

INTERNATIONAL PROJECT **PROPOSAL**

PROJECT 9002



Cross International

Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope in the Name of Jesus

Heal His World

Medical Aid for the Poor

— Worldwide —



“It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.
I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Mark 2:17



We are a ministry

that mobilizes the global Church to transform the poor and their communities materially and spiritually for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Rather than create new institutions to distribute aid, we support existing ministries and churches already serving the poor. In addition to being the most cost-effective way of helping the poor, empowering these ministries allows us to support the Church's spiritual mission and its important position of leadership in poor communities.

We consider every gift we receive as a precious resource from God. We direct every donation to its intended project, provide honest and accurate reports to our donors, and keep overhead costs to an industry low. We handle funds with utmost integrity and hold our ministry partners in the field to the same high standards by asking them to document costs and the impact of their outreach.

We invite you to join with us as we seek to transform the lives of the poor materially and spiritually — ways that please the Father and glorify Him in Heaven and on earth.





Project Synopsis

Description

This project equips hospitals, clinics and Christian ministries with the medicine, medical supplies and other resources they need to give quality care to the poor.

Purpose

To be imitators of Christ, who told His disciples, “Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.” (Matthew 10:8).

Location

Developing countries around the world.

Highlights

- Driven by the belief that God’s redemptive vision extends not only to broken souls, but also to sick and wounded bodies, Cross International seeks to aid women, children and families who cannot afford medical care.
- Cross International accomplishes this by partnering with Christian ministries in developing countries around the world and supporting their efforts to give medical aid to the sick and injured.
- Your help is needed to provide critically needed funding and ship life-saving supplies to trusted ministry partners the poor depend on for basic medicines, vaccinations, medical screenings, emergency care and other vital services.
- Join other followers of Jesus in their global mission to mend the wounds of a broken world that still desperately needs God’s love!





The Need



Broken Bodies and Broken Hearts

It's heartbreaking to meet a Haitian mother who can name five children — all of whom died in infancy. In developing countries, such deaths are tragically common... and often completely preventable. Death and disease are always near for families living in poverty in the developing world. But as followers of Jesus, we are called to give these families comfort, hope and practical help.

Our calling is made clear in the Bible. When Jesus walked the earth, He often encountered — and mercifully healed — the sick. He performed these miracles not only to demonstrate His divine authority as the Son of God, but also to express His deep compassion for suffering human beings. In that spirit, Jesus even defied religious leaders by healing a man's crippled hand on the Sabbath.

Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" (Mark 3:4)

In those days, few, if any, medical solutions existed for people with life-threatening conditions. Since that time, the field of medicine has been revolutionized with life-saving medicines, treatments and technologies. ***Yet, for the poorest families in developing countries around the world, their options for treatment have barely improved*** beyond what was available 2,000 years ago. They can't afford basic medicines and vaccines, let alone the high cost of major surgery or long-term care — or even taxi fare to reach the nearest clinic.

The results are tragic. Children of HIV-infected parents are orphaned at a young age and left to fend for themselves. Mothers of children with treatable conditions resort to traditional healers to apply useless remedies while they watch their sons and daughters waste away from disease. A simple infection from a cut becomes life-threatening, and an injury that might have been overcome with therapy cripples a child for life, isolating him or her from school, friends and future opportunities.

It's devastating to think of how many lives might have been saved, how many crises averted, with something as simple as a first-aid kit or some antibiotics. But if you join with us today, you can rescue other children, pregnant mothers and chronically ill people from meeting the same end. Even more than physical illness, the poor long to know a Savior Who can heal their broken hearts. Christians around the world are rising to this challenge, and ***they need your help!***



Ministry Description:

Healing Bodies, Healing Hearts in Vietnam

One of Cross International's medical ministry partners is reaching out to the poorest of the poor in Vietnam by meeting their needs for both physical and spiritual healing. SoMedCo provides medicine boxes to evangelical churches in rural areas, encouraging the poor to seek treatment inside. Since proselytizing is illegal outside of church doors in Communist Vietnam, these boxes meet a desperate physical need and empower local Christians to share Jesus' message of salvation.

SoMedCo is a ministry of the Evangelical Church of Vietnam-South, and church members are sharing the love of Jesus in a tangible way to families desperate for hope. These poverty relief projects are bringing the Gospel "in action and in truth" by providing practical solutions to the daily challenges of life for the rural poor.

With support from Cross International's general medical fund, SoMedCo equips rural churches with a large cabinet and a full stock of basic medicines and first-aid supplies. Often, these churches are the only locations within walking — or even driving — distance where the poor can find antibiotics or even a simple aspirin. The medicine is distributed to the sick at no charge (or for a token amount affordable to the very poor); and as the supply is depleted, each local church is responsible for replenishing its own cabinet.



In addition, each church identifies medical professionals within their congregation (or trains lay volunteers) to administer first aid, do basic medical screenings for indicators such as blood pressure and body temperature, and provide the appropriate medications. These health screenings can result in early detection of problems that could lead to life-threatening conditions in patients who might otherwise never receive any care at all.

The offer of medical care for the poor comes with no strings attached. It benefits poor Christian families as well as nonbelievers who now have a reason to step inside a church for the first time in their lives. There, they

experience love and compassion that shatters their negative preconceptions of the Christian faith. Their gratefulness causes them to want to know more, so they start asking questions. They soon realize that the Christians' love is sincere and that it comes from a deep commitment to God. They learn they can know that God for themselves if they accept the free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. Then their healing will be complete.

It's projects like these that are transforming lives around the world, one body and soul at a time. The physical need for medical care is urgent, and every soul needs Jesus — will you help us empower medical ministries like SoMedCo?



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Heal His World!

Families in desperate need of medical care are knocking on our doors for help. You can empower our compassionate ministry partners around the world by joining the God-given mission to mend the wounds of the hurting.

Please, embrace God's call to heal his broken world by joining us in this lifesaving outreach to the poor, the sick and the vulnerable. You can be the instrument through which the Lord answers the prayers of a destitute family and rescues them from seemingly impossible circumstances. By equipping Christian medical ministries in Vietnam, Haiti and other developing countries, you can be God's instrument to share the hope of the Gospel with the poor and brokenhearted.

As you partner with Christian medical ministries in developing countries around the globe to serve the sick and dying, your gift just might be the turning point in the life of an individual who has given up hope. You could be God's compassionate vessel for not only restoring someone's physical health, but also bringing them to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior! There is no limit on the possible effects of your decision today to heed the cries of our suffering neighbors — your impact will be eternal.

Please be God's vessel of mercy to the poor by providing health care, basic medicines and the soul-saving message of Jesus. Give today — the need is urgent!

Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits — who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.

Psalm 103:2-4

Our Promise to You!

Proceeds from this campaign will be used to cover any expenditures for this project incurred through June 30, 2018, the close of our ministry's new fiscal year. In the event that more funds are raised than needed to fully fund the project, the excess funds, if any, will be used to meet the most urgent needs of the ministry.