

## **Acquisition of Medication for Short Term Medical Missions Trips**

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*A cheerful heart is good medicine ... Proverbs 17:22*

Creation of a formulary - Know exactly what you will need to acquire

- 1 Prescription Medications - Oral, topical, IV
- 2 Over the counter Meds - Pain/Anti-inflammatory, Antacids/Stomach aids, Antifungal/Triple Antibiotic Ointments
- 3 Toiletries - Hand lotions, Shampoos, Soaps, Toothbrushes, toothpaste

### ***Donations of Medication***

Kingsway Charities (King Benevolent Fund)

- 1 Contact: Art Yannucciello (800.321.9234)
- 2 [www.kingbf.org](http://www.kingbf.org)
- 3 Supplies various medications, including albendazole. Eight weeks notice necessary and an application process. Shipped free of charge to US addresses to be carried overseas, Domestic and International Missions, Must be 501(c)(3) organization with evangelical

Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical Medical Mission Program

- 1 Phone: 866.707.9566 Contact: Rosemarie Czarnecki
- 2 Donates 5 cases of medication (from a provided list). Must go to MD's office, must be 501(c)(3)

Johnson and Johnson and MAP

- 1 Supplied through MAP International
- 2 Phone: 732-524-1863 Website: [www.map.org/johnsonandjohnson](http://www.map.org/johnsonandjohnson)
- 3 Provides "Medical Mission Pack" of over the counter items. Free with \$35.00, includes meds averaging around \$800.00 wholesale. One pack per healthcare practitioner/year

Use local contacts, congregations, schools, social groups to collect items

- 1 Over the counter Meds, Toiletries

Contact personal contacts

- 2 Physician, dentist, pharmacist, Sales Representative

### ***Medications at Reduced Costs***

Blessings International

- 1 Phone: 918-250-8101
- 2 E-mail: [info@blessing.org](mailto:info@blessing.org) Web: [www.blessing.org](http://www.blessing.org)
- 2 "Medicine for Missions" is their slogan. They provide pharmaceuticals and other medical supplies for needy patients in developing countries and U.S. clinics. Usually Blessings charges about 10% or less of the value of their goods.

MAP International

- 1 Phone: 800-225-8550
- 2 E-mail: [map@map.org](mailto:map@map.org) Web: [www.map.org](http://www.map.org)
- 3 Under its original name (Medical Assistance Programs), this Christian organization began serving in 1954. Quoting them, MAP is "one of the world's largest providers of medicines and supplies to mission hospitals, clinics, refugee centers and physicians serving the health needs of the world's poorest communities."

#### Watson / ANDA

- 1 Westin, FL.
- 2 Contact Person: Joanne Brook
- 3 Phone: 954.217.2632 or 800.331.2632 x 4555
- 4 Generic manufacturer that will supply meds for drastically reduced costs. Ships within a few days.

#### International Dispensary Association (IDA)

- 1 Slochterweg 35 1027 AA, Amsterdam, The Netherlands Telephone: + 31 20 4033051
- 2 E-mail: [info@idafoundation.org](mailto:info@idafoundation.org) Web: [www.idafoundation.org](http://www.idafoundation.org)
- 3 Supplies medication for overseas projects for reduced costs

#### **Additional Resources**

##### Interchurch Medical Assistance (IMA)

- 1 P.O. Box 429 New Windsor, MD 21776
- 2 Phone: 877-241-7952
- 3 E-mail: [imainfo@interchurch.org](mailto:imainfo@interchurch.org) Web: [www.interchurch.org](http://www.interchurch.org)
- 4 Availability: Some items for free with nominal handling fee. IMA Medicine Box available for \$325

##### Heart to Heart International, Inc. (HTHI)

- 1 401 South Clairborne, Suite 302 Olathe, KS 66062
- 2 Phone: 913-764-5200 Email: [info@hearttoheart.org](mailto:info@hearttoheart.org) Web: [www.hearttoheart.org](http://www.hearttoheart.org)
- 3 Can custom order supplies or pre-packaged "Box of Medicine" for \$500, plus custom order

##### Crosslink International

- 1 427 North Maple Ave. Falls Church, VA Phone: 703-534-5465
- 2 E-mail: [info@crosslinkinternational.net](mailto:info@crosslinkinternational.net) Web: [www.crosslinkinternational.net](http://www.crosslinkinternational.net)
- 3 Provide medicines and equipment for projects. Some shipping overseas may be available. Some items free, based on availability.

##### FAME (Fellowship of Associates of Medical Evangelism)

- 1 P.O. Box 33548 Indianapolis, IN 46203 Phone: 317-358-2480
- 2 E-mail: [medicalmissions@FAMEworld.org](mailto:medicalmissions@FAMEworld.org) Web: [www.FAMEworld.org](http://www.FAMEworld.org)
- 3 Supplies meds and medical supplies

##### Worm Project (WP)

- 1 c/o Franconia Mennonite Conference, Souderton, PA
- 2 Contact: Claude Good at: 215-723-5513, Ext. 136
- 3 E-mail: [cgood@franconiaconference.org](mailto:cgood@franconiaconference.org) Web: [www.fmc-online.org/wormproject](http://www.fmc-online.org/wormproject)
- 4 Supplies albendazole antiparasite medications

##### Vitamin Angel Alliance

- 1 Santa Barbara, CA 93105 Phone: 805-565-9919
- 2 E-mail: [info@vitaminangel.org](mailto:info@vitaminangel.org) Web: [www.vitaminangel.org](http://www.vitaminangel.org)
- 3 Supplies Vitamin A, Multivitamins to the underserved free of cost.

##### Medications for Travel

- 1 Consolidate but keep in original packages if possible
- 2 Everything must have a lot # and expiration date. Avoid carrying expired medications. Prepare inventory list of medications. Identify in country regulations. Carry sufficient paperwork

#### **References:**

Listed above

[www.HelpingOverseasDirectory.org](http://www.HelpingOverseasDirectory.org) accessed on November 3, 2007. Managed by H. Bruce Carr

Wordless prescription labels: [www.cphi.org](http://www.cphi.org)