

# MISSIONS: 10 WEEKS

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Week 10

Mercy Ships

Welcome to our tenth and final week of studying about missions and focusing on the mission-related work currently ongoing in our neighborhood and around the world. This week we'll look at the Mercy Ships organization.

Since over 50% of the world's population lives near a coast, the founders of this organization determined that ships were the best way to reach people in need with personalized, state-of-the-art medical care.

Around the world in places without access to medical care, there are children, teens and adults suffering and dying from treatable causes. Without help, one child in eight dies before age 5. Mercy Ships reaches these vulnerable children and families and provide the hope and healing they have been praying for.

Mercy Ships' hospital ships are filled with state-of-the-art medical equipment and a volunteer crew of doctors, nurses, medical staff, technicians, teachers, physical therapists and other caring people driven by mercy to help make the world a better, healthier place for all.

Information regarding the Mercy Ships organization can be found at [MercyShips.org](http://MercyShips.org).

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***Based on your findings at the Mercy Ships web site linked above, answer the following:***

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1. What is the stated mission of Mercy Ships?
2. What are the values espoused by Mercy Ships?
3. What are some of the services that the Mercy Ships organization provides?
4. Who founded the Mercy Ships organization, and when was it founded?
5. Who are some world figures who have spoken out in support of Mercy Ships?

6. How is the money that Mercy Ships raises allocated across its expenses?

7. What rating does Mercy Ships have with CharityNavigator.org?

8. How can people support Mercy Ships?

9. What types of volunteers is Mercy Ships looking for?

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In my home church, Southview, we had a medical volunteer who volunteered with her husband for many years for Mercy Ships.

It is encouraging to see an organization that ministers to people's physical and spiritual needs, demonstrating the love of Christ to them in a very tangible way.

In Christ,

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