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Local doctor to discuss medical cases from Haiti

Dr. Paul Bunge of Chehalis will be at the [Olympia Timberland Library](#) on Thursday, January 12 from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. to discuss cases from hospital work he performed in Haiti during an outbreak of cholera stemming from the catastrophic 2010 earthquake. He will also discuss ways people can effectively help, medically or in other ways to alleviate suffering in Haiti.

In a January 2011 blog post, Dr. Bunge writes:

I have gone on quite a few volunteer trips over the years, and I thought this one would be somewhat different: I was right. Teams from “Project Medishare,” have been rotating through on a weekly basis regularly since the earthquake last year, first in a tent hospital at the airport, and for the last several months at the current location, partnering with an already-established hospital. Initially very busy with surgeries on the injured, now the focus is more on medical conditions and rehabilitation, though new trauma patients also come in. And of course there is cholera.

<http://divingbugthoughts.blogspot.com/2011/01/week-in-haiti.html#!/2011/01/week-in-haiti.html>

Dr. Bunge is an Internal Medicine physician who has volunteered in short-term medical support to Africa, Asia, and Haiti and at a free clinic in downtown Olympia. His presentation takes place after the library closes. No other library services will be available.

The Olympia Timberland Library is at 313 8th Avenue. For more information, call the library at (360) 352-0595 or go to www.TRL.org.

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