Global Health Calendar 2018

Photos by medical students from the University of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS)
In the summer of 2017 during their learning and service activities
Tyler Lueck and Rakhi Desai (UMMS, Class of 2020) traveled to Cochabamba, Bolivia, and volunteered with the Institute for Human Development, an organization that primarily provides testing and medical services for HIV-positive patients and teaches seminars on drug and violence prevention at local schools. Photos above are (clockwise from left): Cristo de la Concordia, Cochabamba; Southern Cochabamba, looking out from Hospital Viedma; Sucre, the White City; La Paz, from the aerial tram. Photos by Tyler Lueck.
February 2018

Kenya

Emma Albert Stone, Avina Joshi, Jessica Pierre Francois and Jacqueline Chipkin (UMMS, Class of 2020) traveled to Kisumu, the principal city of western Kenya. There, they learned about ongoing research in pediatric cancer, immunology, and malarial treatment and vaccines. Photo taken in the Kakamega Rainforest in western Kenya. Photo by Jacqueline Chipkin
Antigua Guatemala means “Ancient Guatemala”. Prior to Guatemala City, La Antigua was the capital of Guatemala. It is a popular tourism area and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, but the effects of the 36-year Guatemalan Civil War that ended in 1996 can still be seen on the city streets. Guatemalans of Mayan heritage suffer from racism left over from the civil war and chronic poverty. In the summer of 2017, Robert Slamin (UMMS, Class of 2019) was sponsored by Dr. David Kim to travel to La Antigua with a Surgicorps International group led by Dr. Kim. The group performed over 100 surgeries ranging from removing gallbladders to performing tendon transfers of the upper extremity. Photos by Robert Slamin
Beijing was founded as “Khanbaliq” in the 13th century A.D. by the Mongol Yuan Dynasty and then served as the imperial capital of China for more than eight centuries thereafter. Today, Beijing is the bustling cosmopolitan capital of the People’s Republic of China as well as the headquarters of the Chinese Communist Party. Additionally, the city and its environs boast a number of China’s most revered imperial treasures from the Ming and Qing periods, including the Forbidden City, the Great Wall, the Summer Palace, and the Temple of Heaven. Despite Beijing’s predominantly Han Chinese character, the original Mongolian, Persian, Tibetan and Manchu elements dating to the city’s foundation remain patent, if not robust, to an astute observer. Photos by Afsheen Sharifzadeh
In Vietnam poverty remains high in Northern Mountains and Central Highlands, where most of the minority populations concentrate. Although ethnic minorities make up less than 15 percent of the population in Vietnam, they account for nearly half of the poor. The poverty rate for ethnic minority was five times higher than that of the Kinh group (the main group of people in Vietnam). With poverty come educational inequalities, inadequate sanitation, poor health, lack of healthcare and health understandings. Hau Nguyen (UMMS, Class of 2020) traveled to Vietnam where he conducted interviews to document the impacts socioeconomic and cultural factors have on healthcare equity. Photos above are from Sa Pa, Mu Cang Chai, and Can Tho. Photos by Hau Nguyen
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Nicaragua is one of the most sparsely populated counties in Central America making the delivery of healthcare a challenging process. Global Health Pathway students Zoya Volkova and Pete DaCosta (UMMS, Class of 2020) traveled to Leon Nicaragua in the summer of 2017 where they learned firsthand about the healthcare system and medical education while being fully immersed in Nicaraguan culture. Pictured on the left is Our Lady of Grace Cathedral in Parque Central, the vibrant epicenter of activity in Leon. Schoolchildren, street vendors, residents of Leon, and tourists gather here to celebrate the culture of Leon. Photos by Zoya Volkova and Pete DaCosta
Chengdu is located at the bottom of what is known as the “Sichuan basin.” Unlike many of the other major cities in China, Chengdu is known for its leisurely pace. After work, many locals can be seen playing mahjong at tables along the streets, in mahjong parlors, or teahouses. Teahouses, tea culture, and hot pot cuisine also encourage the slow pace, allowing friends and families to gather and chat for long periods of time. Photos above (left in clockwise order): Jinding of Mount Emei, Immersion Program opening ceremony, Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding, Anshun Bridge in Chengdu. Photos by Charles Yi, Steven Meng, and Shawn Li.
Personal fitness can be a challenge in under-resourced communities and a difficult lifestyle change to introduce. Danielle Iskandar, Amanda Karampatsos, and SeungJu Jackie Oh (UMMS, Class of 2020) traveled to the Philippines where they volunteered at Arc of Noah, a Gawad Kalinga village, to make health fitness and nutrition more accessible to underserved populations by implementing Project ZUBOGA. Photos by Jackie Oh, Savanna Steck, and Jocelyn Alejandro.
Bolivia is a country with a very diverse landscape and abundant natural resources ranging from the Andes to the Amazon. During the summer of 2017 Rakhi Desai and Tyler Lueck (UMMS, Class of 2020) traveled to Cochabamba to conduct a study on HIV mortality with the Instituto para el Desarrollo Humano (IDH). Photos by Rakhi Desai
Haiti

November 2018

Michele Sainvil (UMMS, Class of 2018) traveled to the Kay Mackenson Clinic in Haiti in the summer of 2017 to learn about socioeconomic health disparities and the impact of chronic illnesses on the pediatric population. Photos by Marcela Campuzano. KM All rights reserved.
The village of Manang (pictured above) is a rural village in the Himalayan region of Nepal, and is home to approximately seven thousand people. In 2014, Michael Chin (UMMS, Class of 2000) volunteered as a physician in the health post that is operated by the Himalayan Rescue Association (HRA). HRA is a Nepali non-profit organization that operates a health post in the village of Manang, the village of Pheriche, and at the base camp on Mount Everest. Photos by Michael Chin.
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