

# AusHEAL MEDICAL MISSION TEAM

Democratic Republic of Congo, August-September each year



Every year we gather teams of skilled medical and technical professionals to share their expertise in a Christian context with African national doctors, nurses and support staff based at the HEAL Africa Hospital in Goma in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

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Join the AusHEAL Medical Mission Team and help teach, train and resource Africans to better serve their own people. This is an exciting opportunity to live out your faith and share your professional skills.

Each year Gateway's Dr Neil and Gwen Wetzig take a team of health care and associated technical professionals to DR Congo to share skills and capacity build Congolese medical and support staff at the HEAL Africa Hospital in Goma. Teams will spend two to three weeks in DR Congo usually during August/September, with most of the time spent teaching and training HEAL Africa Hospital staff.

### What countries/cities will be visited?

Goma (capital of North Kivu Province) eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (on border with Rwanda)

### What are the approximate dates of the trip, including the length of time?

Teams are usually scheduled during August – September for 2-3 weeks.

### What existing indigenous agencies, organisations and/or churches are the team visiting?

HEAL Africa (Health, Education, Action, Leadership)

### What organisation is the trip endorsed by?

AusHEAL and Gateway Baptist Church

### Are there selection criteria for team members?

We gather teams with specialised skills based on the needs of HEAL Africa Hospital. We usually seek team members with medical, nursing or allied health skills, and possibly associated technical skills.

Participation in this team is through an application and interview process. People who do not have a Christian faith are welcome to apply for this team, however they need to be aware of, and comfortable with

the Christian ethos and practice of the team and of HEAL Africa.

### What is the planned maximum number of team members?

8 people maximum per team. We may organise several different teams during August-September.

### Approximate financial commitment:

Approximately \$3,000-3,500 to cover airfares and transit costs. In-country costs are generously covered by AusHEAL.

### Time commitment for team preparation, prayer and debrief:

4-6 months before trip – 4 x 3hr training meetings, plus 1 all-day training day prior to trip. Plus at least 1 meeting after trip – debrief and future planning meeting.

### What date do applications for this team close?

Each February

### Team Leaders Neil and Gwen Wetzig:

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Dr Neil Wetzig and his wife, Gwen have been members of Gateway Baptist Church for over 25 years and are passionate about being involved in mission.

Neil (a surgeon) and Gwen (team co-ordinator) have been leading medical and logistical teams to HEAL Africa Hospital in Goma, eastern DR Congo since 2006 as part of the AusHEAL Congo Project.

HEAL Africa Hospital is endeavouring to improve clinical skills of their staff and to be Christ's light and love in a very dark and poverty-stricken part of Africa. AusHEAL seeks to create sustainable change in eastern DRC by building capacity through teaching and training at HEAL Africa Hospital.

