

White Cross Update

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Keir talking with Nathan at Central Pharmacy

What an encouraging year! We shipped a container in June and have already begun preliminary paperwork for another shipment in October.

We saw firsthand the impact of these shipments on our recent trip to Cameroon. Our recent container had cleared customs and items were still being delivered while we were there. We would arrive at a hospital or a health centre and watch them unpack and sort through items that had come from right here in Canada.

We saw babies wrapped in blankets made by hands here in Canada. I saw injuries being treated by bandages that were ripped and rolled right here in Canada. We saw incubators in use that had been shipped from right here in Edmonton. I could keep going and going and going. **Suffice it to say that we saw real needs being met because of the faithfulness and generosity of people all across Canada.** Well done!



Cameroonian Mother with her Son



Incubator from White Cross being put to good use

The consistent and ongoing support of groups and churches across Canada is deeply appreciated. When churches include White Cross as part of their regular giving and when individuals set up regular monthly contributions, I do not have to seek out money for shipping, purchases, etc. Instead, I can focus on making White Cross more effective. **Thank you to all for your generous support over the past year!** Thank you for contributing financially, for rolling, sewing, transporting, repacking and loading all of the many needed items that we have shipped!

Remember the microscope story from the last update? Dr. Jude Njikam, the head of Ophthalmology at Mboppi hospital in Douala, demonstrated it for me. **Dr. Jude's department treats 2,500 patients a month.** He is an energetic and busy man who has a real heart for God and the people of Cameroon. The gift of this surgical microscope was such a huge encouragement to him.



New Surgical Microscope is Demonstrated



New Baby in White Cross Blanket

We can't take credit for all the amazing work that is happening in Cameroon. We also recognize the generosity of the many volunteers who travel to Cameroon to provide support and training where it is needed. There are also the missionaries from NAB, BGC, CMF and World Team who contribute significantly to the work in Cameroon and beyond (and who also benefit from White Cross shipments). Moreover, we acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the leaders and employees of the Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services (CBCHS) whose lives are committed to touching and transforming their country and the rest of West Africa. **CBCHS deeply appreciates and depends on the ongoing partnership of White Cross.**

Do you want to know more about the trip and the impact of White Cross?

- ✓ If you haven't had a chance, check out our White Cross Visit on the Taylor Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.647524395301138.1073741833.132478983472351&type=1>. Click on a picture to get more information.
- ✓ Read the White Cross trip blog at: <http://www.taylor-edu.ca/wahlcentre/whitecross/cameroon>. Note that the blog is not quite in order and is still missing the final few days (this will be corrected when I have a moment).
- ✓ Watch for one or two short video clips to come out sometime in September, perhaps at a White Cross gathering in your area.
- ✓ Read the special White Cross edition of the Bridge to come out later in the Fall.

White Cross supplies continue to be a vital component to the daily medical care of the CBC hospitals and health centres throughout Cameroon. Keep it up!

In His service,

Keir