

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER IS TURNING SWELTERING HEAT INTO SWEET SMILES!



With the appearance of the dog star Sirius Arkansans are definitely sweltering in the "dog days of summer" exhausting not only physically but also exhausting the adjectives and expletives communicating feelings about the heat. But on July 25 the heat and humidity are being countered and conquered by the refreshing smiles that respond to our community's humanitarian efforts.



On Monday, July 25, the Baptist Health Medical Center is donating a large quantity of items that will be shipped overseas to nations whose healthcare facilities are in critical need. John L. Kachelman, Jr. (evangelist at the Judsonia Church of Christ, Judsonia, AR) has been coordinating humanitarian aid shipments into foreign nations since 1999 working through churches of Christ. In 2007 the College Church of Christ (Searcy) acquired a warehouse for operations and the project became registered as a 501(c)3 entity named *Life Resources International*. Since 2007 (to date) there have been 177 forty-foot cargo containers shipped by the churches of Christ into these foreign nations: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Belarus, El Salvador, Ghana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Iraq, Moldova, Nigeria, Republic of Georgia, Republic of Kyrgyz, Romania, Somalia, Sudan, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, and Zambia. The commodities are donated and distributed solely on the basis of urgent need. There is a special emphasis to help support and build the infrastructures of education, healthcare, and vulnerable population (the orphaned, widowed, elderly). Most of the containers are shipped in conjunction with the United States Department of State's humanitarian aid resources. Reports, pictures, and personal visits to these nations are used to validate that the shipments are used for the purpose intended.

The astonishing fact to contemplate is that the massive quantity of items shipped are all donated items that are no longer in place due to being replaced with newer items. In June Kachelman was invited to speak at the Missouri Recycling Convention on how used medical commodities can be put back into useful service and avoid the landfills.

Baptist Health Medical Center has previously donated items that have been shipped to many foreign nations and thus has broadened its vision of health compassion thousands of miles from Arkansas.

On July 25 Baptist Health Medical Center will be donating a large quantity of items to be shipped to vulnerable populations in foreign nations. We will have a "rag-tag" convoy of trucks and trailers loading at the delivery docks at Baptist Health Medical Center (on the Kanis Road side). After each trailer is loaded it will take the load to the warehouse in Judsonia where another crew will be unloading and placing it in the warehouse for immediate shipments. The transportation of these commodities unites various churches and businesses throughout Arkansas evidencing the spirit and unity of Arkansans as they respond to humanitarian opportunities throughout the world.

Our loading will begin at Baptist Health Medical Center at 1:30 p.m. We anticipate the first trailer to reach the Judsonia warehouse around 4:00 p.m. We invite you to be present and report on this phenomenal effort—turning the sweltering heat into sweet smiles! You cannot find a better way to spend a dog day in hot July in Arkansas!

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Please join us and report on this outstanding demonstration of Arkansan's compassion!



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The greatest trees stand today because some "nut" held its ground!

