

Science with a Mission, Inc.
"Providing Diagnostics for the Developing World"
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Ghana

In July, Troy wrote to order some malaria tests and to ask a question: "City of Refuge (children's home) is also wanting to order **1,000 Hep B and 1,000 HIV rapid diagnostic tests** this fall. Do you have a discounted bulk order price, or are all tests \$1 regardless of quantity? We were wanting to screen all the children and interested family members in our school. Ghana, unfortunately, has a high HIV and Hep B prevalence."

Since we do not make money off our tests, we cannot offer a discount for larger orders. BUT I knew that coming up with \$2,000 to pay for the desired tests would be extremely difficult for the ministry. So here's where you come in: I told Troy I would allow people to **make a designated donation** if they wanted to help CORM screen their kids for HIV and Hepatitis B.

CORM provides holistic restoration for children who have been liberated from exploitation, abuse and/or trafficking. They aim to prevent exploitation at its roots by empowering individuals and communities to **eradicate child slavery** and achieve personal and community goals. Since 2006 CORM has been home to over 100 children who have been orphaned, abandoned or trafficked. Their vision is that the CORM **Children's Village will be a place of refuge** for hundreds more children who are in need of a safe place to call home. {Checks may be made out to "SMI" but you can write "Ghana" in the memo line or on a note. We'll make certain your funds are used to help off-set the cost of diagnostics for City of Refuge.}

SMI at Paw Sox



Robin and Connor show their support

Those that made it out to McCoy Stadium on June 9th were treated to a beautiful day at the ball park. Kids and parents alike learned a little more about the countries where SMI works. Kids were able to dress up in a lab coat and safety glasses, see photos from around the world, and take home centrifuge tubes and samples of our tests.



Mozambique

Cyclone Idai was one of the worst tropical cyclones on record. I checked in with Iris, one of the ministries in Mozambique who uses our tests, in order to see if they were impacted. While they were all okay, they wished to assist those in the hardest hit area of their country...and you were a part of it. Here's the E-mail:

"It is horrendous the situation. It really is catastrophic and we have sent some supplies down to Beira with our Iris plane...even some **rapid malaria tests so that we can be sure our relief team on the ground there can be tested** and treated [if needed]. All infrastructure down there is destroyed. The **main hospital lost its roof**...90% of the city and its infrastructure is destroyed. It is unimaginable the severity of what is happening!

Thank you again for all you do for us Alynne!!! Thanks for your prayers but also thank you for your labor so faithfully continuously...that practically work out as such help and love to us here on the ground!!!! **Thank you thank you thank you to you and everyone who helps you.** We are so grateful!!!
BLESSINGS AND LOVE from Mozambique.
Annelie"



The flooded streets of Buzi, Mozambique

El Salvador



Helping Hands Medical Mission

"While the medical team was working at the clinic site, each day a group of volunteers would go out farther into the rural areas to deliver and help set-up **water filter units** for families and small communities. These simple bucket filters are lifesaving, as many people cannot afford to buy enough safe, bottled water for their needs."



"The little old man [above] with his two sticks is 84 years old, and walked down to get a water filter at the pick-up site over 2 miles [away]! It was obvious that it would be very hard if not impossible for him to carry the heavy filter back to his remote home, so some of our team drove him as far as they could, and then they all walked with him the final half-mile over very rough terrain. He was thrilled to have them as guests at his home, if only for a brief while."

Thank you for the role you play in all these stories!

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