150,000 people without access to a hospital

ICA Building New Hospital in Angacha, Ethiopia

Your help is needed to finish and equip the medical facility.

International Crisis Aid is almost finished building a hospital. Let me share with you one child’s story of how access to a hospital changed her life forever.

In a village far away, a crippled little girl was unable to attend school. She was deprived of a normal childhood because she and her family live in poverty. Unlike other children in her small village, she could not run, play or do things like other children worldwide.

However, YOU came along! Because of your generosity and prayers, all that changed for this little girl.

Her name is Lemlem. We wrote about Lemlem in early 2011.

When Lemlem was two years old, she fell and broke her ankle. Because of her family’s poverty, Lemlem’s mother could not afford to take her to a hospital. The nearest hospital was a full days journey by car—a luxury they could not afford. Lemlem received no medical attention for her ankle. On this fateful day, Lemlem became crippled for life.

Four years later International Crisis Aid conducted a medical outreach with Joyce Meyer Ministry/Hand of Hope; Lemlem’s mother brought her to our outreach, hoping for a miracle. One of the American doctors on the team examined Lemlem and informed us that her ankle could be surgically corrected, meaning it was possible for Lemlem to be able to walk again. However, time to perform the surgery was running out. As Lemlem continued to grow, the bones in her ankle would reach a point of becoming irreparable.

You gave Lemlem and her mother the miracle they hoped and prayed for. Your donations allowed us to take Lemlem to a hospital where she received 2 corrective surgeries for her ankle. Today, when we visit her, she RUNS to greet us!
The region where Lemlem lives is near Angacha, Ethiopia. There are more than 150,000 people living in this area with no hospital to care for their medical needs. Through a partnership with a church in Ethiopia, we have started to build this urgently needed medical facility.

The first phase of the hospital consists of a surgical center, pediatric ward, an OB/GYN ward and a pharmacy. The only doctor in the region works at our clinic, but with a proper surgical hospital, he could do so much more.

The medical needs are indescribable. Even more gut wrenching is knowing that so many lives could be saved with additional medical resources. After ten years of working in this area, we could no longer leave this desperate need unmet.

Presently, all four buildings are under roof. In order for the hospital to actually begin providing life-saving services, the buildings need to be finished and equipped.

The medical clinic we run is doing a phenomenal job, treating over 30,000 people last year. However we see hundreds of cases each year requiring hospital services. The region where the hospital is located has an extremely high rate of mothers dying during childbirth. With the surgical center and OB/GYN ward, this can be reversed.

The photo above and those on the next page show just a few of the conditions we see daily. With a hospital, these can be corrected.
One of the many children so desperately needing medical help.

With access to a hospital, goiters like this can be removed surgically.

Measuring a child for malnutrition is gut wrenching. It is absolutely heart breaking to have to turn a child away because he/she is not starving enough. Your generous contributions have allowed us to feed many, for which we are very grateful. The need, however, is still great. Complications from malnutrition are devastating: organ failure, brain damage, death. A hospital could treat cases before they became hopeless.

Burns like this are common. Brush fires, cooking over open fires and in unventilated huts create dangerous situations with painful results. Access to a hospital could save a burn victim’s life.

This boy is five years old. With access to medical care, he may be able to reach his sixth birthday.

Ethiopia remains one of the poorest countries in the world and its children suffer the worst consequences. Poverty, especially severe in rural areas, deprives children of adequate food, clean water, and medicine. One child in every six dies before his or her fifth birthday. The new hospital could help change these statistics.

Your Gifts Make A Difference
Pat Bradley carrying Mahetabwork during the December medical mission. She later died from complications from starvation. Her family had no access to a hospital.

We see faces like this every day: visibly distraught mothers desperately seeking help for their dying children.

Only $400,000 dollars stands in our way to complete and open Phase One of the hospital. We ask you to consider making a generous gift so the hospital can begin offering life-saving services.

You have done so much in Ethiopia over the past ten years. THANK YOU!

The lives you have saved and changed by your prayers and generosity is beyond anything we dreamed when we began International Crisis Aid.

We THANK God and you with all that is within us!

God bless you,

Pat & Sue Bradley

Together Eliminating Need
11 Years of Saving Lives

The surgical ward under construction. With your help, we can get the hospital finished and equipped to save many more lives.
International Crisis Aid held our Fourth Annual 5K Run/Walk for Freedom on September 29, 2012, at Queeny Park in St. Louis. The event helped raise awareness for victims of sex trafficking and raised funds for ICA’s Safe Program designed to help these victims. The event was a success with 360 registrants, 75 volunteers, and more than 27 sponsors joining us for a day of remembrance and hope. Together, we raised more than $12,000 toward the cause.

As part of the tradition, ICA kicked off the event with a balloon launch honoring the victims of this horrific form of human trafficking. We released 145 white balloons for the girls rescued through the ICA SAFE Homes, 60 blue balloons for the girls who have graduated from our vocational training program at Mercy Chapel, and one large red balloon for the girls still waiting to be rescued.

On this day, we were all united by a desire for a better life for these girls. We saw a glimpse of what can be done when we all join together and take a stand to make a difference. Thank you for being a part of this dream and for coming alongside of us to make a difference.

"Thank You" to everyone who made this possible.

Please join us on September 28, 2013 for the 5th Annual 5K
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Leisa Zigman from News Channel 5 (left) with ICA founders, Pat and Sue Bradley.

Miss Missouri USA, Katie Kearney (left) and Mrs. Missouri International, Adelaida Peterson (center), joined us on this momentous day.

ICA’s Fourth Annual 5K Run/Walk for Freedom was a great success and a lot of fun.

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