



Mali, 2007

In March 2008, [Coyne Foundation](#) in partnership with [Turtle Will](#), Tom and Donna Matthews and their daughter Noelle, Leesa J. Key, Marty Munitz, and Judges Paul Williams and Elizabeth Tunks, will spend over two weeks exploring Mali and volunteering on the Turtle Will medical mission to the river and desert tribes along the Niger River northeast of Timbuktu.

The traveler-volunteers will congregate in Paris and fly into the Malian capital of Bamako, setting out into the country's vast and remarkably beautiful interior. They will visit the old French administrative capital, Segou, the fortified sand city of Djenne, the animist cliff-dwelling Dogon people, and the busy river port of Mopti. The team will then cruise up river for two days to Timbuktu, where they will join Irma Turtle and local Malian physicians and nurses she has recruited. Under a large tent, the medical team and volunteers will provide primary care to families living along the river north of Timbuktu—people who rarely if ever receive medical attention.

