

TEACHING MEDICINE IN PERU
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By the time you read this Dr G will be teaching medicine to Peruvian doctors in Lima, Peru. I am going under the auspices of Health Volunteers Overseas, an organization that places healthcare personnel in third world countries to teach, rather than do. That way, the knowledge and work continues after we leave the country, rather than being dependent on our presence. Read about medicine and health in Peru in the next issue of DrG'sMediSense.

I had hoped that I could have asked you donate healthcare-related items that I could take for donation to rural clinics. It turns out that Peru's restrictive customs system makes that problematic. I'll be taking medical books, which they don't seem to mind.

To make a tax-deductible donation to support the trip, please send a check made out to Health Volunteers Overseas and send it to me at P.O.Box 19274, Sacramento, CA 95819. I will batch and forward them to HVO. Extra funds will support other HVO programs.

Many of you contributed to the trip I had hoped to make to Sri Lanka after the tsunami. I regret that your generosity didn't pay off. I never cashed the checks. The cash sat in a drawer, waiting for the next chance to volunteer. That time is now.

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