

Dr. Christopher Brasher

A Nine-Year Career with Doctors Without Borders

Christopher Brasher practiced surgery and anesthesiology for five years in his homeland of Australia and in the UK before he left to work for the international medical humanitarian group Doctors Without Borders/ Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in Burundi during the civil war in 1996. Dr. Brasher found himself committing nine consecutive years to MSF working in various countries in Africa, the former Soviet republics of Armenia and Georgia, and in Colombia and Sri Lanka.



“I worked in a lot of different contexts,” Dr. Brasher recalls. “After spending nine months in an isolated corner of Burundi with a three-person surgical team, I returned to work as Project Coordinator managing a malnutrition crisis. I was offered more assignments and nine years later it was time to take a break.” Dr. Brasher served as Head of Mission in Angola, where he coordinated four field projects that incorporated nutrition, tropical medicine, tuberculosis and internal medicine. In 1999 and 2000, when conflicts or epidemics broke out in Sierra Leone, Mozambique, Eritrea, and Burundi, Dr. Brasher directed the interventions as Emergency Coordinator. He then spent five years as Program Manager responsible for activities in Armenia, Burundi, Congo, Colombia, Georgia, Niger, Malawi, and Sri Lanka.

Dr. Brasher was devoted to MSF’s HIV treatment program in Malawi. For five years he worked to prove that antiretroviral drugs could be administered to large numbers of patients in poor rural communities.

After nine years of field work with MSF, Dr. Brasher has taken a fellowship in pediatric and obstetric anesthesia at the Hôpital Robert Debré in Paris. Along with his training in surgery and anesthesiology, Dr. Brasher also holds a diploma of tropical medicine from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. He has contributed to multiple articles in *the Lancet*, *Journal of Tropical Pediatrics*, and *Transactions of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*.