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Volunteers Helping Immediately after the Earthquake

HELPING THE VICTIMS OF THE TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE

On February 6, 2023, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck southern Turkey and northern Syria. According to Reuters, there have been 56,000 deaths, over 125,000 injuries, and 2.5 million people displaced because of the earthquake. The earthquake destroyed over 200,000 buildings with property damage totaling \$109 B.

World Medical Relief is trying our best to help the victims of the earthquake. We have partnerships with Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS), National Arab American Medical Association (NAAMA), and One World Medical Mission to try and help sponsor containers to get sent to Turkey and Syria. The partnerships are important because it is not possible for one organization to help all the victims. The World Medical Relief team is trying to send 10-12 containers to Turkey-Syria. We have sent 5 containers and there is still a lot of work ahead of us. When disasters like the earthquake happen, it is important to try to pitch in. Donors do their part with donating. Medical facilities do their part with providing medical supplies and equipment. Volunteers do their part with volunteering. Each teammate has to contribute to help the victims.

World Medical Relief hosted extended hours during the months of February and March. We are very fortunate to have volunteers who care about helping others. We had days with greater than 100 volunteers sorting medical supplies to help the victims of the earthquake.

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CEO NOTES

George V. Samson, Ph.D.

Poverty is different depending on where you live, but when you are sick and poor, it does not matter where you live – it is an immediate and

endless change in your life and those around you. I have seen a lot of challenges in life, but being sick and poor is often the difference between life and death – it is survival. WMR's mission is God's mis-sion to the world. Our Angels of Mercy – the volunteers and donor supporters – make a big difference in the lives of others. Our Angels care about other people and want to help.

I would like to help you understand that your contributions impact the well-being of the sick and poor. Your help by volunteering, sharing and donating to our mission is extending their lives. It is also a reminder of the hope we are able to offer because of friends like you. We keep you all busy because of the calamities and disasters that cripple so many countries. I deeply applaud your incredible work which gives us more encourage-ment to stay strong for our brothers and sisters in need, locally and internationally.

It reminds me that life is like learning to fly and see the world. Some learn to fly, and if they fall to the ground, they get up and try again until they make it. Others fall to the ground and just give up. They do not strive to fly again – they just remain failed on the ground.



Dr. George Samson with WMR Ambassador of Health Ukraine, Mike Krause

World Medical Relief is always flying to see the needs of the world and will never be satisfied to remain on the ground. We bring hope to humanity. Challenges are part of our daily lives, but they keep us strong and push us to reach our goal. Whatever help you can give is important – don't be satisfied to remain failed on the ground!

We now have a new building at a new location, new trucks, lighting, repaired roof, forklift, repaved parking lot, more bay docks, named opportunities, efficient sorting racks, and above all – "Volunteers".

Our local program has now expanded to include diabetic patients with insulin and a Diabetic Coordinator on staff who can provide information and education on the management of their disease. We have partnered with Wayne County to invite their Mobile Clinic onto our grounds several times during the year to provide various medical tests to the local public as well as introducing them to our many local programs.

Our International Program has expanded to include more assistance to mission teams traveling and treating people in poor countries as well as containers to war-torn and disaster affected countries.

This year promises to be one of more service to more people. And, with the help of you good loving people, we will do just that.



Dr. George Samson helping the victims of the Ukraine War



Dr. George Samson with Volunteer Group Royal Oak First United Methodist

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CONTINUATION OF TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE

We would like to give a special thank you to the Oakland University United to Heal, NAAMA Next Gen, and the Kiwanis Club for their continued volunteer efforts. Thank you to the team leaders for helping to teach the volunteers about the sorting process.

It is important to continue providing the victims with medical equipment and medical supplies. Our efforts are not done. The victims still need help.

Attention Donors: we need donations to help the victims of the Turkey-Syria Earthquake.

Attention Volunteers: we need help sorting medical supplies to help the victims of the Turkey-Syria Earthquake. We are open for volunteers Mon-Fri 9am - 3pm and Sat 9am - 12pm. If you have a large group (>10) then please email <u>volunteer@worldmedicalrelief.org</u> to schedule a date and time. If you have a large group (>10) and are interested in volunteering from 12pm - 3:30pm on Sat, then please email <u>volunteer@worldmedicalrelief.org</u>.





Buildings and Infrastructure Destroyed Because of the Earthquake Photos: Serdar Ozsoy/Depo Photos via AP (Left), Hussein Malla/AP (Right)



Help World Medical Relief support the victims of the Turkey-Syria Earthquake

What can you do to help?

Donate Volunteer

Note: Select the "Turkey-Syria Earthquake" in the Paypal donation page



Scan the QR Code to get to the Paypal Donation Page!

VOLUNTEER GROUPS

World Medical Relief needs volunteers to help sort medical supplies. New volunteers will receive an orientation with instructions about sorting the medical supplies. If there are any questions about sorting the supplies, the nurses and team leaders are there to help. No previous medical experience is necessary.

Individuals are invited to volunteer at their convenience. If you have a group minimum of 10 and are interested in volunteering, please send an email to volunteer@worldmedicalrelief.org to schedule a day. Below are pictures of Volunteer Groups at World Medical Relief from the last 6 months. Volunteers are needed Monday – Saturdays.

Thank you, Volunteer Groups!



Tigray Community



Oakland University Students



Seaholm High School



Troy Rotary Club



Downriver Filipino-American Accociation



Volunteers and Students

2023 WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF EVENTS

The World Medical Relief 70th Anniversary Gala is scheduled for November 4, 2023. We will be launching the World Medical Relief History Book at the event. Tickets will be for sale in June.

Other notable events include the Volunteer Picnic, Welcome Back Students, the Volunteer Christmas Party, and the Wayne Health Mobile Unit. The Volunteer Picnic is scheduled for August 12, 2023. Please see the list below for the full list of events.

2023 EVENTS SAVE THE DATE!	
Volunteer Picnic & Anniversary:	August 12
Welcome Back Students:	October 7
70th Annual Gala:	November 4
Volunteer Christmas Party:	December 14
Wayne Health Mobile Unit:	May 3, Jun 14, Jul 19, Aug 23, Sep 20, Oct 18

2022 WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF STATISTICS

46 International Containers Shipped 1,569 Prescriptions Filled

10,638 Disaster Blankets Distributed **3,890** Hygiene Kits Distributed

19 International Mission Trips 1,893

Volunteers

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

In addition to the Turkey-Syria efforts, the International Team has been hard at work filling and shipping containers to countries in need. This year, we have shipped containers of medical equipment and supplies to medical facilities in Lebanon, Yemen, Uganda, Mali, and the Philippines. Below are pictures of the International development efforts. The International Team needs help to continue supporting the countries in need. Please visit worldmedicalrelief.org/donate to support the International Team.



Auberlin Hall in the Philippines



Philippines Mission Trip



Recipients of Aid in Ghana



Pacemaker Lab in the Philippines



WMR Ambassador of Health Pastor Dave in Guatemala



Africa Relief Medical Mission

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LOCAL NEWS

The Local Team has been hard at work providing support to the local community. We are excited to announce the continued partnership with the Wayne Health Mobile Unit in 2023. The Wayne Health Mobile Unit will be at the World Medical Relief HQ on the dates 5/3, 6/14, 7/19, 8/23, 9/20, and 10/18. Some of the services that will be available include diabetes screening, cholesterol screening, and COVID vaccines.

We are excited to continue the partnership to help the local community in need.

Thank you, Wayne Health Mobile Unit!

The Local Team visited the St. Christine Soup Kitchen and informed the members about the World Medical Relief Local Programs. The Team was able to inform the members about the World Medical Relief Affordable Prescriptions Program, durable medical equipment, and medical supplies available to low-income earners in the Metro-Detroit area.

The Local Team tries to educate the local community about the services World Medical Relief provides. If you would like to have the Local Team attend your event, please send an email to info@worldmedicalrelief.org with the details of the event.



Wayne Health Mobile Unit



Local Manager Sheila Anderson at the St. Christine Soup Kitchen

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VOLUNTEER SATURDAYS

May 2023: 6, 13, 20, 27 Jun 2023: 3, 10, 17, 24 Jul 2023: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Aug 2023: 5, 12, 19, 26 Sep 2023: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Oct 2023: 7, 14, 21, 28 Nov 2023: 4, 11, 18, 25 Dec 2023: 2, 9, 16

