

Mercy Ship

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Abstract

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Key Terms: Ethics, Social responsibility, Mission, Vision & Values

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coastal areas. The details are as under:

What is their mission?

Mercy Ships is an international faith-based charity organization that uses hospital ships to increase access to healthcare around the world that founded in 1978 by Donald Stephens and Deyon Stephens. Mercy Ship currently operates the largest non-governmental hospital ship in the world, providing free health ... (Wikipedia.) Its headquarters Located at Lindale, Texas, United States.

Mission

Mercy Ships, a global charity, has operated a fleet of hospital ships in developing nations since 1978. Mercy Ships follows the 2000-year-old model of Jesus, bringing hope and healing to the world's forgotten poor.

Vision

Mercy Ships use hospital ships to transform individuals and serve nations, one at a time.

Values

Love and serve others.

Be people of integrity.

Be people of excellence in all we say and do.

Why do they use ship?

More than 50% of the world's population live within 100 miles of the coast, they can reach more people who need care. The objective behind using ship is to deliver a state-of-art hospital to regions where people do not get clean water, electricity, medical facilities

and interactions with people from outside country. Africa Mercy, the vessel currently in service, is staffed by 400 volunteers from 45 countries.

What do they do?

All crew members provide free specialized surgeries on board, including general and reconstructive surgeries, plastic surgeries to repair injuries sustained in childbirth and cataract operations that restore vision to the blind. Clinics located onshore offer care to thousands, and nurses render services to patients. It is a floating hospital and many people in Africa have little or no access to healthcare. There are only 2.5 physicians per 10,000 people in Africa, compared to 33.3 physicians per 10,000 in Europe. Therefore, the Africa Mercy brings volunteer medical teams and sterile operating rooms directly to people who would otherwise go without care.

How do they serve?

Mercy ships have visited 587 ports and delivered services to more than 2.5 million direct beneficiaries. A remarkable hospital ship Africa Mercy, was acquired in 1999 and built specifically for the Mercy Ships mission. It is the largest non- governmental hospital ship in the world, effectively more than doubling the annual medical capacity of her predecessors. Africa Mercy has five operating rooms on board. Mercy ships train local surgeons and healthcare professionals, provides physical therapy, teaches local partners in manufacturing braces and methods of improving nutrition and organic farming.

Africa Mercy has been docked in the port of Toamasina, Madagascar since October 2014, its next destination, in August, is Benin, in West Africa.

Let us sail in Africa Mercy Ship to interact with Robert Brugler, President, Toastmasters Club:

Robert Brugler, President, Toastmasters club meet to share their experiences during weekends. The club members on this floating club are aboard for just a couple of weeks, others for decades. Brugler's home is in Colorado, the USA, started working on the ship since three years as the math teacher for the ship's K-12 school for staff children. Brugler expressed his experience that his mother had a high-risk pregnancy, gave birth to a baby with club feet (Robert Brugler) and heard about the importance of services rendered by Mercy ship. This inspired and motivated him to become the member of Mercy Ship through Toastmasters Club to serve for poor people. Mercy in Action lacks the stability, means in port it moves ever so slightly. While it is on the way from one port to another, which may take weeks, members face certain ill health (seasickness).

Services rendered by Mercy Ships:

It's a floating ship filled with full of love, deliver food, healing and salvation to many people around the world. Other services as under:

- Dr. Gary Parker, a missionary surgeon volunteering with Mercy Ships, removed the tumor and inserted a jaw implant. Ten years later, Sessay is still tumor-free.

- Demba had cleft lip. The surgery restored his left clip.
- Volunteer doctors have treated more than 2, 00,000 people through village medical clinics and performed 26,000 surgeries of cataracts, cleft lips, and disfiguring tumors.

Who are the founders and why they started Mercy Ship?

Donald Stephens (born on 13th June 1945), founded Mercy Ships in 1978 to bring hope and healing to the world's poor. His wife Deyon Stephens also serves as vice president of Mercy Ship's mission development. Their children are Luke, Heidi, John Paul, Charles. Donald Stephen earned his bachelor's degree in religious studies from Bethany College in Santa Cruz, California. Once Stephen said that he feels comfortable at home in Africa. His hobbies are fly-fishing and outdoor activities.

During a period, people suffered for the survival due to the tropical hurricane (one-in-a-hundred-year storm) and it motivated Donald Stephen to set up a hospital ship for the world's most poor people. Donald Stephens at the age of 19, in the year 1964, while visiting the Bahamas with his youth group took shelter in an aircraft hangar, but many were shelter less due to a storm. After witnessing, the local sufferers Donald Stephens got an idea of serving to injured and provide medicines for the sufferers. His goal has become real and he implemented it in 1978. Donald and his fellow fundraisers contributed \$US1 million for the Victoria, a former cruise liner, and later converted into a hospital ship. In 1982 it was refitted with three

operation theaters and ward with a few beds sailed as the Anastasis – the first Mercy Ship.

Can free service possible without funds, donations, and other resources?

The following are the donors:

- A) Donations by banks, corporates.
- B) Donations under special occasions. Birthdays, wedding and other special days to celebrate.
- C) Buy a gift of hope
- D) Donate a car
- E) Home collection box

Shall we conclude?

These missions cannot be stopped until the world achieves soundness in ethical, financial

and economic activities. This is not an end; rather it is a beginning for a good social cause. Not only Mercy Ships, there are many other charity institutions serving for poor and needy people.

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