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CROSSLINK INTERNATIONAL OPENS SUPPLY ROUTE INTO AFGHANISTAN

Falls Church, Va. December 1, 2004 - CrossLink International, a Falls Church-based humanitarian organization has successfully established a delivery system into Afghanistan for urgently needed medical supplies. Two deliveries, 25 large packages containing emergency materials, were received recently by Hope Hospital outside Kabul.

CrossLink acquires most of their medical resources by donation from local hospitals and individuals or at cost from pharmaceutical companies. CrossLink has developed highly effective delivery systems to ensure that remote hospitals and clinics receive their custom supply orders. To enable the goods to reach Hope Hospital, CrossLink collaborated with US military personnel stationed in Afghanistan.

Lt. Paul Gruzlewski of the US Marine Corps notified CrossLink of the urgent need at Hope Hospital. The hospital, a former eye clinic, was partially destroyed during the Afghan civil war. According to Lt. Gruzlewski, "This hospital serves a large region around Kabul and they had completely run out of critical items including tongue depressors and microscope slides. CrossLink's deliveries were essential to running the hospital."

With the success of the first deliveries, CrossLink now plans ongoing deliveries of drugs, surgical supplies and basic diagnostic tools such as microscope slides, stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs and thermometers. Donations from the public are welcome to assist in buying materials and underwriting the cost of shipment.

CrossLink International provides medicines, medical supplies and equipment, and eyeglasses to free clinics, mission hospitals, and medical mission teams. CrossLink supports an international humanitarian network of doctors, nurses and missionaries working on behalf of the sick and injured in the US and over 118 third world countries including; Honduras, Kenya and Romania. Since its incorporation as a 501 c 3 charity in 1996, CrossLink has distributed over \$26 million in supplies.

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