

Involvement In Global Volunteer and Mission Projects For Future Leaders

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Learning Objectives

- » Describe the impact and benefits that volunteers might have on a struggling community.
- » Discuss the personal growth and other benefits that volunteers might experience upon volunteering themselves to a community in need.

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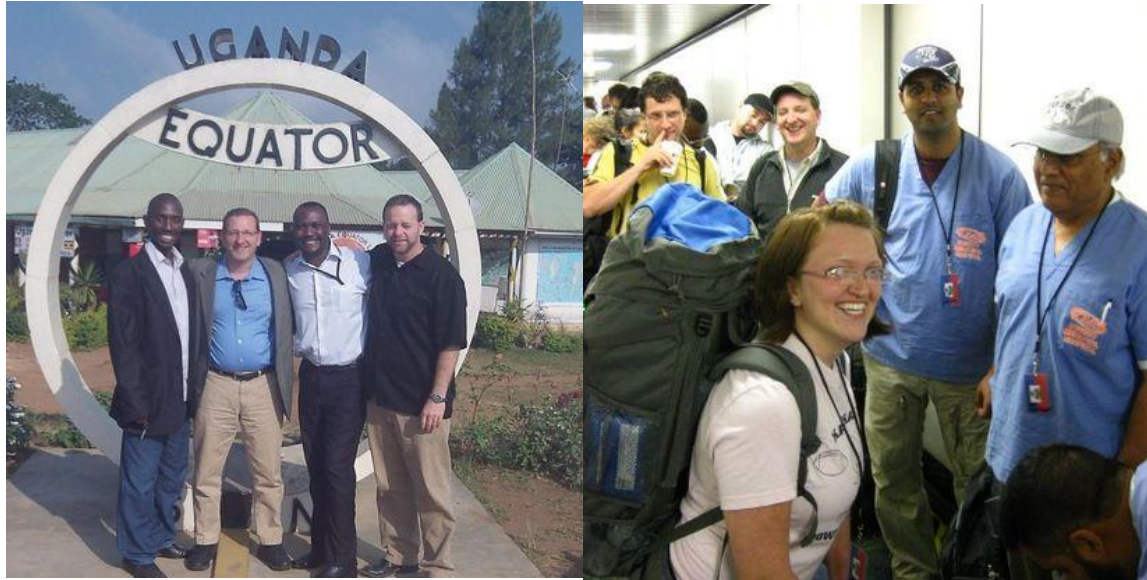
Description of mission work and volunteer experiences

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- » Humanitarian and medical trips to over 30 nations.
- » Among them was Haiti 7 days after the 2010 earthquake.
- » Tibet medical screening project for every child in Tibet
- » Sponsored by South East Asia Prayer Center (SEAPC), a volunteer-based organization in 153 nations

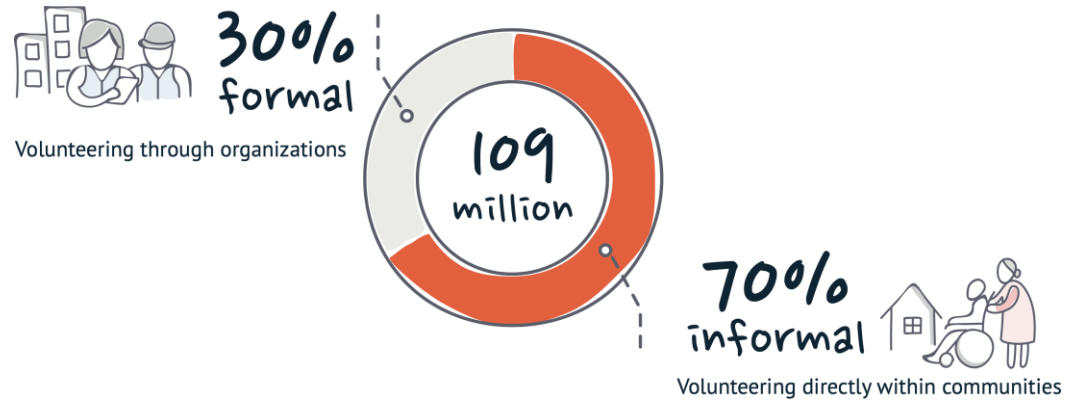
Dr Cramer's volunteer experiences

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Majority of volunteering globally happens informally

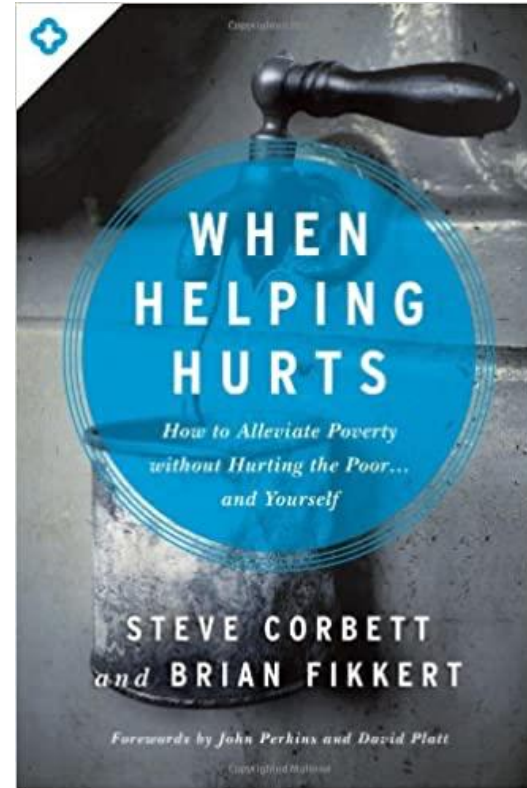


How and Where Can Volunteers Help the Most?

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- » There are 1 Billion Volunteers in the World Today
 - » Volunteering makes us feel good about ourselves
 - » Volunteering expresses compassion to others
 - » Volunteering helps alleviate the pain, need, or suffering of others
 - » Volunteering can help right some injustices in the world

**It's possible to do
harm while
attempting to do
good**



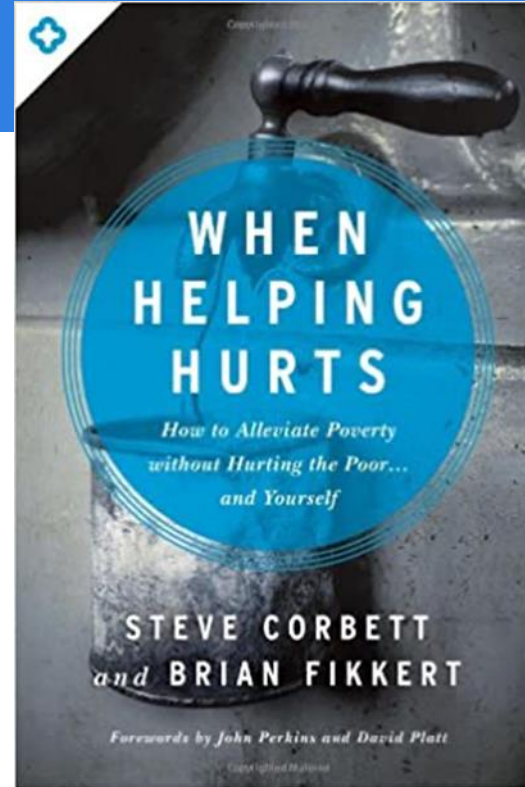
**Corbett and Fikkert define
Paternalism as “Doing things
others can do for themselves”**

Avoiding Paternalism in our Volunteering Efforts

- » Resource Paternalism
- » Spiritual Paternalism
- » Knowledge Paternalism
- » Labor Paternalism
- » Managerial Paternalism

Best Practices

- » Asset
- » Based
- » Community
- » Development



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Description of mission work and volunteer experiences.

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- » Previous medical study abroad trips to Nepal, Botswana and Zambia.
- » Also, work as a disaster response medical volunteer and have responded to both national and international disasters including, Hurricanes Katrina, Florence and Dorian as well as the 2015 Nepali Earthquakes.

Photos of volunteer experiences

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Benefits Associated with Volunteerism

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» Personal Benefits

- » Builds
 - » Self confidence
 - » Self esteem
 - » Cultural awareness
 - » Life satisfaction

» Community Benefits

- » Social Problems are addressed
- » Sense of Community Resiliency is strengthened
- » Community members feel supported

Activity

Ways to impact a community in need while deriving personal growth benefits known to be associated with volunteerism



Discussion Questions

1. What do you think you might personally gain by volunteering?
2. What do you think you might contribute as a volunteer?
3. What do you hope the community would benefit from with you as a volunteer?

THANKS!

Any questions?

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