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**Changing the world  
one life at a time  
through Christ-like  
missions.**

## **A Dream Realized!**

I was setting up the CrossLink exhibit for the first time. I was nervous, never having done this before. Here I was representing CrossLink at a national meeting – subbing for our ailing director – and feeling very unsure of myself.

As I placed and replaced objects for the display, a gentleman walked in and began to set up his exhibit next to ours. “Hi, I’m John McCall from Memphis, TN,” he said. I introduced myself and said I was from Falls Church, VA, representing CrossLink International.

Explaining the mission of CrossLink to John, I could sense that something I said really struck a responsive chord. Teaching at the University of Tennessee Medical School and coming from a mission-minded family, John was immediately drawn to the ministry of equipping Christian medical teams as they worked in developing areas.

Little did either of us realize that a dream would begin that day – a dream that will culminate in September as we open a CrossLink regional office in Memphis.

But dreams don’t just come true — they have to have help along the way. Two churches in the Memphis area have been very instrumental in putting “feet” to this vision. First Baptist Church of Memphis has entered into an agreement with CrossLink International to provide office and warehouse space. Bethel Pentecostal Church of Bartlett has provided many hours of manual labor and resources.

While plans began to take shape for the Memphis office, God was working in the life of Dr. Jan E. Jones, former owner of Pharmacy Services of the MidSouth, Inc. Sensing a call to use her talents and business skills in ministry, Jan has accepted the position of Regional Manager in Memphis. She states that she is fortunate to have been called to bring together the faith, medical and logistical communities of Memphis to grow God’s Kingdom.

The requests and needs are many. Co-laboring with the Memphis community, we envision a world rich in health and God’s love.

Will you join us?

**Linda Cook**

# A “Link” to Kenya



*Harvey McCone at Muthentheni Clinic.*

**“... This clinic needs a sustainable link to providers, products and programs...”**

“We need medicine, training, and people to come.” That was David Magiri’s response to Harvey McCone’s inquiry as to what will bring the Kenyan nationals to the Muthentheni World Reach Medical Clinic to receive the healing touch of Christ and His word.

Before assuming his new position as Assistant Executive Director of CrossLink, McCone participated in a 3-week medical mission trip to Muthentheni, located 2 hours from Nairobi. Working with students from Southeastern Bible College, the team attempted to meet the needs of the locals at this lovingly built, but poorly equipped clinic.

One of the students, Regina, is an experienced registered nurse. Overwhelmed at the end of the day, Regina said with tear-filled eyes, “There are people we cannot take care of! We can only see a few.” She, in fact, saw over 600 patients in one week with only the help of another young student and a few sample medications and supplies the team purchased locally.

Malaria kills over 90 children daily in Kenya. “This clinic needs a sustainable link to providers, products and programs. We have seen success in South America where U.S. churches made a commitment to 5-year partnerships with a clinic ministry, and assisted the local program to achieve its ministry goals of reaching the lost through the healing touch of Jesus. I have seen medical ministry open doors to entire tribes of unreached people,” McCone explained.

McCone and his wife served in Venezuela in a medical ministry, fielded through the International Mission Board. Harvey oversaw a clinic that now serves over 25,000 patients annually. They used local physicians and other health care providers along with mission teams from U.S. churches and medical schools. Many of those teams provided medicines and medical supplies from CrossLink International.

Since being at CrossLink, McCone has thought about that empty clinic and the difference that this ministry could make. “CrossLink International truly provides a supply chain that bonds the contributor with the foreign ministry. The Muthentheni World Reach Medical Clinic needs medicine, training, and people to come. Individuals or groups can help this ministry through CrossLink with one-time or continuous purchases of malaria drugs, as well as other medicines and supplies. Just think what our team could have done had we been supplied with medicines and medical resources!”

Linking together medical teams, resources and donors, we can empower physicians in their own culture to be ambassadors for Christ as they bring His healing touch to the lives of their people. Will you provide that link?



*Regina and a fellow student stocking the pharmacy.*



*Pastors praying with waiting patients.*

\* For more information about Muthentheni World Reach Medical Clinic, contact [info@crosslinkinternational.net](mailto:info@crosslinkinternational.net).

# Well-Traveled Medicines

The opening line to the letter read, “Thank you for your help with our recent medical mission trip.” This team from Georgia was returning to Nicaragua to minister to the needs of villagers on the Coco River, a remote area on the border of Nicaragua and Honduras — the home of the Miskito people group.



*After a long journey, the medicines are ready to help.*

“After being received at our church, the medicines that you provided journeyed many miles...from our church to the Atlanta airport, to Miami and then to Managua, Nicaragua.” From Managua a 12-passenger airplane took the team and the meds to Puerto Cabezas where the meds traveled further by truck and finally onto long canoes powered by outboard motors.

For the next few days, these precious medical resources were used to treat approximately 1200 patients in three different villages. “At the second village, we heard that people in neighboring villages heard about the clinic and walked for miles to have medical treatment.”

The medical problems were so varied, with skin infections and respiratory problems being the most prevalent. A variety of medicines sent by CrossLink were so helpful in treating the many conditions presented to the team.

The pharmacies were kept incredibly busy – working often until after dark using battery-powered lights and flashlights. “There were several times that we thought we were out of certain medicines and just ‘happened’ to find some more.” This team prayed to meet the needs of all the villagers.

At one of the villages a house call was made. A woman in her 40’s was extremely sick. Members of the medical team really did not think she would survive. They treated her with a variety of medicines that were provided, and prayed for a miracle in her life. “Checking on her the next day, the nurses found that her high fever was gone and she had greatly improved.”

Reading this letter I pondered over the many miles those medicines and supplies traveled. Just about every form of transportation known to man was used to bring them to this remote area. From modern airplanes to primitive canoes, God provided the way for these life-giving medicines. And the medicines provided a channel for His love to be shared.

As the team showed the ‘Jesus’ film and helped the people in the villages, they were reminded of Matthew 9:35: “And Jesus was going about all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.”



*Baptism in the Coco River.*

*“...we heard that people in neighboring villages heard about the clinic and walked for miles to have medical treatment.”*



# Become a “Link” -- Ways that you can help CrossLink

Think of a mother’s heartache watching her child suffer from a lack of medical care!

Picture your loved one in a hospital without the most basic equipment!

These horrible conditions are experienced daily by thousands of men, women and children living in developing countries. Often there is little, if any, available healthcare – and what is accessible is beyond reach financially.

But there is a way you can help!

Become a “**link**” in CrossLink’s supply chain of healing and hope.

**Over-the Counter Club:**\* Engage youth, children, seniors or any group in “hands-on” missions by providing OTC medicines and supplies for use in medical work. Simply purchase these items and donate to CrossLink for distribution overseas.



**Clinic Packs:** A \$25 gift purchases a stethoscope, blood pressure cuff and a digital thermometer; vital diagnostic tools to be donated to Third World clinics and hospitals.

**Adopt-A-Mission:**\* Your donation of \$500+ adopts an entire mission project, enabling CrossLink to purchase necessary medicines and supplies to treat those in need. Project pictures and reports are sent to you upon completion of the mission.

**Vessels of Hope:** Your church can provide essential equipment and resources to struggling hospitals by funding ocean containerized shipping. A gift of \$2500 - \$5000 will purchase a 20’ or 40’ container for CrossLink to fill with medical resources.



**CrossLink Partners:** The needs are tremendous! There is so much more that CrossLink International can do with your help. Placing this ministry in your church mission budget for \$500, \$1000, \$5000, \$10,000 or more a year enables CrossLink to supply tools of healing and open doors for the Gospel of Jesus Christ to be presented to a desperate world.

“Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these, my brother, you have done it unto me.”  
Matthew 25:40

\* For more information on these programs, contact CrossLink International at 703-534-5465 or [info@crosslinkinternational.net](mailto:info@crosslinkinternational.net).



**“In as  
much as  
you have  
done it  
unto one  
of the  
least of  
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## How will you help?

Please detach and return with your response to:

CrossLink International, 427 North Maple Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046

www.crosslinkinternational.net



1. Enclosed is my gift of  \$50  \$100  \$200  \$500  \$1,000  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_
2. I/We pledge a yearly gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ quarterly.
3. Please send me more information about CrossLink International.
4. I/We will donate frequent flyer miles.
5. Please send more information about:  
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Gifts of cash and/or goods to CrossLink International, a 501 (c) (3) humanitarian aid ministry are tax deductible.  
CrossLink is audited annually by an independent public accounting firm and our audit is available upon request.

## Container Supplies Antiguan Hospital

“My fellow Antiguan, today on this the 23rd anniversary of our national independence, as we look back, surely we see that when things are at their worst God is at God’s best.” These sentiments were spoken in 2004 as Antiguan celebrated their independence day.

Truly things were “at their worst” for Holberton Hospital – the only hospital in Antigua. Low on supplies, equipment and other medical resources, the hospital was in great need of help.

Through a relationship with another church in Antigua, Emmanuel Reformed Episcopal Church of New Jersey dreamed of assisting Holberton. Their pastor, The Rev. Christopher D. Pierce, contacted CrossLink International to seek help in obtaining a container filled with medical equipment and supplies.

In July, Honorary Consul-General MacChesney Emmanuel was on hand at the Holberton Hospital as the container, valued at \$42,000 was presented to hospital administrator, Gary Thomas.

The first beneficiary was 21 year-old Swain Burton. He received a replacement for his wheelchair that was stolen. Swain had been housebound since losing his chair, and was thrilled to receive his new wheels.

This project will be a continuing venture with Emmanuel Church as they demonstrate to the people of Antigua that “...surely we see when things are at their worst God is at God’s best.”



*Ambassador MacChesney Emanuel & Mr. Gary Thomas, hospital administrator, are among those accepting the CrossLink container.*



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## NEWS BRIEFS



### **Band Aid Ball Correction**

In the last edition of the CrossLink newsletter we failed to recognize Mr. William Boykin and Mr. Howard Kelley for their photography at the Band Aid Ball and providing pictures for the newsletter. CrossLink deeply appreciates the gracious gift Mr. Boykin and Mr. Kelley gave to the ministry.

### **Celebration Dinner for CrossLink – Memphis**

September 10<sup>th</sup>, the Colonial Country Club, 2736 Countrywood Parkway, Cordova, TN will be the site of a special dinner to celebrate the opening of the CrossLink International regional office in Memphis. For more information and/or reservations contact the CrossLink-Memphis office at 901-323-8477.

### **Ladies Luncheon**

“Around the World, Around the Table,” a mission luncheon sponsored by CrossLink will be held Saturday, November 12, 2005 at Columbia Baptist Church. The luncheon will also feature a mission craft fair. For more information and/or reservations contact the CrossLink International office at 703-534-5465.

### **Online Donations**

Used to paying everything online? CrossLink has now joined the “electronic age” providing you the opportunity to donate to the ministry through our website. Check it out at [www.crosslinkinternational.net](http://www.crosslinkinternational.net). Other exciting opportunities for giving will be appearing soon.

### **Containers**

Filled with urgently needed supplies and equipment, containers will be sent to the following areas in August and September:

**September 27th - Virginia Hospital Center's Honduras Brigade**