

Survey of CMF Graduate Members shows remarkable activity in International Work in Resource-poor Settings

Summary

An on-line survey was sent to the 3,358 graduate members with whom we are in email contact in May 2010, to learn about members' involvement in medical mission and international work – past, present and future. 1,121 members responded and there was an encouraging level of interest - 50% of the respondents said that they are considering the possibility of international work in the future.

230 respondents had served long term in the past in 48 countries around the world, 74% with a mission or church organization. 459 had made short term visits (<6 months) to 98 countries, most commonly to train and teach. 77 respondents are currently working abroad long term in 36 different countries, Africa being the commonest continent. 125 respondents are actively planning long term international work in the future and 202 are planning short term trips.

296 respondents are involved in international work in other ways than going overseas, including working for international organisations based in UK and serving on boards and committees. 595 respondents volunteered to support members currently working overseas by giving advice, updates, appraisals or visits.

A full analysis of the survey will be available on the website in the New Year