

Serving at the Hospital of Hope

Mango, Togo, Africa
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Hello!!

My name is Josie Zorn and I want to share with you an exciting opportunity that I will be undertaking this year. Come this spring I am going on a medical mission trip through the organization Samaritan's Purse to Mango Togo, Africa. I will be voluntarily serving from April 9 to September 30, 2020, in a registered nurse capacity in the Hospital of Hope's labour and delivery department; a hospital that provides health care to the underserved people of northern Togo and several neighbouring countries.

Samaritan's Purse places volunteer Christian health care personnel in mission hospitals and clinics around the world. (A video of what Samaritan's Purse does can be viewed [here](#) if you are curious). Although Samaritan's Purse works in many destinations, the Hospital of Hope was urgently seeking registered nurses who have a background in labour and delivery. I believe I can assist in that call as I presently work at McMaster Children's Hospital in Labour and Delivery, where I have been able to establish a solid foundation in my nursing skill set that I can transfer overseas (while at the same time I believe I will be learning so much more while I am there)! This is a wonderful opportunity to not only provide care as a registered nurse, but also partner with local believers in God's heart for the world. The hospital is staffed with a combination of Togolese and Western

trained nurses, and it will be an honour to share my nursing experience, work alongside, and care for the people of Togo.



Hospital of Hope, Mango Togo, Africa

The Hospital of Hope (a glimpse into the hospital can be viewed [here](#)) began seeing patients in March 2015, with 65 inpatient beds and serves patients from Togo, Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Niger, Nigeria and other West African countries. They are comprised of more than 140 Togolese staff and over 40 expats from the US, Canada, France, and New Zealand. Their mission is committed to meeting patients' physical, emotional, and spiritual needs using the hospital as a platform to share the Word of God and provide the opportunity for patients to experience the love of Christ through direct patient interaction and follow up in the community.

Where in the World is Togo?

Togo is one of Africa's smaller countries, sandwiched between Ghana and Benin in West Africa

Size: Slightly smaller than West Virginia

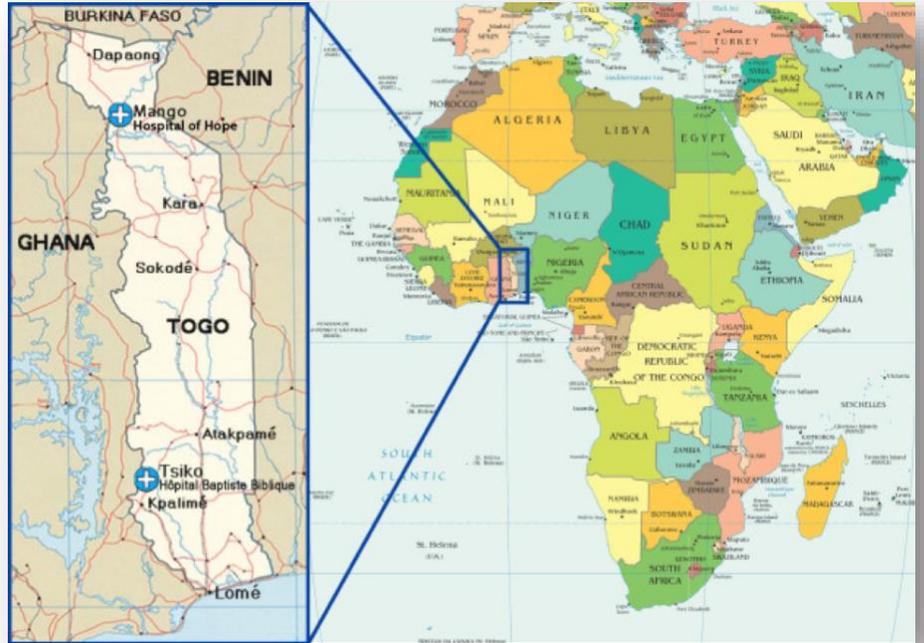
Climate: Tropical and hot in the south, semi-arid and hot in the north. Rainy season in the north is from June to September. Dry season is October to May, including harmattan (when trade winds bring dust from the Sahara, making it very dry, dusty and not as hot) from December to February.

Population: 8,608,444

Language: 41 tribal languages (seeing at least 6 of those daily at the hospital)! French is the official language, but it doesn't allow communication with many Togolese!

Religion: Christian 29% (more dominant in south), Islam 20% (more dominant in north), Animism (traditional African Religions) 51%

Common diseases: Malaria, HIV/AIDS, Pneumonia, Tuberculosis, Diarrheal disease, Typhoid, Hypertension, Strokes



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| Life Expectancy | 59 years | 78 years |
| Median Age | 19 years | 37 years |
| Infant Mortality | 51 per 1000 | 6 per 1000 |

Before I leave...

... there are a few things I have to do. I am seeking people who will be my prayer partners throughout this trip. By praying for me as I prepare to leave you will have a direct impact on my journey working in labour and delivery at the Hospital of Hope. Prayer is vital to everything in life, and this trip is no exception.

This is a complete volunteer endeavor with the requirement of volunteers to pay all travel and living expenses for the duration of the commitment to serve. I have calculated the direct cost of this service to be approximately \$8,000.00; not including the storing and maintenance of my personal belongings and living here in Canada. I am seeking financial partners with a love for God's work amongst the people of Africa to assist me in raising these funds. If the generosity of the financial partners exceeds the cost mentioned above all excess will be donated to the Hospital of Hope.

I am asking for your consideration to support me financially and/or with prayer on this journey to Togo. Would you partner with me by being a prayer and/or financial supporter? The link [here](#) will take you to my Samaritan's Purse SponsorMe page. Here you can support me financially and receive a tax receipt for your donation.

I am looking forward to seeing how God will work in and through me to fulfill His purpose through my time in Mango, Togo. Your support and/or prayer means a lot and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for any way you feel God leading you to help. I will be sure to tell you of my experiences when I return!

Sincerely,

Josie Zorn