

Specialty: Internal Medicine

Country: Kenya

Location: Matangwe & Bondo

Rural/Urban: Rural

Hospital or non-hospital placement: Hospital & Orphanage

Type of placement: Pre-clerkship

Date: July 23rd to August 24th, 2010

Project title:

Organization: Caring Partners Global

Website: www.caringpartners.ca

Main language spoken: Luo

Other language(s): English

Project description:

Student experience description: We volunteered at the Matangwe Health Clinic in our capacity as medical students, providing care to the members of the Matangwe community. There were numerous opportunities to visit nearby orphanages and the nearby Bondo District Hospital, to gain more community understanding and clinical experience. We were lodged in a nice hotel with amazing food, for a very reasonable price and we were driven to our place of work every morning by efficient community members. The clinic included a pharmacy, delivery room and lab, allowing for various learning opportunities and exposures.

Placement safety: The area was very safe and we were surrounded by caring, compassionate and loving people who went out of their way to ensure that we were safe and happy. We were in the area during the period of the voting on a new constitution and although external media predicted violence, the area was safe and there were no dangerous activities occurring in the area around us.

Educational experience (out of 10): 8

Social/cultural experience (out of 10): 10

Does the organization have any religious affiliations? No

At any point did you feel expected to participate in religious activity? No

Program fee:

Dress code: Comfortable clothes outside of the clinic and scrubs in the clinic and hospital.

Accommodation: Lodging at Switel Hotel, an excellent accommodation with very good service and food.

Accommodation cost: less than \$10/day

Helpful hints: Make sure you attend the orientation session before going to this area; this is mandatory and will provide you with all the information you need about the location, the

people and what to expect. It will also put you in contact with people who can help you in any situation that arises while in Kenya.

Questions you are glad to have asked before leaving on placement: What costs, specifically, will I be responsible for? What language do the people of the community speak?

Questions you WISHED you asked before leaving on placement:

Overall, would you recommend this placement for future students? Yes