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## The Call to Haiti

*(For the past three years, CrossLink has worked with Dr. Cathy Pate and the Shady Brook Baptist Church of Charlotte, NC, as they have ministered in La Pila, Haiti. Speaking with Dr. Pate at a recent meeting, she began to relate her story and why she feels "called" to Haiti.)*



*Dr. Cathy Pate examines a child with possible meningitis as the mother looks on.*

"I'm not sure how to explain my 'call' to Haiti, but I guess that is not unusual. I attended private school where French was taught. By the time I got to college, I placed in junior level French classes as a freshman, and ended up majoring in both nursing and French. It was a dream to someday combine the two and work in a medical facility in a French speaking country. (At that time I never dreamed I would end up in medical school!) The seed was planted early to someday be able to use my combined skills.

"A few years ago, my friend, Becky Goss, and I decided to do an annual volunteer medical missions trip together. Since God had given me

the ability to speak French, I felt it would make sense to volunteer in a French-speaking country. Haiti came to mind, but we could find no one ministering in there at that time.

"Becky began praying and felt a pretty clear indication that we were meant to go to Honduras. We ended up there for a week with First Baptist Church of Cramerton. I am sure the reason we went on that trip was that this church had been going to Honduras for 11 years, and they taught us the right way to do a medical mission trip. We also met a dentist with this group that volunteered in, of all places, *Haiti*. I told Becky that God wanted us in Honduras to finally find someone who went to Haiti!

"We tried to get in touch with this dentist and could never catch up with him after our return to North Carolina. I was about to give up on ever going to Haiti until one day, Rev. George Sherman, a patient, came in to see me. Almost as an aside, he asked me 'And what shots do I need for Haiti?' I answered his question and then said 'What trip to Haiti?' I have been praying for a trip to Haiti for 5 years and



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# The Executive Director's Corner..

The words of an old hymn begin, "I stand amazed in His presence..." And, I do!!

I see His miracles, both big and small, on a daily basis. A particular piece of medical equipment is needed. The phone rings, and "out of the blue," there it is. A mission team needs a medicine that can only be purchased, and has no funds. The mail is delivered, and a donor has sent in a check designated for that purpose. A man or woman in a developing country is very ill, and needs a special medicine. The visiting medical team doesn't understand why, but they just 'happen' to have it with them. A mother brings her child to a clinic because he is sick. She leaves, not only having received medical care for her little one, but also with the healing power of Jesus.

*"...out of the blue, there it is."*

He is an amazing God!

*Linda Cook*



## Can You Help?

**CrossLink is amazed!** A war has been fought and the world situation is precarious, yet CrossLink has logged in over 200 projects already this year. At this rate, we could fulfill over 350 requests for medicines, medical supplies and equipment by the end of 2003. God's soldiers just keep marching to share His love through medical missions.

**CrossLink is blessed!** In the midst of difficult economic times, CrossLink has continued to stay financially sound – not wealthy, but sound! God's people continue to share His love through their resources.

**CrossLink has a dilemma!** As the number of medical trips increases, so does the need! Many groups cannot afford to purchase medicines that are not donated to CrossLink, or containers to ship precious medical cargo overseas. We try to help, but it isn't always possible.

**If you have not contributed to CrossLink, would you consider helping with a monthly donation?** Listed below are a few ways that your gift could help further the work of this ministry:



- > \$10 purchases 2 stethoscopes or 2000 Tylenol.
- > \$25 purchases a "Clinic Pack" containing a stethoscope, blood pressure cuff and digital thermometer for mission clinics.
- > \$50 purchases 5000 multivitamins.

**Adopt-A-Mission** - \$500 enables CrossLink to purchase basic generic medicines and a Clinic Pack to be used at the mission you adopt.

Thank you for considering a donation to bring health and hope around the world!

## Call to Haiti, cont.

have been unable to find anyone working there. I can't believe that you are just walking in to see me, and a trip to Haiti is literally falling in my lap!

"Becky and I became the first medical folks to go with Shady Brook Baptist to La Pila, Haiti. We know without a doubt that God meant for us to go to Honduras to learn what we needed to do on a medical mission trip...and we know we were supposed to be in Haiti because the missionaries told Rev. Sherman that of all the volunteers that had come, I was the first self-sufficient person because I spoke French.



*Joyce Wall & Becky Goss caring for a sick child.*

"In terms of God working through us. . .I think it is hard to realize sometimes when we are actually seeing patients. There are always so many people to see and so many profound problems. On our most recent trip, we encountered a probable AIDS baby with meningitis whose mother refused to take him to the local hospital. We were able to treat the baby with Rocephin and he was actually doing pretty well by the time we left. Often I feel like we are merely putting a Band-Aid on problems that need major medical care.

While there, I always remember a line from a Christian song I heard years ago in college that said, 'Even a cup of cold water will do.' I hope that in some small way we are helping to relieve the suffering of a people group that have already suffered far too much."

## "A Cup of Cold Water"

*(Fred and Joyce Wall are missionaries at La Pila. They shared what they have seen through the ministry of Dr. Pate, Becky Goss, Shady Brook Baptist Church, and others like them.)*

"It will stagger the mind to try to inform you how God has worked through people such as Dr. Pate, Becky and the Shady Brook team, enabling us to help the Haitian people. They have helped immensely to fill voids in medical care. The medications that have been supplied through them directly or indirectly have made the difference in the life and death of many of our people. We have seen patients come into the clinic TOTALLY helpless, and yet, because my wife had the right medicines at the right time, the people return for follow ups, living miracles. Now I know that it is God that does the healing, but he does it many times through medical professionals or medicines supplied by Christian medical mission teams.



*Twins at the clinic.*

"The greatest news is that due to the clinic being here, there have been many that have trusted Christ as their Savior, and that, my friends, is the aim of our ministry...be it preaching the Gospel, giving out food and clothing, or meeting the physical needs of our people by way of the medical clinic.

"The main thing I think I am trying to say is that without people that care, there could be no success and many of the folk that have been saved due to the clinic would have died and lived a Christless eternity. I am eternally grateful for the day that our paths crossed with Shady Brook and their teams, and God touched their hearts to get involved in sharing His love in terms our people can understand; that the door may be opened to give them the Gospel of eternal life through the Lord Jesus Christ."

***"Even a cup  
of cold water  
will do."***



***"...that the  
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Gospel..."***

# In Memoriam

## Randy Roache

Early Friday morning, May 9, 2003, 92-year old Randy Roache, CrossLink's **oldest** volunteer, went to be with His Lord. "He was like a father to me," said CrossLink Vice-Chairman, Jim Frank. Randy had lived with Jim and his family for a number of years.

Over the years Randy helped CrossLink in many ways. He set up the shelving for the first pharmacy room, and put together most of the boxes used to store the medicines. When CrossLink moved its pharmacy to another area, Randy was there again to help. He was constantly labeling boxes, and sorting supplies. When CrossLink partnered with Prison Fellowship International to send personal care kits into the international prisons, Randy helped sort and fill many of the boxes.

Randy was always repairing CrossLink equipment. When one of CrossLink's old pallet jacks broke – he found the parts and totally rebuilt it. His most memorable repair, though, was for an elderly lady in Kyrgyzstan. A missionary requested a walker for this lady so



*Dr. Barry Byer & Randy Roache, she could get to church. However, it couldn't*

be just any walker. Because of a physical problem, she was barely 4-feet tall. Randy was contacted and swung into action, taking an adult walker, sawing off part of the metal legs, drilling additional holes into it, putting it back together, and sending it off with a mission team. We can only imagine the look on the lady's face when she received her new "legs"; a gift from God through the hands of Randy Roache.

We will miss Randy greatly, but we thank God for the many gifts this 'elder statesman' gave to CrossLink.



*Randy Roache preparing personal care kits.*

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## A Home of White and Gold

*(Danny Griffin recently returned from a mission trip to Uzbekistan. While there, he met a man that is a new Christian with a very special story.)*

"I met a man that had trusted Christ a few months earlier, converting from Islam. He invited me to his home for dinner and the house was painted a beautiful white and gold color. He said he recently painted his home because he wanted his house to reflect the new beauty in his heart. His house had been red and black and some other darker colors, but now it is brilliant white with gold trim. The white has many designs threading through it. The designs are many different shades of white. He told me this represents the new work God is doing inside him. Wow! "

## Thank you for taking time to respond to CrossLink International

Please detach and return with your response to: CrossLink International, 427 North Maple Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046

I / We are pleased to partner with CrossLink International in the following way:

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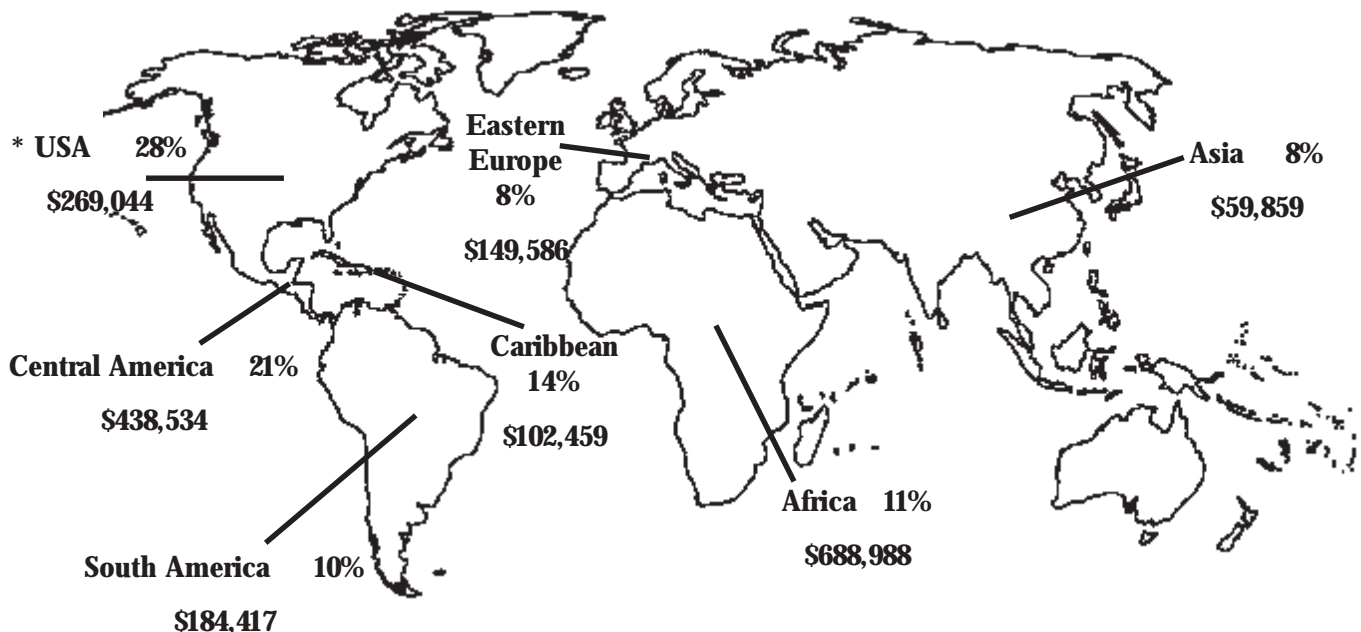
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## Mid-Year Update

As of June, 2003, CrossLink International has completed 154 of 200 projects, ranging from a box of medicines and supplies to 40-foot containers. Each project is customized according to the needs of the recipient. The pie chart below indicates the percentage of projects to major continents and the value of medical resources shipped.

### 2003 Six Month Project Status



\* CrossLink donates short-dated medicines that cannot be sent overseas to local free clinics.



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## NEWS BRIEFS

### CrossLink Operations Manager Works in Haiti

Bruce Geoffrion, Operations Manger for CrossLink, recently spent several days at the Christian Mission of Pignon, Haiti. The mission operates a clinic/hospital. Bruce's job was to assess their supply warehouse and make suggestions for upgrades. He plans to return in October; possibly to computerize the inventory. Upon his return from Haiti, Bruce stated that his time there was a "life-changing experience."

### Name the Newsletter Contest

CrossLink International will be introducing a new logo in the next few months. We will present the newsletter name at the same time. Thank you for sending your suggestions.

### African Containers to be Sent

CrossLink is preparing three 20-foot containers to be sent to three areas of Africa. Pro-Vision International and Love of Christ ministries are sending one container to South Africa to be used to minister to babies with AIDS. The Rugarama Eye Clinic in Uganda will receive a second container sponsored by Truro Episcopal Church. The final container is being shipped to the Congo Health Center Project under the auspices of the Church of Christ in the Congo. Please pray that these containers will arrive safely and that their contents will be used to share the love of God.



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