bottles for Poverty. To more efficiently build the wells, Bottles for Poverty has partnered with the **American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee**, since they have the experience of already have built 200 wells in Ethiopia.



Rebecca Gailey will also be receiving her 2nd Volunteer Service Award grant. In late 2013 she traveled to Kayanga, Karagwe, Tanzania with **Amizade** to kick-off a school breaks program in arts and science she designed to give children the opportunity to build a foundation of leadership, creativity and critical thinking skills. In order to insure the successful continuation of “The Ota Initiative,” Rebecca will be returning to Kayanga for the summer session to fine tune and to insure that Tanzanian staff have the information and material they need to run the program.



Amada Lusk will be volunteering for a 2nd summer in Tanzania with **Support for International Change**, which works in rural villages around Arusha. International volunteers are paired with Tanzanian college students and live with host families in the villages while they teach about HIV/AIDS prevention, encourage testing, as well as support of those living with HIV/AIDS. This summer, Amada will concentrate on supporting infected individuals living far away from clinics, making sure they are taking their medication and receiving the support they need.



Kristen Finney will be volunteering in Kara, Togo with the organization **Hope for Health**. She will be part of a team working with five HIV/AIDS clinics there. The problem that they will be working on is patients’ medical record keeping. Community Health Workers’ records collected manually in the field often do not become part of the patients’ clinic records as the clinics do not have the staff to collect and input the data. Kristen and her team will be field testing and fine tuning an application they developed for Android phones to collect data and then export it directly into the clinics’ electronic records.



Vidiya Sathananthan will be spending the next year in rural Liberia working for **Last Mile Health**. The highest priority of the organization is to find a solution to the problem of high maternal mortality during childbirth. Vidiya has volunteered with Last Mile Health for the past 2 years in its Boston office, and they offered her a position after her recent graduation from college. Since she intended to volunteer her time when she applied for this award, we are happy to allow her to accept this award.



Chelsea Schiller will be interning for 3 months at a health clinic operated by **MED25 International** in Mbita, Kenya. MED25 mission is to provide culturally appropriate health care to people living in rural Africa. Chelsea's role will be to streamline the organization's communication plan, find potential social enterprises to improve the income of members of the community, and teach basic public health topics in the local schools.

Brittney Randolph will be taking a gap year between obtaining her Master's degree in Medical Science and going to medical school to volunteer with **Manna Project International** as its 2014-2015 Nicaragua Program Director. She will be replacing Elizabeth Nicole Teal, 2013 Volunteer Service Award recipient, and continuing the health initiative began by Nicole to build a primary care health clinic in Cedro Galan. Brittney plans also to teach English, conduct leadership development workshops, as well as Yoga and Zumba classes. In her "spare" time, Brittney plans to complete an on-line Masters in Public Health.



Claudia Zaugg is volunteering in the **Manna Project International** site in Ecuador. She began her assignment in summer 2013 and has been devoting her time to counseling older diabetic women, teaching adult cooking and nutrition, exercise classes, and English classes. Her assignment will conclude in late summer 2014.



Alison Hess will spend the summer in Rwanda volunteering with **Indego Africa** (IA). She has been interning in IA's New York offices since August 2013 and will be in Kigali to teach the technology section of IA's first leadership training classes, to work with Rwandan country director to streamline their financial record keeping system, and to conduct IA's annual social impact study with its 18 partner cooperatives.



Eileen Ferry will be volunteering with **GlobeMed** in Masaka, Uganda this summer. Eileen is a member of the Northeastern chapter of GlobeMed which has been working with their Ugandan partner Kitovu Mobile, an AIDS organization for 4 years. Together the organizations have created and implemented a Hygiene and Sanitation program for 75 nearby villages. Eileen is part of the team that is returning to Uganda to evaluate progress, and make plans to strengthen and expand the program.

Rhett Partida will be the University of Rochester **GlobeMed** team coordinator in Peru, working with the Peruvian NGO Kalpa Iquitos. The team's goals include developing an academic support program to aid young people in gaining admission to institutions of higher learning. They will also continue the ongoing effort to develop and improve the community's sanitation program. Finally the 6-member team plans to provide resources for a newly formed youth network.

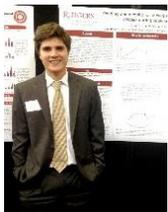


Sundal Ali is a member of George Washington University's **GlobeMed** team and will be team coordinator this summer in Kampala, Uganda. Their partnership with the Ugandan NGO, Set Her Free, was recently established, so the team is responsible for finding an appropriate role for GlobeMed to play to aid Set Her Free in its mission to prevent sexual exploitation of young girls trapped in Kampala's slums. Sundal and her team will develop the forward plan for the organizations to work together over the coming years, plus they will collect data to help with the US media efforts.



Allison Pratt is part of the Spelman College's **GlobeMed** chapter's team that will be traveling to Kumasi, Ghana this summer to work with a local NGO, Light for Children. They will be presenting workshops on sexual assault prevention. Allison's specific responsibilities will include, educating students about sexual health, sexual abuse, and the resources available to them as they mature into adulthood.

Two members of the Rutgers University **GlobeMed** team, **Juan Daniel Torres** and team coordinator **Karen Lin** have received Volunteer Service Award grants for their work in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The chapter has partnered for 3 years with Cooperation for Social Services Development, an NGO that provides support to marginalized persons (entertainment workers, homosexuals, and intravenous drug users) by providing health interventions and by reducing the stigma on these groups within the community. This year the GlobeMed team will be focusing on



providing health education in a broader sense, including education on abortions, birth control, and personal hygiene. They will be combining this information to form a Health Education Toolkit, which will allow anyone to quickly access health education resources in Phnom Penh. Aside from the Health Education Toolkit, the team will be instructing the staff on maintaining their website, providing daily English language instruction to the community health workers, and working on a photography/video project to spread CSSD's reach.