

INFORMATION PACKAGE 2021



HISTORY OF WHITE CROSS

For generations, American Baptists' "helping hands" have been reaching out to people in need. During World War I, women in the church assisted the American Red Cross by providing surgical dressings, bandages and other medical supplies for U.S. service personnel. As they met these needs, the women became convinced that similar methods would be of great help in the work of Christian mission. In 1919, following the end of the war, American Baptist women organized the White Cross Service League, "channeling the war effort into support for Baptist mission."

Through the years, women have provided leadership to this ministry. Today, men, youth, children and entire church congregations have embraced White Cross. They are eager to participate in this ministry by filling specific requests from global servants and international partners. Your gifts received throughout the year provide the needed supplies that cannot be purchased with limited mission budgets.

THE NEXT CENTURY OF WHITE CROSS-CONTINUES

The importance of White Cross is immeasurable, and God multiplies the impact of your support in the countries International Ministries serves. Thank for your loving commitment to meeting the needs for ministries around the world.

Watch IM's website for more information <https://www.internationalministries.org/white-cross/>
Today, just as it has for the past century, White Cross needs your helping hands!

Your White Cross gifts provide assistance to ministries where IM global servants work and more:

Africa

Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liberia,
South Africa

Central and South America, Caribbean

Bolivia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador,
Haiti, Nicaragua, Panama

East Asia and Southeast Asia

China, India, Myanmar (Burma), Nepal,
Philippines, Thailand

Europe and Middle East

Lebanon, Palestine

WORKING WITH YOUR HANDS FOR WHITE CROSS

One of the opportunities to use our hands for God is by making or collecting items for the Congo or for Nicaragua.

The needed items are listed on separate attachments. Thank you for what you or your group decides to send. Please send handwork or purchased items for the Congo directly to the Brethren Service Center.



CONTRIBUTIONS

Financial gifts are the most flexible and allow IM global servants to purchase needed White Cross items in country at affordable prices. See the White cross Giving Opportunities form for the complete list.

Congo shipping costs (note Congo Shipping on your check in the memo line)

- A suggested \$2.00 for Birthing Baby Safely kits.
- Optional \$10.00 per kit to purchase Congolese fabric for new mothers

Philippines

- Suggested \$2.00 per hygiene kit
- Suggested \$4.00 per school kit
- Suggested \$4.00 per sewing kit
- Suggested \$8.00 per baby layettes

Dominican Republic

- Suggested \$10.00 per hygiene kit
- Suggested \$10.00 per school kit
- Suggested \$10.00 per baby layettes



WAYS TO BE INVOLVED IN WHITE CROSS

Those who benefit from your kindness, affirm that White Cross is a lifeline. Remember these prayer requests when you gather in your White Cross groups.

PRAY

- For International Ministries [IM] global servants and partners.
- For medical needs to be met and the sick to receive care regardless of their means.
- For the health and well-being of those preparing meals, that they provide to children, so that they can grow up healthy and study in school.
- For ministries to have a long-term impact on the families they serve.
- For caretakers caring for children and ministering to children by equipping them in constructive ways to manage their hurt or fear.
- For children to receive an education, bypass abuse and grow whole and healthy in mind and spirit.
- For the calm and stability of all countries in which we have ministries.

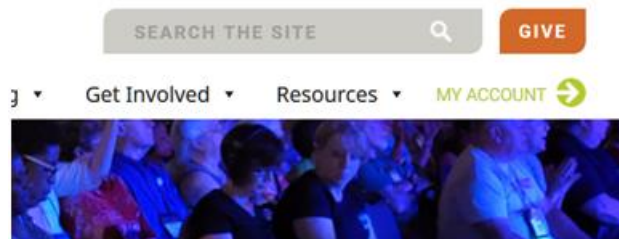


GIVE

Without your generosity, many of the White Cross projects would not be possible. You continue to transform lives through the ministry IM provides in health services, education and recovery and restoration to wholeness. Give to White Cross, as you feel led.

1 John 3:17–18, remind us that “If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? ... let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”

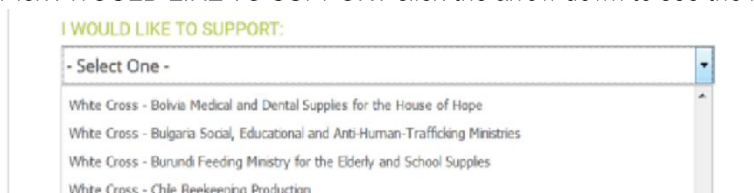
To give online, go to www.internationalministries.org click the orange GIVE BUTTON



Click on PROJECTS



Pick I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT click the arrow down to see the menu.



Or Make check payable to: *International Ministries – White Cross*

Please send financial gifts to:

International Ministries
1003 W 9th Ave, Ste A
King of Prussia, PA 19406-1210

Ship your handwork to:

Brethren Service Center
IM American Baptist/White Cross
601 Main Street, P.O. Box 188
New Windsor, MD 21776-0188

PARTICIPATE IN SHORT-TERM MISSION

Consider supporting or joining an IM short-term mission opportunity and see what God is already doing to change the world. Teams engage in an incredible range of activities from learning how White Cross is helping in each of those countries you support to doing hands-on service projects. Please contact IM's short-term mission office for further information by email volunteers@internationalministries.org or call 610-768-2168

LEARN

Read more about White Cross projects online

<https://www.internationalministries.org/category/projects/> and click on find a project.

IM global servants and staff can also share with you about White Cross and global mission. We would be happy to participate in conferences, association meetings, local church groups and morning worship. There are many ways to tell the stories and we would love to come and visit.

If you have any questions, please contact

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