

Updates from White Cross Canada Shipping Centre – January 2021

Answered prayer: Fall container arrived in Cameroon!

Our October container arrived at the port on December 31, 2020. The process of clearing the container has been a bit slow due to the holiday closures of the government offices, but we are just a step away from distribution. Thank you for being part of this mission in many different ways. This is one of our many answered prayers and encouraging good news! Let us continue to pray for the safe and efficient distribution of the items in the container.



Do you remember the October container...?

Lockdown continues, but the mission continues.

As Alberta Health regulations continue with the extra measures, Taylor Seminary buildings will continue to be closed. To protect you, Taylor Staff, and White Cross volunteers, **please do not arrange deliveries during this time.**

However, we are hoping to have one or possibly two container shipments in 2021. If you are able to do so safely, please continue to gather materials, produce handmade hospital supplies & baby items, and collect medical supplies. Once we are able to receive items safely, we will be sure to let you know. Thank you for joining our effort to keep the community safe!

The transition from Taylor Seminary to Alberta Baptist Association

The finance and operation of White Cross Canada transition from Taylor to Alberta Baptist Association as of January 1, 2021, and we are working on the details of the transition. As things unfold, we will communicate the changes to you. In the meantime, most of our day to day operation works in the same way. The only change requested so far is that your next donation cheque to be written to ABA – White Cross, instead of Taylor Seminary – White Cross. Please also remember the transition in your prayers. Thank you for supporting White Cross—God has been powerfully answering your prayers!

In His Service,

White Cross Canada

Contact us at WhiteCross@taylor-edu.ca or 780-431-5200 ext. 201



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2020 in a Snapshot

In spring, our May container shipment was cancelled due to the COVID-19 situation in Alberta. However, we were able to ship one in October safely. Let us praise God together for so many good things he has done even during this time of difficulties!

First, let us thank God for redeeming and using what we offered to him! Some “worked from home” to continue making bandages, even after their local church groups suspended getting together. Some of the core volunteers worked on developing guidelines for safe loading. More than 49 churches across Canada supported the mission by offering material donations, financial contributions, and prayers and connections. We are also thankful for our partner, Emmanuel Foundation, for coordinating logistics and finding medical equipment for us to make the safe shipment happen. And of course, we are thankful for Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services, who graciously continued to provide us with the opportunity to join God’s mission in Cameroon!

In addition to those who have been with White Cross faithfully from before, the new way of ministry invited different people to many phases of it. Neighbours who are not yet part of the church joined the ministry with their knitting skills to offer their “stay home” time. Younger people offered their help by lifting boxes with their “freed up” time due to the pandemic.

While the restrictions continue, the new year will open the next season of White Cross. Alberta Baptist Association will direct the White Cross finance & operation from next year, in hope of sustaining it more effectively and even expanding the ministry further. Details are still in discussion, but we will hear from them soon.

Please remember!

This is a reminder that Finance & Operation of White Cross will transition to Alberta Baptist Association on January 1, 2021. When you write a cheque after the date, please make it payable to Alberta Baptist Association instead of Taylor Seminary. The note section should continue to say White Cross.

Deliveries in the next few weeks

Taylor Seminary buildings are closed from December 13th, 2020 to January 11th, 2021, due to Alberta’s COVID-19 situation. Please do not schedule any deliveries during this time to protect yourselves as well as White Cross volunteers and Taylor staff. If you have questions, please contact us by email at WhiteCross@taylor-edu.ca or leave a phone message at 780-431-5200 ext.201.

Merry Christmas!



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Create Something for Others and Have Fun!

The October container had a new item category: hand-made crutch arm covers! It is a great way to use skills and joy to help others in need.

White Cross Canada receives donations of crutches, but oftentimes, wooden ones come with the underarm pads missing. And some ladies created the knitted underarm pads from scratch. They are nice and soft under the arm. After some samples were made, we asked those who are in the field if they are useful. And the answer was... YES! If we purchased rubber pads instead, it would cost us \$12.00 per pair.

Is there anything that you can enjoy making and help others in need? Your woodcraft skills, for another example, can help those who need the cutter guides for cutting bandage strips. If you created new things (like the crutch cover), please let us know before making many of them. We will make sure with those who are in the field that they are useful.



The Partnership Principle in Mind

Do you remember the “partnership” principle of our ministry (see [Handbook](#) p. 2)?

A box full of the crutch arm covers was sent to General Prosthetic Department, rather than a specific hospital. Crutches are badly needed at all Cameroon Baptist Convention hospitals and clinics, and the overall PT department knows where the needs are the greatest at any given time. The ladies also made a pattern instruction to send along with the covers, so they can locally source the same items too.

As we do “good,” we want to use our resources effectively and avoid hurting those who we serve or ourselves in vain. Let us enjoy using our hands, heart, and mind to love others. What are the ways you could partner differently? May our service be mindful of the ways we portray the Gospel through our actions.

In His Service,

Ai Hayashizaki, Administrative Assistant

