

WHITE CROSS INFORMATION PACKAGE 2019–2020



WHITE CROSS CELEBRATES 100 YEARS!

The importance of White Cross is immeasurable, and 2019 marks 100 years of your labor and generosity! Thank for your loving commitment in meeting needs by supporting mission around the world. Through God's grace, this crucial ministry continues to bless those who give, those who serve and those who receive.

We at International Ministries, your American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, extend our deepest gratitude.

We recognize that each region, your participating churches and American Baptist Women's Ministries have long been the foundation of White Cross. Thank you again for your part in this legacy of 100 years of White Cross ministries!

HISTORY OF WHITE CROSS



For generations, American Baptists' helping hands have been reaching out to people in need. During World War I, women in the church assisted the American Red Cross by providing surgical dressings, bandages and other medical supplies for U.S. service personnel. As they met these needs, the women became convinced that similar methods would be of great help in the work of Christian mission. In 1919, following the end of the war, two American Baptist women organized the White Cross Service League, "channeling the war effort into support for Baptist mission," as they explained.

After 100 years of ministry, we are facing a world that is in some ways different than it was when White Cross was founded, but God's call to serve remains the same. Today, the financial need is great, and a direct monetary donation is one of the most cost-effective ways to send help. In the past, White Cross groups supplied hand-rolled bandages for hospitals and clinics; now, while IM's global servants and partners find it more effective to source bandages locally, they have requested baby kits and layettes. Assembling these kits is a wonderful reason to continue to gather with friends and join in God's mission. Historically, White Cross has been a women's ministry, but for 2019–2020, let's get the men and youth involved! By engaging our churches and communities in creative fundraisers, we can not only grow support for important programs but also ensure that White Cross will be carried on by the next generation.

WHERE TO FIND WHITE CROSS INFORMATION



IM posts the most current White Cross information online at www.internationalministries.org/white-cross.

Please share this web page with anyone that wishes to support the work of IM global servants involved in White Cross ministries, and please invite others you know to support the next generation of missionaries.

On the IM website, you will also find everything you need to lead a successful White Cross program in your church or with your mission group:

- **Program Form** to complete and send with your financial gift to insure that your group or church is properly credited. It also allows IM to know how you wish your gift to be applied.
- **Baby Kit Instructions**
- **Giving Opportunities**, with a brief description of each project.
- **Shipping Slip** to include in boxes of White Cross supplies. A photo copy of what you sent to the warehouse should be emailed to zdripps@internationalministries.org
- **White Cross Information Package** for 2019-2020.
- **White Cross Historical Artifacts**, including White Cross documents from 1919, 1921 and 1922.

ROLLED BANDAGES WRAP-UP

Thank you to all the faithful hands that have rolled bandages over the past 100 years! Thanks to your commitment, this need has been met. IM is continuing to ship out boxes of rolled bandages, and it may take up to four more years to use up what is stored. IM global servant, Katherine Niles and international partners in the D.R. of Congo are discontinuing use of handmade bandages. Thank you again for being part of this meaningful ministry.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT ROLLED BANDAGES

1. **What about the bandages we are now rolling? Please send what you have made before September 30, 2019.** IM will continue to ship what we have received until the supply is depleted. After October 1, 2019, only baby kits should be sent to the Brethren Service Center.
2. **Want to continue to gather with your White Cross group?** Lead a creative community fundraiser! All financial gifts provide much-needed help with no additional labor or cost. You can also meet up to assemble baby kits.
3. **Do the baby items have to be handmade?** Items for baby can be either purchased or sewn. Even if you do not sew, you can iron a cute decal onto the cap, gown and blanket to make a set.

Thank you for "hand service for the Master," which has been such a gift and a blessing to new moms and patients in hospitals and health centers! I'm so thankful for the years of selfless service and creativity of the "holy rollers" whose love has reached far into places like the D.R. Congo with tenderness, cheer and hope. White Cross makes a difference!



*Katherine Niles
IM Global Servant – Congo*

Thank you so much for your faithful and loving service reaching to all corners of the earth! In Nicaragua, your kind gifts of medications and baby layettes are literally saving the lives of babies and children every single day! In remote rural areas of Nicaragua, our health promoters are grateful for the blessing of White Cross in their communities.



*Dr. Laura Parajón
IM Global Servant – Nicaragua*

Although rolled bandages are wrapping up and shipping out, there is an ongoing need for baby items. You can assemble the kits or send a financial gift to purchase the needed baby and medical supplies for new moms. Please, only include the items listed on the instruction sheets.

ASSEMBLING BABY KITS

For groups that still enjoy handwork, baby kits are a wonderful way for your group to gather, work with your hands knowing that your labor will bring joy to a new mom that receives your gift through IM global servants.

ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Financial contributions are the most flexible gifts and allow IM global servants to purchase needed items and also help to cover the cost of shipping baby kits.

Suggested \$2.00 per pound for shipping kits for baby
(Optional), suggested \$10.00 per kit so that global servants can include an item for the new mom.

Please send financial gifts to:

International Ministries
1003 W 9th Ave, Ste A
King of Prussia, PA 19406-1210

Ship your handwork with a packing slip to:

Brethren Service Center
IM American Baptist/White Cross
601 Main Street, P.O. Box 188
New Windsor, MD 21776-0188

email a copy of packing slip to
zdripps@internationalministries.org

LEARN more about White Cross online at www.internationalministries.org/white-cross.

FIND WHITE CROSS PROJECTS ONLINE

1. Go to portal.internationalministries.org/find-a-project.
2. Under Type, select **White Cross Projects** and click **SEARCH**.

FIND A PROJECT

After each search, click **"Start Over"** before entering new search criteria.

Type: Mission Projects, STEP Projects or White Cross Projects

White Cross Projects

Hold the ctrl/cmd key to select multiple options.

Ministry Priority

-- None --
Abolishing Global Slavery
Communication
Discipleship
Economic Development

Country

-- None --
Albania
Angola
Argentina
Armenia

Region

All Regions

Continent

All Continents

The search results will show the full list of White Cross projects that are available and the percent of support that has been raised for each one.

Region

All Regions

Continent

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SEARCH

START OVER

Name	Ministry Priorities	Country	Region	Percent Raised		
White Cross - Bolivia Medical and Dental Supplies for the House of Hope	Health and Wellness	Bolivia	Iberoamerica and the Caribbean	100%	Learn More	Give
White Cross - Bulgaria Social, Educational and Anti-Human-Trafficking Ministries	Abolishing Global Slavery Education Economic Development	Bulgaria	Europe, the Middle East and Liberia	87%	Learn More	Give
White Cross - Chile Beekeeping Production	Health and Wellness	Chile	Iberoamerica and the Caribbean	100%	Learn More	Give
White Cross - China Drug Detoxification and Rehab	Health and Wellness	China	South and East Asia	66%	Learn More	Give
White Cross - Congo Medical Supplies, Nurses' Training and Transportation	Health and Wellness	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Africa	59%	Learn More	Give

We would be happy to assist you further in finding a project that matches your interests. If you want someone to participate in conferences or annual mission meetings, we would be delighted to share the stories and the impact of your giving. Contact us at 610-768-2311 or zdripps@internationalministries.org.

WAYS TO INVOLVE WOMEN, MEN, YOUTH AND NEIGHBORS IN SUPPORT OF WHITE CROSS

Those who benefit from your kindness affirm that White Cross is a lifeline. Remember that being in the middle of God's mission is not limited to women. Invite the men in your church and community to prayer groups, youth to help with fund fundraising events and your neighbors to a White Cross dinner.

PRAY

There is always a need for prayer for IM global servants and partners and the people and communities with whom they serve: for medical needs to be met and the sick to receive care regardless of their means, for the health and well-being of those preparing meals for children and mothers, and for White Cross ministries to have a long-term impact.



GIVE

Without your generosity, many of the projects supported by White Cross would not be possible. You continue to transform lives by supporting IM mission work in health and wellness and in education.

To give by check, make payable to International Ministries and mail to the IM home office. To give online, go to www.internationalministries.org, click GIVE, select White Cross and then choose a project.



EXPERIENCE

Consider joining an IM short-term mission experience to see what God is doing through the work of IM global servants. Or invite an IM global servant from one of the areas where your White Cross gifts are at work:

Africa

D.R. Congo, Burundi, Liberia, South Africa, Uganda

Central and South America and the Caribbean

Bolivia, Chile, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, Nicaragua, Panama

East and Southeast Asia

China, India, Myanmar (Burma), Nepal, Philippines, Thailand

Europe and the Middle East

Lebanon, Palestine

Experiment with new ways to raise funds for White Cross so that this 100-year legacy will continue in the next generation. Plus, as you extend opportunities to others in your neighborhood to get involved in support of global mission, you may add some new friends to your church.

These are some of the creative ways White Cross groups have fundraised for mission:

- Community car wash
- Spaghetti dinner
- White Cross bingo night
- Community talent night

If you have any questions, please contact Zofia Dripps, associate executive director for mission advancement, at zdripps@internationalministries.org or 610-768-2311.