



**BLESSINGS**  
INTERNATIONAL®

MEDICINES  
FOR MISSIONS®

Healing the Hurting | Building Healthy Communities | Transforming Lives

SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2017

# RESPOND+NG TO DISASTERS. HELP+NG THOSE IN CRISIS.



DISASTER  
PATIENTS  
TREATED

**38,598**

(SEPT 1ST - NOV 15TH 2017)



VALUE OF  
MEDICINE  
DISTRIBUTED

**\$46,290**



**20**

TEAMS EQUIPPED IN

**8**

COUNTRIES/REGIONS

# THOUSANDS OF DISASTER VICTIMS FIND RELIEF THROUGH BLESSINGS INTERNATIONAL

The last several months we have experienced an unprecedented number of natural and manmade disasters. From the Syrian refugee crisis to multiple Atlantic hurricanes to earthquakes in Mexico, Iran-Iraq, and South Korea, a trail of destruction has been left across the globe. Thankfully, because of our faithful donors, Blessings International has been able to equip 20 relief teams responding to many of these disasters with \$46,290 worth of critically needed medicine and supplies.

Since September, Blessings International has helped over 38,000 disaster victims. Our friends at Roca Blanca Mission relates how one family's life was changed for all eternity. Medicine, vitamins and supplies from Blessings were flown into Oaxaca, Mexico by Grace Air Ministries after the September 7th earthquake. As the Corban Clinic medical team worked in the village of Huamuchil, they were able to provide relief to a 70 year old fisherman. Unable to get out of his house when the earthquake hit, he braced himself as the house crumbled around him. It took rescuers 3 hours to dig the fisherman out of the rubble. When the team saw him the following week they delivered much needed medication. His wife was so grateful that he had been able to sleep after being relieved of the pain. The team shared the gospel with the family, and both the fisherman and wife prayed to open their hearts to Christ. What an incredible testimony of the medical team's ability to respond to catastrophe!



Houston, the Gulf Coast, and Florida were hit hard by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Puerto Rico, the island of Dominica, and other Caribbean nations suffered great loss from Hurricanes Maria and Jose. Blessings continues to provide multiple teams with thousands of dollars of healing medicine for many of these regions. Dr. Karen Robinson, with Teuke Ouhayo, traveled to Dominica to treat disaster victims and captured this photo of the rainbow after the storm, a sign of hope in the midst of disaster.

While we don't know when or where disaster will strike, we do know having funds available allows Blessings to respond immediately. As you give this Christmas season, thank you for considering a gift to replenish our Emergency Disaster Relief Fund so we can be ready to help without delay.



## BLESSINGS LAUNCHES NEW SERVICE FOR MISSION TEAMS

At Blessings International, we are always looking for new and innovative ways to make mission outreaches easier and more effective. With the introduction of our Medication Repackaging Service, we believe we have done just that! Through our partnership with Omer Medical Logistics, located in South Carolina, we have acquired state of the art repackaging equipment from OML. The equipment has been integrated into our FDA licensed and approved production facility.

As a part of the unique service, we are now able to repackage vitamins, diabetes medicine, blood pressure medicine and analgesics. The packaging of the medicine is available in various quantities and the labeling is available in 22 different languages. By having the repackaged medicine produced specific to the needs of the mission team, the patients that are being served will have a product that will improve safety and compliance.

To learn more about this service or for the Medication Repackaging Service order information, visit our Order page at [www.blessing.org/order](http://www.blessing.org/order).

## HOW TO GIVE

Your gift of **\$50** treats over 230 disaster patients with medicines and supplies



### GIVING BY MAIL

Use enclosed donation card and envelope



### GIVING ONLINE

Click "Donate" at [www.blessing.org](http://www.blessing.org)



### GIVING BY SECURE MOBILE APP

Text "MEDAID" to 41444

*Every Gift Makes a Difference!*



Guidestar has awarded Blessings their highest rating of Platinum to reflect our level of accountability and transparency. We rank in the top 2% of all rated charities.

Blessings has been accredited by Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability since 1981.

Federal employees can donate through the Combined Federal Campaign #11864. State and local government employees can look for us in their Charity Guide under the Neighbor to Nation federation.



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