

OPENING DOORS—to health care!

The Western Iowa Synod Companion Synods Medical Initiatives Network is once again striving to enhance health and wholeness for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Tanzania.

In conjunction with Global Health Ministries, an organization that collects, refurbishes, warehouses, and redistributes any and all sorts of medical supplies and equipment to Lutheran health facilities in the developing world, **WE WILL OPEN DOORS!**

How? Western Iowa Synod will collect and offer medical supplies and equipment to GHM for use in its ministry throughout the world (see hot list of desired items). GHM will, in turn, seek to assist WIS in the attainment of prioritized medical equipment and supplies—as well as desired books—for the Ilembula Lutheran Hospital, Kidugala Medical Center and/or numerous dispensaries in the Southern Diocese, ELCT.

How? Inform your congregational members, work with your area clinics and medical supply stores, speak with your doctors, dentist, optometrists, pharmacies and health care aids suppliers, etc. to attain good, usable medical supplies and equipment. Bring them all to the WIS Synod Assembly in Sioux City, June 9 or June 10!

How? Cash funding is also needed to either purchase medical equipment and supplies in-country or secure them here and ship to Tanzania. The best options are currently being investigated. Any financial support should be sent to the Western Iowa Synod, 318 E 5th St., Storm Lake, IA 50588, with Medical Supply in the memo. Similarly, you can donate online on our website, www.wisynod.org, select Companion Synods Projects and note Medical Supply.

Hot List of Items to Collect and Bring to WIS Assembly:

Soap, Bar (regular size), Blankets (twin to full size preferred), Bed sheets (twin to full size preferred, flat & fitted), Pillowcases, Towels & Washcloths, Crutches, Walkers, Canes, Wheelchairs, Newborn Kits, Hospice Kits, Dressings (BandAids, Gauze, Kerlix), Gloves (Household & Examination), Personal Protective Equipment - gloves, face shields, eye protection, Examination gloves - especially sizes M and L.

THIS IS NOT A COMPLETE LIST.

SEE THE E-SPIRIT ON THE WISYNOD WED SITE FOR MORE.

It is suggested that Thrivent Action Team Monies might be used for this project also.

Is Your Congregation Participating in the Medical Initiative? Let's fill another truck!! The Western Iowa Synod Companion Synods Medical Initiatives Network is once again striving to enhance health and wholeness for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Tanzania. In conjunction with Global Health Ministries, an organization that collects, refurbishes, warehouses, and redistributes any and all sorts of medical supplies and equipment to Lutheran health facilities in the developing world,

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Contact Cindy Wells, Director for Global Mission, with any questions or needs you may have (cindy.wells@wisynod.org; 712 732 4968 Ext. 441)

BASKETS OF PROMISE



Lost Island congregation is collecting items during the Lenten season to assemble personal care kits and school kits.

*See page 9 of newsletter for items needed for kits to be assembled by Sarah Circle of Bethany.

BASKETS OF PROMISE– Personal Care kits: bath size towel-dark colors, 27" x 52"; bath size bar soap-4-5 oz., adult size toothbrush, sturdy comb, metal nail clippers.



School kits– 70 sheet notebooks-wide ruled, 30 cm ruler, pencil sharpener, blunt scissors, #2 pencils with erasers, black or blue ballpoint pens, 16 or 24 box of crayons, 2 1/2" eraser, drawstring backpack bag.

See complete list on poster.

Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages. Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.



Lutheran World Relief