



# VISION, MISSION AND CORE VALUES

### Our **VISION**

Christ-centred healthcare teams proclaiming God's love to all the world through healing and teaching.

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## Our CORE VALUES

#### **CHRIST-CENTRED HEALTHCARE**

We endeavour to obey Christ, our desire is to be like Him, following His example of compassion for the suffering and diseased, we embrace His concern for the whole person. Our teams relentlessly pursue empathy and alignment with God over the needs of people, aspiring to be as concerned and engaged as He is. We are aware that we cannot achieve this in our own power; so we rely on God through prayer, and seek wisdom through His Word. As a trans-denominational organization we include all like-minded followers of Christ who share our Vision.

#### **INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAMS**

We recognize the complex nature of human suffering. Therefore, we band together with others who complement and supplement our efforts to care for those in need. Jesus responded to both spiritual and physical needs (Matt 14: 13-21). Healthcare alone is inadequate for proclaiming God's love, the synergy of interdisciplinary teams enables us to be holistic, therefore we blend different disciplines into cohesive high-functioning teams.

#### **EMPOWERING LOCAL LEADERS**

We train, and empower national healthcare workers so that they can continue to care for their people. They know their social and cultural terrain, live among the people and are readily accessible all year round. It is their lives that make the gospel tangible in the everyday events of life. Christ modelled by them daily is more potent than what our teams can achieve during our visits. That is how the good news took root in Colossae (Colossians 1:5-8 and 4:12). So we invest in equipping local healthcare workers in the skills of delivering better healthcare, and in how to be more effective witnesses for Christ.



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#### **GOING TO UNDERSERVED AREAS**

Our teams bring a variety of gifts and skills to meet needs that have been prioritized by our local partners. We aim to serve where we are needed. We avoid duplicating existing services, and competing with other organizations through a process of exploratory trips, careful evaluation of potential projects, and final selection. The ideal service opportunities include an educational, medical and/or dental component.

#### LONG-TERM COMMITMENT

Our teams are led by people who are committed to serving on longterm projects. EMAS teams work best when they make it a priority to build lasting relationships. These relationships depend on acceptance, accountability and interdependence; allowing us to work with people who do not share our faith beliefs, but respect these core values. We impact the health of communities through education and service by dedicating ourselves to realistic goals in long-term partnerships with local hosts.



Healing Today Teaching for Tomorrow and for Eternity

# short term medical missions with a long-term perspective

### Our **MISSION**

To heal, teach and serve those in need in a Christ-like manner.



In 1948, Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children decided to construct a new building with new equipment, a group of doctors heard this news, banded together and requested that medical equipment from the old hospital be donated to them for use in under-resourced hospitals around the world. Their request was granted and the doctors formed EMAS to oversee the distribution of donated medical equipment.

Since then Canadian healthcare professionals continue to band together every year on behalf of those in need. EMAS Canada's mandate has evolved from equipment distribution to short-term medical mission trips and healthcare training, our MISSION being to heal, teach and serve those in need in a Christ-like manner.

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