

Volunteer Nurse or other Medical Professional Needed
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Are you a trained nurse or medical professional who would be willing to volunteer your time in a rewarding setting? Or do you know someone who might be qualified and interested? There is currently a position open for a person with some medical training to care for the daily health and hygiene needs of the monks at Ayang Rinpoche's monastery in Bylakuppe, South India.

The monastery prefers an experienced, retired male, but will consider an experienced retired/of retirement age female without family obligations. The minimum commitment is six months. A Protected Area Permit (PAP) is required, and the monastery will help with the application, which can take 3-4 months for approval. There is a small, basic dispensary with desk, patient bed, and shelves and cupboard for medicine storage. There is running water but no electricity. A general job description includes:

1. Available as needed by the monks and monastery; no fixed number of hours each day/week.
2. Works as a team member with teachers and with teaching and working monks.
 - a. Has leadership abilities (organizing meetings, motivating teaching and working monks, etc.).
 - b. Takes direction well.
 - c. Gives and receives feedback easily.
3. Develops rapport with all 150 monks (especially teaching and working monks)
4. Teaches and supervises personal health and hygiene daily (hand washing before meals, hair washing, showering, washing dress and bedsheets) for 100 school-monks ages 5-19.
5. Dispenses and applies medicines multiple times daily.
6. Orders and shops for medicines.
7. Takes care of anything else the monastery requests.
8. Desirable traits that are beneficial (not necessarily in this order):
 - a. Respectful of cultural differences (Indian, Tibetan, monastic)
 - b. Compassionate and works from the heart
 - c. Flexible
 - d. Patient
 - e. Sense of humor
 - f. Perseverant
 - g. Humble

In exchange for services, the monastery provides a room in the guesthouse and three meals/day plus afternoon tea. The personal and professional experiences are countless and invaluable. Interested persons should [email](#) their resume to Ani Samten. They are also welcome to email with questions or concerns.