



Volunteer!

September 14-21, 2019 ~ Piura, Peru

Recruiting OR and PACU Nurses, Scrub Techs and Circulators

Help create a bright future for children in Peru and join our pediatric strabismus surgery project.



Please join VER International's inaugural project to Piura, Peru in partnership with the Ministry of Health of Peru, Hospital Santa Rosa de Piura, and the Maria Goretti Ophthalmology Department for an eight-day strabismus surgery project. Piura is located on the northwest coast of Peru.

The project will partner with Hospital Santa Rosa's host ophthalmologists to provide surgery to 50 children from over 150 children identified as needing surgery. The VER volunteer team consists of two pediatric ophthalmologists, two pediatric anesthesiologists, operating room and PACU nurses, and techs.

WHO CAN VOLUNTEER?

Pediatric ophthalmologists and anesthesiologists who are currently licensed and board certified. Documentation of education, licenses and certifications as required by the Peruvian Ministry of Health is required.

Experienced techs, OR and PACU nurses with current licenses, certifications, and references.

DATES

Volunteers are asked to schedule their arrival in Piura, Peru on Saturday, September 14, 2019 and departure from Piura, Peru on Saturday, September 21, 2019.



LODGING, MEALS, SURGICAL PROJECT SUPPLIES

VER arranges for all lodging, meals, local transportation and surgical project supplies via SEE International, equipment, and surgical facilities during your volunteer service. Lodging will be at the Hotel Los Portales in Piura. Upon registering for the Peru project, volunteers receive a complete “Welcome and Orientation Packet” to prepare and plan for the trip. An optional excursion to Machu Picchu and Cuzco is being arranged for those who are able to stay a few extra days after the surgical project.



COST

VER is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that relies on donations to fund our sight restoring projects. The volunteer participation fee for the Peru project is \$1,250 for physicians and \$750 for all other volunteers. Volunteers also provide their own roundtrip airfare from their home city to Piura, Peru, and international travel and emergency medical/evacuation insurance. Airfare, medical insurance, and the volunteer participation fee are considered donations and tax deductible as a charitable contribution. VER provides a donation receipt as required by the IRS.

OUR INSPIRATION – ROBERT G. MARTIN II

Volunteer Eye Resources International was founded by the friends, family, and larger international community of Robert Martin, longtime advocate for vision services in South and Central America. As a teenager, Bob made his first trip to Ecuador with Amigos de las Americas, initiating his lifelong passion for bringing the miracle of sight to others and continued volunteering throughout his adult life with Vision Health International.

For all who knew and worked with Bob, his enthusiasm, dedication, and sense of humor were contagious to those around him. We honor Bob with VER’s inaugural trip to Piura, Peru in September 2018 followed by a second trip in September 2019.



OUR MISSION

Volunteer Eye Resources International (VER), was created to improve and restore sight to individuals living in extreme poverty in developing nations by providing high quality, comprehensive, community-driven eye care services by applying best practices in global eye health.

For more information or to join the project please contact Cindy Goodale at 707-718-7111 or cindy.goodale@verinternational.org.