DR. BAHAA MOHAMED
Utah, USA

Without exception, he greets me every morning with a bright smile, exuberant “hello” and happy wave. His optimism is catching. Bahaa, or Dr. Mohamed, is Globus Relief’s Medical Resources Manager, responsible for the oversight and production of Globus Relief’s finished medical goods.

Born and raised in Iraq, Bahaa trained as a physician at the College of Medicine at Baghdad University. War interrupted his post-university training, moving him from one city and one hospital to another, completing his residency as circumstances allowed along the way. In 2004, Bahaa enlisted as an army physician, but when an attempt to reveal corruption in the local military base led to two different attempts on his life, he left medical military life behind. The Ministry of Health assigned him to Sadr City, a notorious hideout for terrorists and insurgents. Over the next six years and two assignments, one as an ENT surgeon and the other as a Health District Manager over Sadr City, Bahaa saw the atrocities of war played out first-hand. When in 2012 they landed at his door – his wife was brutally attacked in their home, with an accompanying death threat note for Bahaa himself – Bahaa and his family knew they had to leave Baghdad. They went to Jordan for four years, seeking refugee asylum from the United Nations. Eventually making their way to the US, with refugee status still pending, Bahaa, a once-affluent and practicing physician, took a position as a cashier at the local Walmart under a temporary work authorization from the US. Three months later he moved on to a job as a security guard, all the while studying to get credentialed as a US physician. Finally, in 2017, the United States granted Bahaa and his family official refugee asylum status in the US.

Shortly after, Bahaa joined Globus Relief. His extensive medical knowledge is used daily in the identifying, processing and packaging of medical equipment for partner use. And his real-life knowledge of clinical and medical practice in countries half a world away is invaluable. Bahaa has described himself as a piece of driftwood, carried by the waves of the ocean from one place to another, all in search of a better life for himself and his wife and son. We are so glad that ocean has brought him to Globus Relief. ‘Ahlaaan bik, Bahaa.

GLOBUS RELIEF
NEWS IN BRIEF
MAY 2018

PROGRAMS SERVED
Animal Welfare
Community Health Center
Dental Care; Free Clinics
Diabetes Management
Disability Services
Educational Programs
Homeless Support Services
Medical Missions; Pediatric Care; Pharmaceutical Care
Refugee Care

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To improve the delivery of healthcare worldwide by gathering, processing and distributing surplus medical and health supplies to charities at home and abroad.