

GRANT #15

MERCY MEDICAL TEAM-CHAPLAIN SCHOLARSHIPS

\$3,000

LCMS Short-Term Missions Ministry



Since 2006 LCMS Mercy Medical Teams have provided desperately needed health care to over 30,000 patients around the globe. This short-term volunteer program offers medical professionals, pastors and laity the opportunity to volunteer abroad in a variety of clinical and health related setting. Teams are 7015 volunteers. When possible, each team is accompanied by an ordained LCMS pastor. The need for a pastor on each team goes beyond evangelism, but also for the spiritual care of the volunteers who are often facing challenges presented by culture shock and impressions of poverty, calamity and disease. Each chaplain must pay the entire cost of the trip. The combined airfare and ground fees can be in excess of \$5,000 currently. The grant would be scholarship funds for LCMS Pastors to ease the financial burden of making a Mercy trip.