

The Dr. Robert Mtonga Memorial Scholarship

for peace through health



The International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) announces the establishment of the *Dr. Robert Mtonga Memorial Scholarship*. The scholarship was created to honor Dr. Mtonga's memory and to carry forward his tireless work for peace, disarmament and health.

Robert Mtonga (1965-2017) was a Zambian physician and peace activist who dedicated his life to educating people about the devastating consequences of armed violence, and to ridding the world of its most destructive and inhumane weapons.

Bob was a beloved member of the humanitarian disarmament community, who injected his boundless optimism and good cheer into campaigning against deeply entrenched cynicism and cruelty. Bob was the ultimate volunteer, circling the globe to lend his

unique expertise and perspective as an African medical doctor, and championing community initiatives in his hometown of Lusaka. Interminably persistent and always gracious, he refused to let disadvantage of distance or economy slow him or divert his focus from what truly mattered. He always loved returning home to his wife and five children after his long travels abroad.

“Some people work for peace because they hate injustice,” observed IPPNW co-president Ira Helfand. “I think Bob worked for peace because he loved people, which is an even more powerful motivation.”

Bob's global peace journey began in 1988 when he joined the Zambian Healthworkers for Social Responsibility, the national affiliate of IPPNW, as a third year medical student. He first worked with refugees in neighboring countries and became involved in the Zambian affiliate's campaign against landmines. In the ensuing years, Bob emerged as a charismatic and inspirational leader in campaigns against cluster munitions, the arms trade, and nuclear weapons. He served as IPPNW co-president from 2010-2014.

The *Dr. Robert Mtonga Memorial Scholarship* honors the legacy of a doctor whose patient was all of humanity, with the purpose of helping African medical students who wish to follow in his remarkable footsteps. One *Mtonga Scholar* will be selected each year. The amount of the scholarship will be drawn from the interest on the principal, provided through the generous donations of those around the world who knew and loved him.

To make a donation to the *Mtonga Memorial Scholarship*, simply [click here](#). In the “comments” box at the end of the form, type “Mtonga Scholarship donation.”

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