

Find
Your Place
On Board



ABOUT MERCY SHIPS

Mercy Ships operates a fleet of the **world's largest charity hospital ships** to bring hope and healing to those who need it most. An estimated 16.9 million people die globally every year because they can't access safe, affordable, and timely surgical care. To meet this significant need, our volunteer crew help to provide free, lifesaving and life-changing surgery and medical training in low- and middle-income countries.



Since 1978,
Mercy Ships has seen more than...

108,000

life-changing surgeries
performed

50,300

local professionals
trained

50

nations
served

2.86 million

people impacted

\$1.77 billion

worth of services
and supplies donated

Diacko's Story

By both training local medical professionals and providing direct medical services, Mercy Ships is able to share hope and transform lives in a tangible way. For patients like Diacko, an 8-year-old boy from Senegal, access to free surgery on board a Mercy Ship would mean the chance for a hope-filled future. Diacko was just 3 years old when

his legs began to bow outward. His mother, Youma, watched with a broken heart as he was mocked by other children and began to have difficulty walking. She knew her little boy needed surgery, but there was a lack of medical care in her village. Youma feared Diacko would live in pain forever.

Years later, Diacko's family heard that Mercy Ships was in Senegal. They traveled over 300 miles from their village to the *Africa Mercy*, where Diacko received surgery to straighten his legs.

After a long recovery process, it was finally time for Diacko to go home — and what a spectacular homecoming it was, as the whole village celebrated his story of hope and healing!

*"We achieved this dream together...
I was dreaming that he would be healed!"*
— Youma





The chance to do work that matters.

Volunteering on board a Mercy Ship is one of the most **life-changing experiences** you'll ever have. When you join a group of people committed to helping others, you become part of the solution. **Your unique skills and abilities contribute to life-saving transformation.** You'll discover that bringing new hope and new opportunity to others is one of the most satisfying things you will ever do.

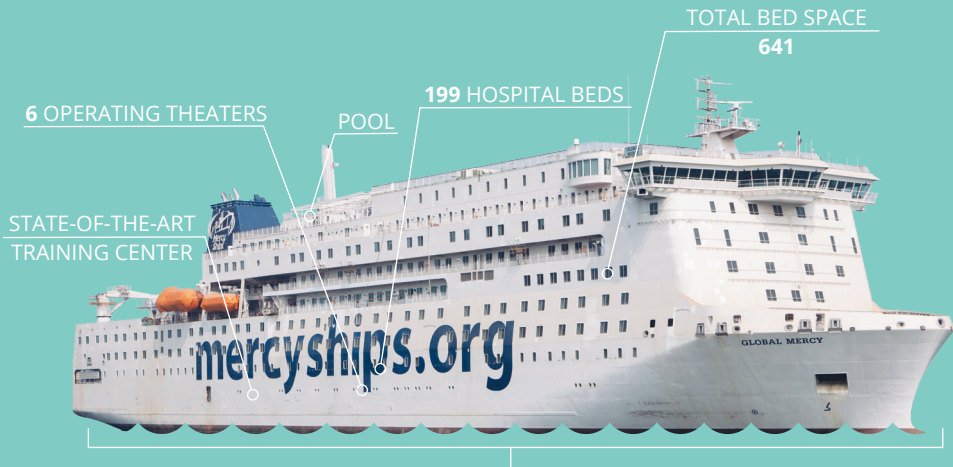
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MEET OUR FLEET OF HOSPITAL SHIPS



AFRICA MERCY[®] 152 meters | 16,572 gross tons

In an effort to help even more people in critical need nations, we launched the *Global Mercy*, our newest ship! Together, with the *Africa Mercy*, our two-ship fleet will allow us to **more than double** the amount of lives we impact, offering more hope and healing than ever before.



GLOBAL MERCY® 174 meters | 37,856 gross tons

Powered by Volunteers

Each year, more than 1,200 volunteer crew from more than 60 nations serve on board the *Africa Mercy*. With the addition of our newest vessel, the number of annual volunteers will more than double. The variety of skills and abilities of our diverse crew of seafarers, medical staff, and many non-medical volunteers enables us to power our floating hospitals and provide safe, free surgical care to our patients each year!







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Whether you have lots of training and experience or are just getting started on your career journey, you can make a difference. We need your special skills to power our ships! To get started, please visit our website or connect with us at volunteer@mercyships.org to learn more. Here are some of our open volunteer positions:

- **Medical:** Hospital Support Services, OR Staff, Dental Professionals, Pharmacists, Biomedical Techs.
- **General:** Accountants, Hotel Services Staff, Teachers, IT Staff, Supply & Logistics Professionals.
- **Technical/Maritime:** Able Seafarers, Deck Officers, Deck Hands, Deck Ratings, Engineering Officers, Engine Ratings, Electricians, HVAC/R Techs, Mechanic Fitters, Plumbers, Carpenters.

Stories of Service

"I have a passion for cooking. Putting this passion to the benefit of an organization like Mercy Ships is more than an honor for me. Every day spent on the ship is a beautiful adventure."

— **Serge Nzembele,**
Senior Chef (Congo)



From Our Volunteers



"Here, I have much more time to take better care of my patients' whole being. In addition to their care and treatment, I get to talk and play games with them... These are essential moments of exchange, laughter, and often songs and dance which is such a unique opportunity to forge real bonds with them."

— **Esmerelda Michel,**
Ward Nurse (France)

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"I always thought that I needed to be a doctor or a pastor to be a missionary and share the love of God with people, but it turns out there is a great need for someone who has spent years in the trade and has technical skills to offer. I love that I can use a trade that has given my family so much to give back and help the lives of people in other countries."

— **Justin Brunenkant**,
Chief Electrician (U.S.A.)



From Our Volunteers



"I want to help where I actually can help. I saw online what Mercy Ships does — that they help people long-term. I have now finished my studies and wanted to do work, not for myself, but for other people."



— **Rahel Ballentin,**
Third Officer (Germany)

COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES



The health and well-being of volunteers and patients is our highest priority. These are the safety measures Mercy Ships has taken in response to COVID-19:

- Institution of COVID protocols for contact tracing, quarantine, and isolation, face mask policy, and social distancing
- COVID-19 testing upon arrival and regular surveillance testing
- Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination for all crew
- Addition of Infection Preventionist and COVID protocol facilitators
- Limiting guests visiting on board
- Limiting maximum number of crew per cabin

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Getting On Board!

There is a place for you on board!
Visit mercyships.org/volunteer
for everything you need to know
about volunteering with Mercy Ships,
including a list of all open positions
and frequently asked questions.

To learn more about serving with Mercy Ships
and find your place on board, scan the QR
code below with your mobile device.



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