

## Acquisition of Medication for Short Term Medical Missions Trips

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

### **Donations of Medication**

#### Kingsway Charities

- Contact: Audrey Lambert (800.321.9234)
- E-mail: [info@kingswaycharities.org](mailto:info@kingswaycharities.org) Website: [www.kingswaycharities.org](http://www.kingswaycharities.org)
- 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 focus.

#### Johnson and Johnson and MAP

- Supplied through MAP International
- Phone: 732-524-1863 Website: [www.map.org/johnsonandjohnson](http://www.map.org/johnsonandjohnson)
- Provides "Medical Mission Pack" of over the counter items. Free with \$50.00 shipping fee, includes meds averaging around \$800.00 wholesale. One pack per healthcare practitioner/year.
- Provides "Medical Mission Pack Plus" of Rx and over the counter items. Free with \$50.00 shipping fee, includes medications averaging around \$1500.00 wholesale.

#### Direct Relief International

- Supplied through DRI
- Phone: 805-964-4767 E-mail: [info@directrelief.org](mailto:info@directrelief.org) Web: [www.directrelief.org](http://www.directrelief.org)
- Partner with several major pharmaceutical companies to distribute medication and supplies to organizations conducting mission projects in selected countries.
  - DIFLUCAN Project partnership with Pfizer  
<http://www.directrelief.org/DiflucanPartnership/EN/DiflucanProgramOverview.aspx>
  - VIRAMUNE Project partnership with Boehringer Ingelheim  
<http://www.pmtctdonations.org/en/welcome/Default.aspx>

### **Medications at Reduced Costs**

#### Blessings International

- Phone: 918-250-8101
- E-mail: [info@blessing.org](mailto:info@blessing.org) Web: [www.blessing.org](http://www.blessing.org)
- "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

- Phone: 800-225-8550
- E-mail: [map@map.org](mailto:map@map.org) Web: [www.map.org](http://www.map.org)
- Provide "Travel Packs" for medical mission projects overseas. The packs are between \$300-\$500 for a set of pre-packaged medication and they can be customized.

#### Watson / ANDA

- Westin, FL.
- Contact Person: Joanne Brook
- Phone: 954.217.2632 or 800.331.2632 x 4555

- Generic manufacturer that will supply meds for significantly lower costs. Mention that the project is a medical mission overseas project to receive a discounted rate. Ships within a few days.

#### International Dispensary Association (IDA)

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

#### **Additional Resources**

##### IMA World Health

- P.O. Box 429 New Windsor, MD 21776
- Phone: 877-241-7952
- E-mail: [imainfo@imaworldhealth.org](mailto:imainfo@imaworldhealth.org) Web: [www.imaworld.org](http://www.imaworld.org)
- IMA Medicine Box available for a fee. Some items for free with nominal handling fee.

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

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

##### Crosslink International

- 427 North Maple Ave. Falls Church, VA Phone: 703-534-5465
- E-mail: [info@crosslinkinternational.net](mailto:info@crosslinkinternational.net) Web: [www.crosslinkinternational.net](http://www.crosslinkinternational.net)
- 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)

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

##### Worm Project (WP)

- c/o Franconia Mennonite Conference, Harleysville, PA
- Contact: Claude Good at: 267-932-6050 Ext. 136
- E-mail: [info@wormproject.org](mailto:info@wormproject.org) Web: [www.wormproject.org](http://www.wormproject.org)
- Supplies albendazole antiparasite medications

##### Vitamin Angels

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

#### **References:**

As listed above

[www.HelpingOverseasDirectory.org](http://www.HelpingOverseasDirectory.org) accessed on November 10, 2010. Managed by H. Bruce Carr

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

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