

## Missionary Medicine for Physicians Faculty



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Dr. Heck received a BA degree from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, and an MD degree from the Medical College of Ohio, Toledo, OH. His residency training in Family Practice was at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, Dayton, OH, and he is board certified in Family Medicine through AAFP. Prior to his current appointments he was Professor of Family Medicine, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH. He also spent a year as staff physician at Kijabe Medical Center, Kenya, Africa. He has taught and published extensively in areas of medical education, family medicine, travel medicine, and global health issues.



**R. Gregory Juckett, MD, MPH, FFAFP**, Primary Care physician at the Charles George VA Medical Center in Asheville, NC, and Professor Emeritus, West Virginia University where he is still involved in the tropical medicine and travel health program that he directed for many years. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Practice, holds a Certificate of Knowledge in Tropical Medicine and Traveler's Health from the American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene, and a Certificate of Travel Health from the International Travel Medicine Association.

Dr. Juckett received his BS from Monmouth College, West Long Branch, NJ (Summa cum Laude), his MD from Pennsylvania State College of Medicine at Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, PA, and his MPH from West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV. He did a residency in Family Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC. In addition to his involvement with tropical and travel medicine he held various family medicine positions in and around Morgantown, WV, and almost three decades teaching in the medical curriculum of West Virginia University in the department of Family Medicine. He has taught tropical and travel medicine both in the USA and abroad and traveled extensively to developing countries.

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**Robert D. Meyer, DMD, MAGD, ABGD**, Past President of the Christian Dental Society, Diplomat of the Federal Services Board of General Dentistry, private practice in General Dentistry, Colorado Springs, CO, board member of The Voice of Truth, advisory board member of the Pikes Peak Dental Assisting Program, Colorado Springs, CO, and volunteer at the KIND (Kinds In Need of Dentistry) clinic, Colorado Springs, CO. He is board certified in General Dentistry by the American Board of General Dentistry and is a Master in the Academy of General Dentistry. He holds membership in many professional organizations and has always been active in Church activities

Dr. Meyer received a BS degree from the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY, a DMD degree from Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland, OR, and numerous other military and dental training courses. Colonel (Retired) Meyer commanded a field artillery battery, as well as the only Airborne dental unit in the world, directed a AEGD residency program and retired after 32 years to private General Dentistry practice for 17 years, before devoting himself full-time to dental mission work of the past 6 years. He has received numerous honors and awards for his work in the US Army and for his international mission work. He has led or participated in dental clinics for over 30 years in 45 developing countries on over 60 short-term mission trips. He and his wife have published numerous articles, spoken nationally and internationally, and are currently writing their fifth book on dental missions. They have three children and 8 grandchildren.



**Andrew J. Morris, MD**, Faculty Physician, MAHEC Hendersonville Family Medicine Residency Program, Hendersonville, NC, Clinical Instructor, Dept. of Family Medicine, University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Chapel Hill and Hendersonville, NC, Medical Director, BRCHS-Hendersonville Family Health Center (Blue Ridge Community Health Services), Hendersonville, NC. He also serves as Faculty Advisor to the Farmworker Field Clinic which is a joint outreach of the Hendersonville Family Medicine Residency Program and the Blue Ridge Community Health Services. He is board certified in family medicine through the AAFP and is currently a member of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, the North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians, and the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Dr. Morris received a BA degree (Religion) from Davidson College, Davidson, NC, and an MD degree from Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX. He also studied in a Non-degree masters program in Theology at Houston Baptist University, Houston, TX. His residency training was at MAHEC Family Medicine Residency, University of North Carolina, Asheville, NC. Additional non-degree training programs in ACCSP Basic Colposcopy and NPI Ultrasound were completed. Prior to his current appointment he served two years as Medical and Lab Director at the Clinica Hombro a Hombro, Santa Lucia, Intibuca Honduras, and was visiting physician at Anakase Methodist Hospital, Ghana, West Africa. He has practiced medicine and health in developing countries and has taught various medical topics within the residency program as well as in intercultural environments overseas.



**Barbara Rash, MT, AMT, HEW**, Technical Advisor of Laboratory Support World Medical Missions Samaritan's Purse.

MS Rash began her training in a House Training program under Dr. Donald McNeil, MT certification at Elon University, then was granted the AMT registry following years of med tech service. She has worked as a medical technologist for over 30 years and has worked in multiple locations overseas in the Ukraine, Central America, and Ecuador, and Iraq with Samaritan's Purse.

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**Paul J. Thistle, MD, FRCSC (Ob/Gyn), LL.D.**, Scientific and Affiliate Staff, Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Adjunct Clinical Academic Faculty, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, Honorary Lecturer, College of Health Sciences, University of Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe, Active Staff at Karanda Mission Hospital, Mt. Darwin District, Zimbabwe. He holds current memberships in The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada, Christian Medical and Dental Society, The Medical and Dental Practitioners Council of Zimbabwe, and the Zimbabwean Society of Obstetricians Gynecologists.

Dr. Thistle received a BS degree (Biochemistry) from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, University College, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, and an MD from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada. He also received an LL.D (Honorary Doctor of Laws), University of Windsor, Windsor Ontario, Canada. He did a fellowship in OBGYN at the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada, and a fellowship, SOGC Professional Development, Sunnybrook & Women's College Health Sciences Centre, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada. Other specialized training courses in OBGYN were completed. He is licensed through the Medical Council of Canada. Prior to his current appointment he was Chief Medical Officer at the Salvation Army Howard Hospital, Glendale Zimbabwe. He has practiced in Zimbabwe since 1995 and has taught and published extensively on topics of OBGYN, women's issues, and AIDS.



**Christine Thomas PT**, Owner, director, and practitioner of PT Birth 2 Boomers, LLC in Marion, NC. She is also the director of The Peak: Where the Horse Takes You, a nonprofit therapeutic horseback riding program, member of the NDT association, and an active volunteer in the community. She is a member of Glenwood Baptist Church.

Christine Thomas received her B.S. Degree in Physical Therapy from Medical College of Georgia in 1982. She is Neuro-Developmental Trained (NDT) in pediatrics and infants 1985 and 1992. She has intensive continuing education over the last 38 years in both pediatric and adults. She has been a Physical Therapist for 38 years. She has had 2 successful private practices, one in SC and now in NC. She has taught pediatrics at the Medical College of Georgia for 3 years, taught continuing education for 25 years, and contracted with school systems in SC, GA, and NC to provide PT to special need students for 38 years. She and her husband have been doing short term medical mission since 2006. She can share low tech, simple but effective treatments, exercises, and activities for babies to geriatrics with physical disability or for injuries in the mission field.