

ENGEL



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GLOBAL

LANGUAGES

English
Spanish
Haitian
Creole

MINISTRY PRIORITY

Health and Wellness

BIRTHDAY

3/19



LOCATION

Global



ABOUT

Kristy is a global consultant with a focus on health care issues. She is trained as a pediatric nurse practitioner and holds a post-master's certificate in international nutrition. Kristy served for 12 years in the Dominican Republic, where she lead mobile medical clinics and relief efforts following the 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

As a global consultant, Kristy visits countries in need of health assessments, ongoing education, health team visits, or other forms of collaboration during crisis and non-crisis situations. Her goals are to empower local leaders, to help communities recognize their strengths and understand how to make better use of their resources, and to build relationships that increase the health of populations around the world through innovation, networking, and encouragement.

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Capacity-building projects like the Community Health Worker Program in India bring dignity and empowerment to communities around the world.



MINISTRY STORY

In the early years of my ministry, I worked under a model of needs-based outreach. This means that I used my skills as a nurse practitioner to treat health issues. As good as this sounds, I soon discovered that it was not the healthiest way to serve. This model did not acknowledge the God-given gifts of others.

I later learned about Asset-Based Community Development, a ministry model focused on identifying and using the resources and gifts already within a community. It required looking at ministry in a completely different way, often not *doing* as much as *being* in the community. It involved long conversations, building trust, listening, and learning from the community experts as well as being present when they simply needed me to stand with them.

Although the fruit of such efforts is often not seen for many years, last summer a local doctor in Bolivia whom I had worked

alongside accepted Christ! I was blessed to be able to pray with her, answer her questions, and see the outcome of years of working together, where my simple presence had been more valuable than my skills as a nurse practitioner. She now serves not only as a doctor but as a Christian witness to her neighbors and those served by this ministry.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for my health and safety during global travels.

Pray for discernment about projects to which to devote my time and energy.

Pray for continued teaching about Asset-Based Community Development and interest from churches and partners to learn this model of outreach.

SCRIPTURE

“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”

1 John 3:18 (NIV)

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