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New Zealand Kylie Bentham Huber has been volunteering with Mercy Ships since 2003. She describes how she utilises her expertise as an operating theatre nurse to benefit the marginalised in low-income countries. She has served on multiple hospital ships, including the recently deployed *Global Mercy*, the world's largest civilian hospital ship.

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