

## Global Health Student Site Evaluation: Ethiopia Outreach 2012

1. Name:

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2. Which level student are you?

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| MS1            | 16.7%            | 1              |
| MS2            | 83.3%            | 5              |
| MS3            | 0.0%             | 0              |
| MS4            | 0.0%             | 0              |

3. What country did you visit for your international elective?

Ethiopia

4. In what city/town was your international elective site located?

Aleta Wondo

5. Name of Host Organization/Institution:

Common River

6. Department/Focus of Work:

- 1 School/Women's education
- 2 medicine
- 3 Clinic/Pblic Health Survey
- 4 Clinical experience and public health experience
- 5 Setting up clinics in Aleta Wondoo. WASH survey
- 6 Healthcare

**7. Name of Preceptor/Mentor:**

Dr. Jonathan Karnes and Dr. Christine Zink

**8. Dates of Rotation/Elective (DD/MM/YY - DD/MM/YY):**

05/15/12-06/03/12

**9. Total cost of elective:**

- 1 ~\$4000/student
- 2 Around 33000 Dollars
- 3 \$4,000 or so

**10. Did you receive a scholarship for this elective (check all that apply)?**

| Answer Options                     | Response Percent | Response Count |
|------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| No scholarship                     | 16.7%            | 1              |
| Paul Brand Scholarship             | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Dean's Scholarship                 | 83.3%            | 5              |
| Other (please specify)             |                  | 1              |
| Travel scholarship from the school |                  |                |

**11. Where did you find out about this elective/program?**

- 1 Global Health
- 2 global health elective
- 3 Global Health Elective
- 4 Student table at orientation 2011
- 5 Global Health Elective
- 6 Global Health Elective

**12. Please rate how well prepared you were for this elective site?**

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Poor           | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Fair           | 16.7%            | 1              |
| Fine           | 33.3%            | 2              |
| Good           | 50.0%            | 3              |
| Excellent      | 0.0%             | 0              |

**13. Please explain why you felt/didn't feel prepared?**

- 1 We needed a better introduction to Ethiopian culture.
- 2 The preparation at times was very last minute but once we got there everything ran smoothly.
- 3 My clinical knowledge is very limited, but it was sufficient for what we were able to treat as determined by the contents of our pharmacy. We also had two doctors who were almost always available to help with each patient.
- 4 N/A
- 5 Enthusiasm

**14. Which Global Health elective were you enrolled in?**

| Answer Options                                | Response Percent | Response Count |
|---|------------------|----------------|
| International Medicine - INTD 3001            | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Global Health Enrichment Elective - ELEC 5047 | 100.0%           | 6              |
| Preparing for Global Health Work - INTD 4030  | 0.0%             | 0              |
| International Medicine - MEDI 7003            | 0.0%             | 0              |
| None  | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Other (please specify)                        |                  | 0              |

**15. Which session(s) from your electives(s) were most useful/helpful for your work at your site?**

- 1 Global Health Ethics
- 2 Personal health/vaccinations
- 3 Dermatology power points and HIV/AIDS Sessions
- 4 Parasite lecture

**16. What information or skills could have been provided that would have been of benefit for you at your elective site?**

- 1 More cultural competency
- 2 Better introduction to Ethiopian culture. This would have been helpful for the global health project.
- 3 Basic antibiotic and antifungal therapies. We learned a lot about diseases this year, but not much about treatments
- 4 Maybe some language sessions for different groups according to their travel plans
- 5 Was satisfactory as it was.

**17. What suggestions do you have to improve student preparation for international electives?**

- 1 More interaction with previous group
- 2 More focus needs to be placed on fundraising. People blew us off until the last minute and we had to scramble to make sure we even got to go on the trip.
- 3 Think about what can feasibly be treated in a mobile clinic and base a pharmacy on that. Work with the local health officials before going so we can provide resources for patients we can't help instead of saying "I'm sorry, you need to see a surgeon". I think teams in the future should know more about the local resources and work with them, rather than on top of them.
- 4 More specific details for the students regarding fund raising activities/sources.
- 5 None.

**18. What accommodations did you have?**

- 1 Hut at Common River
- 2 Hut on common river's site; hotel rooms
- 3 Bed in a hut, flush toilets, running water
- 4 Common River Huts
- 5 We had hotels and huts (equivalent to hotels) by our coordinator Tsegeye in Aleta Wondoo
- 6 Stayed in huts.

**19. How would you rate the suitability and comfort of your accommodations?**

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Poor           | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Fair           | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Fine           | 16.7%            | 1              |
| Good           | 66.7%            | 4              |
| Excellent      | 16.7%            | 1              |

**20. How could your accommodations have been improved?**

- 1 they were perfect
- 2 The huts were great. They were clean when we arrived, we had toilets, toilet paper, and soap for hand washing provided just a few steps from the hut.
- 3 showers
- 4 Couldn't have.

**21. How would you rate the quality of food while at your elective site?**

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Poor           | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Fair           | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Fine           | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Good           | 50.0%            | 3              |
| Excellent      | 50.0%            | 3              |

**22. What was the source of meals while at your elective site? (Please check all that apply)**

| Answer Options                            | Response Percent | Response Count |
|---|------------------|----------------|
| Prepared own meals                        | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Cafeteria                                 | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Home stay/Meals prepared at accommodation | 100.0%           | 6              |
| Restaurants                               | 33.3%            | 2              |
| Other (please specify)                    |                  | 0              |

**23. What type(s) of ground transportation did you utilize during your elective?**

| Answer Options         | Response Percent | Response Count |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Walk                   | 66.7%            | 4              |
| Train                  | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Cab                    | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Car                    | 66.7%            | 4              |
| Motorcycle             | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Bicycle                | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Other (please specify) |                  | 3              |

bus

**24. Was the ground transportation safe?**

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Not Very       | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Fair           | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Fine           | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Good           | 100.0%           | 6              |
| Very           | 0.0%             | 0              |

**25. Please describe your duties while at your site.**

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| 1 | Clinic/Global Health Survey  |
| 2 | at site, we set up a clinic to do well child and general check ups for all of the groups at the school           |
| 3 | worked in the clinic treating people and conducted a global health survey  |
| 4 | Work in clinic, conduct public health survey   |
| 5 | Student run health clinics: Triage, physical exam under supervision of doctors, dispensing medicine. WASH survey |
| 6 | Learning.  |

**26. Was your site preceptor/mentor helpful?**

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Not Very       | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Fair           | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Fine           | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Good           | 16.7%            | 1              |
| Very           | 83.3%            | 5              |

**27. Please explain how your preceptor was/was not helpful.**

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| 1 | Both Dr. Karnes and Zink made an effort to explain each disease process to the best of their ability   |
| 2 | very knowledgeable   |
| 3 | Our preceptors really wanted us to learn so they gave us a lot of independence when working with the patients and then checked our work to make sure we were correct.  |
| 4 | Both Dr. Zink and Dr. Karnes were excellent teachers. We were limited by translators, so doctors were generally available to see patients with students. Both Dr. Karnes and Dr. Zink let the students ask the questions and determine what exam we needed, but they stepped in when they felt we forgot something or had questions. They let us come up with a treatment plan and either agreed or helped us to think of something different. |
| 5 | N/A  |
| 6 | N/A.   |

**28. How would you rate your site preceptor's/mentor's knowledge?**

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Poor           | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Fair           | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Fine           | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Good           | 16.7%            | 1              |
| Excellent      | 83.3%            | 5              |

**29. How would you rate your preceptor's/mentor's teaching abilities?**

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Poor           | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Fair           | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Fine           | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Good           | 16.7%            | 1              |
| Excellent      | 83.3%            | 5              |

**30. Please elaborate on their teaching abilities.**

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| 1 | They employed different styles. Dr. Karnes elucidated the importance of a comprehensive exam; Dr. Zink was great at prioritizing conditions.                                   |
| 2 | great  |
| 3 | very knowledgeable and patient   |
| 4 | Please see number 28   |
| 5 | Assuming Dr. Karnes and Dr. Zinc were our preceptors: Very practical. Concise. Paid attention to minor details which were very helpful. Very friendly. Available all the time. |
| 6 | They were both very knowledgeable.   |

**31. On average, how much time did your preceptor spend with you during a typical day?**

| Answer Options  | Response Percent | Response Count |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| 0 - 2 hours     | 0.0%             | 0              |
| 2 - 4 hours     | 16.7%            | 1              |
| 4 - 6 hours     | 0.0%             | 0              |
| 6 - 8 hours     | 16.7%            | 1              |
| 8 hours or more | 66.7%            | 4              |

**32. What did you learn from the health center/hospital staff/program staff with respect to global health, public health, tropical medicine and infectious diseases?**

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| 1 | Once again, I witnessed the burden of disease on the everyday workings of a developing country.   |
| 2 | we saw patients with different infectious diseases, of which we then learned about; again, we were introduced to a different culture than our own, and in that, we learned a great deal   |
| 3 | They taught me a lot about what I should expect to encounter in terms of illnesses our patients might have.   |
| 4 | Doctors, while absolutely necessary, are not the answer to making lasting changes in global health. Basic hygiene and knowledge of disease transmission is much more important for the global reduction of disease.                             |
| 5 | Most of the skin conditions (e.g. on feet, hands etc) and even some eye conditions (e.g. trachoma) were easily treatable and preventable (e.g. by wearing shoes, medicine, de-worming etc) if there were a little more resources and awareness. |
| 6 | Much.   |

**33. What awareness of the host country's health care system/situation did you acquire?**

- 1 Rural Ethiopia is very underserved.  
we visited a hospital in Addis and we ventured into a clinic in Aleta Wondo; amazingly, this clinic was stocked with HIV, TB and malaria medications, including HAART.
- 2 I began to understand the limitations of their resources, but at the same time I learned
- 3 How local clinics were making those limited resources work for them.  
Aleta Wondo had what seemed to be a well-stocked, well-staffed clinic. It seemed like the people in the community were not utilizing the resources the clinic had to offer, so it would be interesting to investigate why.
- 4 How doctors compromise in very resource limited situation.
- 5 Much.

**34. How likely are you to recommend this site to a peer (another medical or MD/MPH student)?**

| Answer Options    | Response Percent | Response Count |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Not likely        | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Somewhat unlikely | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Not sure          | 0.0%             | 0              |
| Somewhat likely   | 33.3%            | 2              |
| Very likely       | 66.7%            | 4              |

**35. Please explain why you would/would not recommend to another student.**

- 1 Ethiopia provides an environment and culture divergent enough for being more aware of your ethnocentrism.
- 2 It was a great trip, however I feel that it is not sustainable in the least bit
- 3 It was a wonderful experience that opened my eyes to international medicine.  
Overall, I think this was a good experience. However, I don't particularly like working in mobile clinics because I don't think they are sustainable, and long-term help for a patient is unlikely. I did not travel to Ethiopia thinking I would be able to make a big impact with my suitcase of antibiotics, but I was surprised at how ineffective I felt. I would definitely recommend the site to a student who solely wanted to gain clinical experience, but I think that can also be found here in San Antonio. Traveling to Ethiopia is a great learning experience for many reasons outside of clinical knowledge.
- 4 I would recommend it to someone who is looking for more than just practice.
- 5 n/a
- 6 N/A

**36. What suggestions do you have to improve this elective site/program?**

- 1 More relevant survey  
Make it more sustainable; keep the same preceptor year after year (this means make it easier for the doctors to be able to take off from their jobs and go every year); Also, there is a well-stocked clinic in Aleta Wondo, one we can learn from greatly



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|   | I wish we had more time before departure to talk about our goals in clinic and our survey. I suppose my suggestion is then figure out the money sooner so there is more time for project preparation. However, we started fundraising from the minute we found out we were going on the trip to just days before we left. I think we would have been much more prepared for our work if we knew were actually going sooner. |
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| 4 | Halal food for Muslim volunteers.   |
| 5 | None.   |

### 37. Any other comments?

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| 1 | Thank you  |
| 2 | I was thoroughly disappointed with the public health project. We had little to no introduction to the Ethiopian culture before beginning the project. Also, we were handed a survey that was originally prepared for the DR. We were told to train our translators, without having any idea on how to properly train them for the surveys. |
| 3 | The fundraising was absolutely the worst part. It was incredibly stressful during the school year and left us with little time to prepare what we would actually be doing in Ethiopia.   |
| 4 | Very organized program. Volunteers got to see medical conditions (e.g. Leprosy) which are not commonly seen in US. A great opportunity to learn clinical medicine.   |
| 5 | No.  |