

CPFI Mission Committee Report May 29, 2025

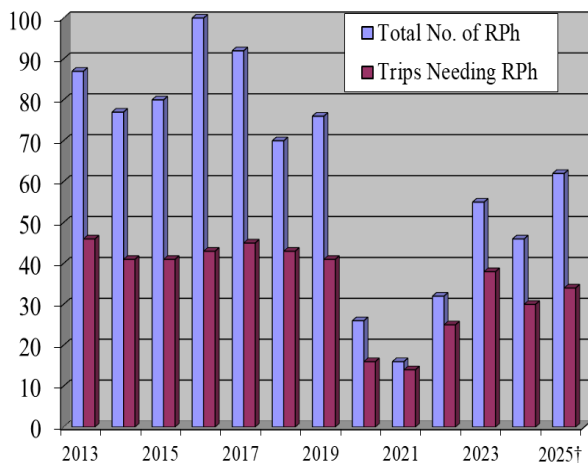
Committee members: Christine Birnie, Anne Clay, Jeff Copeland, Marjorie Hayes, Ron Herman, Barbara Hoagland, Paul Kabanga Kapuya, Andrea Mezentsef, Gary Smith, Bob Watt, and K. Allhands (chair)

Praise the Lord short-term medical mission brigades through Global Health Outreach (GHO) continue. This past year (2024), 30 GHO teams that needed a pharmacist have been completed. Five went without a pharmacist, 16 had one pharmacist and 9 had 2 or more pharmacists/pharmacy students. These trips included 37 pharmacists and 9 pharmacy students. Since the beginning of 2025, 11 trips have completed their work and unfortunately 2 did not have a pharmacist. The 9 trips that went had 17 pharmacists and 5 students participating.

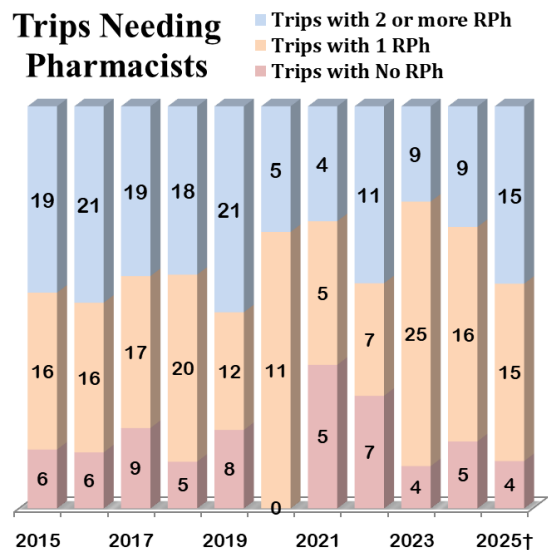
There are 23 trips that will still be going out this summer and fall of this year. Only 2 of these trips do not have pharmacists or students signed up, 13 have 1 individual signed up and 8 have 2 or more. This includes 30 pharmacists and 10 students signed up for the upcoming trips. That means we need at least 13 more participants for the teams that have only one and 2 trips (one to Bolivia and one to Nicaragua) need at least 2 per team. Thanks to the all the CPFI members who have participated and let us pray for the remaining volunteers.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 [†]
Total No. of RPh	92	70	76	26	16	32	55	46	62
Trips Needing RPh	45	43	41	16	14	25	38	30	34
Trips with No RPh	9	5	8	0	5	7	4	5	4
Trips with 1 RPh	17	20	12	11	5	7	20	16	15
Trips with 2 or more RPh	19	18	21	5	4	11	8	9	15
Total Trips	48	46	46	16	14	28	34	34	38

Pharmacist Participation on GHO Trips



Trips Needing Pharmacists





The Mission Committee is pleased CPFI to be able to give out up to \$1000 scholarships to CPFI members who apply to help defray the costs of participation in a GHO short-term mission brigade.

There are some ambitious pharmacy plans by CPFI member Paul Kabanga Kapuya and the CPFI-DR Congo pharmacists, but unfortunately all seems to be on hold as the Democratic Republic of the Congo has been undergoing much political unrest and insecurity from rebel activities during the past year, particularly in the eastern area where missionaries CPFI member Bob Watt, and his bride Glenda, labored together with Paul.

Ron Herman and Keith Allhands represented CPFI with a booth display at the Global Missions Health Conference held at Southeast Christian Church, Louisville, Kentucky, November 7th through 9th, 2024. We displayed the latest refinement of dispensing units that we typically use on GHO trips at our booth. They generated a lot of interest from those who stopped by. Three of these dispensing units were donated to GHO, by a CPFI member so they can send them out to be used by pharmacists on the trip. There is a second unit that holds dispensing tools, topicals, ophthalmic/otic pharmaceuticals, and the medical records that we collect at the pharmacy on the completion of a patient visit. They both collapse nicely in a small duffel bag that fits in the pharmacist's suit case.



Keith represented pharmacy and CPFI at the GHO Advisory Council, December 5th and the GHO Leadership Training and Orientation, December 6th and 7th, 2024, at the Christian Medical and Dental Associations offices, Bristol, TN. The CPFI dispensing units were presented and reviewed to all the GHO team leaders and staff in attendance. Ron and Keith plan to attend these meetings in December of this year.

Respectfully submitted, *Keith Allhands*, chair

