

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:



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)
Soap, Bar (regular size)

**Asante sana
(Thank you very much)
& Mungu Awabariki
(God Bless You All)!**

Personal Protective Equipment - gloves, face shields, eye protection
Examination gloves - especially sizes M and L
Surgical gloves - especially sizes 6.5 - 8.0
Syringes - especially sizes 5- and 10-mL
Auto-disable syringes with needles
Sutures - especially sizes 0-3 and 4-6
Dressings & gauze IV Catheters & administration sets
Surgical blades & handles
Surgical sponges
Surgical instruments
Surgical masks and caps
Surgical gowns, scrubs, drapes - cloth only
Ultrasonic gel, lubricating jelly
Disinfectant sponges & swabs
Twin or hospital-size bed sheets - flat and fitted
Dental surgery instruments - forceps, elevators
Dental palliative materials - IRM, etc.

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