



White Cross

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Photo: Young Samuel A. stands at Mbingo Baptist Hospital where he was recovering from a broken leg suffered in a fall in 2014. These crutches provided by the hospital, saved the family 30,000 francs.



About White Cross

White Cross provides for direct and tangible participation in the compassionate care ministry of the Cameroon Baptist Convention, affiliated with the NAB. Churches and individuals are able to partner with them through the cutting and sewing of baby layettes (baby blanket, baby diaper and baby jacket), the rolling of bandages, the cutting of absorbent squares as well as in providing sheets, pillow cases and all manner of hospital and medical supplies.

Donations are packed into shipping containers and sent to the port of Douala, Cameroon where they are sorted and distributed among six mission hospitals as well as more than 75 health centers and clinics.

Although the primary focus of White Cross is on providing support to the compassionate care ministry of the medical work, many other tangible needs are being met through this ministry. Vital supplies for the supporting infrastructure of this work, including items for the guest houses and training efforts, are also coordinated through White Cross.

The work is shared by White Cross Canada and White Cross USA. Both are focused on supporting the needs in West Africa, and their efforts are coordinated with each other under the guidance of Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services. Only items that will be useful in Cameroon are shipped.

Please contact the White Cross facility in your home country for more information.

A Growing Ministry

Maternal health is a key area of service in Cameroon, with dramatic improvements in the rate of infant mortality where CBCHS is active. Layettes, provided by volunteers in North America, are given to every mother and baby when available.



Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services (CBCHS) continues to see dramatic growth in demand for its services. Shortages of needed items are not uncommon.

In many areas, facilities are being expanded and built as quickly as possible. In Banso, these nurses were taking their training in unfinished buildings (shown at right) because of space shortages.





One-million patients served in 2014. Thanks be to God!

*From Bamenda to Mboppi, when someone suffers,
Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services
is there to provide healing and hope.*

Thank you for being an important part of this vital ministry.

PHOTOS:

(Above) – A patient returns to Mbingo Hospital for a followup visit after surgery for a leg injury (see the metal rod attached to his leg).

(Right, top) – A mother and her newborn baby are being discharged from Banso Hospital; the mother has just been given one of the prized layettes, including a jacket and cap which will keep the baby warm and healthy on cold nights.

(Right, bottom) – Dr. Jude Njikam demonstrates the newly installed operating microscope, which had just arrived from Canada after a four-month voyage as part of a White Cross shipment.

Some Recent Examples of **Making a Difference – Together**

Babies/Bandages/Community Development

For almost a century White Cross bandages and layettes for newborns have been staples that have helped health care workers in West Africa treat sickness and injury and save lives. Through an initiative known as Life Abundant Primary Health Care (LAP), community development efforts (including education, pre-natal/post-natal care, clean water and screening) have significantly improved health and life expectancy in rural areas.



Donations of Bedding and Other Supplies

Medical professionals and organizations in North America are increasingly supporting White Cross with donations of needed goods. One recent example is the gift of 4,300 new hospital bedsheets—filling nine pallets—which were surplus due to a small color variation. (In many African facilities, patients bring their own mattress and bedding into the hospital, but CBCHS is able to offer a healthier environment by providing clean bedding.) These types of donations, while a blessing, do present challenges such as temporary storage and shipping costs.

Operating Microscope – an example of High-Value Donations

The recent donation of a \$100,000 Moller-Wedel Surgical/Operating microscope (with floor stand, foot switch & camera/monitor attachments) has been a godsend for Dr. Jude Njikam, the head of Ophthalmology at Mboppi hospital in Douala. He treats 2,500 patients per month. This is an example of a new area of service for White Cross: large-scale donations of advanced equipment and surplus medical supplies. Through the generosity of donors, these goods are able to be shipped to Cameroon.



White Cross USA

The Quest Church in Roysse City, Texas is the home of White Cross USA. JJ Williams receives shipments from churches and coordinates the work of volunteers who help pack and load shipments bound for Cameroon. He also deals with agencies and corporations who have surplus medical equipment, supplies and medications, confirming the suitability and need of these gifts and raising funds for shipping.

PHOTOS: *Top Right* – JJ in Cameroon, May 2014. *Middle Right* – Loading supplies and mattresses in Roysse City, TX. *Below* – Visiting with Dr. Dennis Palmer at Mbingo Baptist Hospital, May 2014.



White Cross Canada

Taylor Seminary in Edmonton, Alberta is the home of White Cross Canada. Dr. Keir Hammer coordinates the work of volunteers who come to the campus regularly to help pack and load shipments. He also serves as the key point of contact for groups and individuals across the country to procure needed supplies and funds for our partners in Cameroon.



PHOTOS: *Top Left* – Keir in Cameroon, May 2014. *Upper Middle Left* – Volunteers loading a truck. *Lower Middle Left* – A White Cross Dessert Night for volunteers. *Below* – Touring a warehouse in Mutengene, Cameroon, and recognizing some of the baby items shipped from Edmonton, May 2014.



White Cross – by the Numbers

These charts are based on combined figures from the Canadian and US offices, and are intended to provide a general outline of recent trends and developments.

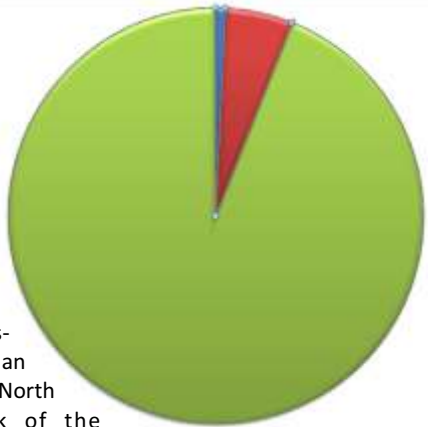


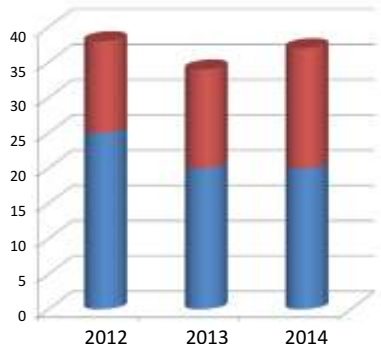
Fig. 1 – This chart shows the grass-roots nature of White Cross as an organization. Volunteers across North American make up the bulk of the “workforce” and are the reason the work of White Cross is so successful. At each national office, local volunteers ease the workload for both JJ Williams and Keir Hammer (the part-time staff who serve as Directors in the US and Canada), and these volunteers bring fresh energy and insights to the work.

- White Cross Staff
- White Cross Volunteers (Edmonton and Roysel City)
- White Cross Volunteers across North America

Shipments (in TONS)

Fig. 2 – Shipments of much-needed supplies remain strong, and are growing. (A significant donation of hospital beds from Alberta boosted the 2012 figures from White Cross Canada. See photo opposite.)

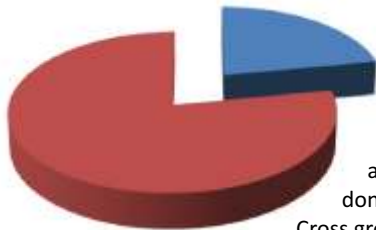
- White Cross USA Shipments
- White Cross Canada Shipments





ABOVE: Volunteers pause for a prayer of thanksgiving and blessing as they prepare a large shipment of hospital beds into a container bound for Cameroon (Dec. 2011). Without electronic controls, these beds are no longer needed in Canada, but they represent a major upgrade for hospitals in West Africa. Two years later, in early 2014, a hospital worker in Mutengene proudly shows off the “new beds”, with their crank-style manual controls.

Opportunities and Challenges: Donations Rising from Groups that do not Provide Funds for Shipping



- Supplies from groups/individuals that INCLUDE Shipping Funds
- Supplies from agencies/organizations of GOODS ONLY (no funds for shipping)

Fig. 3 – Every year the entire “pie” is able to be shipped due to the generous donations of individuals, groups, White Cross groups, churches and organizations.

If your church has a White Cross budget or your local group is raising funds, we encourage you to GIVE GENEROUSLY. If you are not connected to a White Cross group or are able to give more, would you consider completing the form on the next page? Regular donations are deeply appreciated: the work is growing!

Yes, I want to support the ministry of White Cross!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ PROV/STATE: _____

POSTAL/ZIP: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

My Gift:

I would like to make a gift of \$ _____

I would like to become a monthly donor, and I authorize White Cross to withdraw from my credit card or bank account (*please attach void cheque*) on the 1st of each month the amount of \$ _____

I understand that I can revoke or change this authorization with 30 days notice in writing or by telephone. In Canada, call 1-800-567-4988, In the USA, call 972-635-6633.

How I will give:

Check/money order is enclosed

Make payable to Taylor College and Seminary* in Canada, and to White Cross in the United States. (*Please indicate WHITE CROSS in the memo field.)

VOID check attached (for pre-authorized monthly giving only)

VISA MASTERCARD

CARD NO. _____

EXPIRY _____

NAME ON CARD _____

SIGNATURE _____

Other ways to get involved:

Add me to the White Cross EMAIL list.

Add me to the White Cross POSTAL MAIL list.

White Cross, c/o Taylor College and Seminary, 11525 - 23 Avenue NW, Edmonton, AB, Canada T6J 4T3. For more information, please call 1.800.567.4988 or email: WhiteCross@Taylor-Edu.ca. Your gift is tax-deductible. Gifts are acknowledged quarterly, and receipts are sent annually. Taylor College and Seminary is a registered charity in Canada (11905-8907-RR0001) and in the United States of America (EIN-30-0193723).

White Cross, c/o Quest Church, PO Box 1207, Royse City, Texas 75189. For more information, email JJ Williams at WhiteCross@theQuestRC.com or call 972-635-6633. White Cross is a charitable organization as part of the NAB Conference (EIN-32-018976549). Your gift is tax-deductible. Thank you!



Central Pharmacy, Mutengene. 2014.

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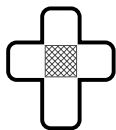
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***If only you could see the
miracle taking place in Cameroon!***

*The ministry of White Cross and CBCHS
represents a partnership on
two sides of the Atlantic Ocean —
touching lives and healing hurts, together.*



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