

**BLESSINGS**  
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**MEDICINES  
FOR MISSIONS**



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## **COVID-19: Looking Ahead**



**On January 30th, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) a global health emergency, and in the weeks following, Blessings International responded to numerous orders for face masks, hand sanitizer, gowns, and gloves. (Continued)**



# As COVID-19,

now classified as a pandemic, continues to impact countries, economies, and lives, Blessings International is closely monitoring the situation and our supply, keeping our partners and their teams always in mind.

We routinely work closely with our partner manufacturers, some of which are located in India and receive their active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) from China. While we are confident in the quality of our manufacturers and their products (see “Ensuring Quality,” pg. 3), because China manufactures a large percentage of APIs, it’s likely that there may be a supply disruption of pharmaceuticals in the coming months.

We have seen an impact in supply with the N95 face masks. While we have been able to keep costs consistent for this high-demand product (even offering discounts from our **Emergency Disaster Relief** fund where applicable), in the coming months, if supply of primary products is affected, it’s possible that we could anticipate item shortages and/or price fluctuations.

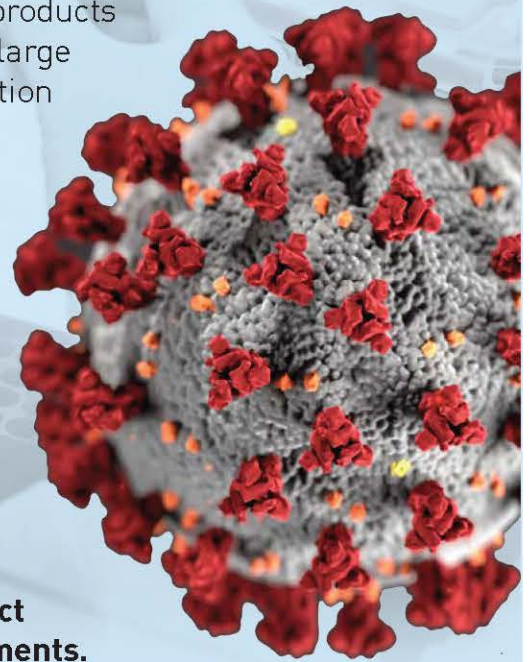
As always, our mission is to get much-needed medicines into the hands of the most needy, and one way we are able to do

this is through **direct international shipments.**

For exported shipments that exceed \$5,000, Blessings International pays for shipping to the port of import. Exports under \$5,000 are eligible to receive free shipping within the United States to the port of export. (Please visit [bit.ly/BIFreeShipping](http://bit.ly/BIFreeShipping) for details.)

We will be doing all we can to be sure our partners are able to provide a consistent supply to the international groups that depend on them. Because of the volatility of this global situation, we suggest subscribing to our emails ([bit.ly/E-Blessings](http://bit.ly/E-Blessings)) and following us on social media to receive Blessings’ most current updates.

Please consider contributing to our Emergency Disaster Relief fund to help us stay ready to send medicines and supplies for such a time as this. (Please see response card, or visit [bit.ly/giveEDR](http://bit.ly/giveEDR))



# ENSURING QUALITY

In February, Blessings' CEO, Barry Ewy, spent two weeks in India inspecting the sites where a significant portion of our import-for-export pharmaceuticals are manufactured. His travels led him to seven manufacturing plants, where his objective was to ensure that each manufacturer is continuing to meet the compliance conditions we require for all of our products.

"This was my second compliance inspection trip since I began at Blessings," Barry says, "and once again, I brought back a very positive report."

Pharmaceutical inspections help us ensure that we are continuing to provide the highest level of quality for our customers and their patients. To us, quality is not just a material standard, but an eternal legacy.

Barry says, "I can't think of anything more detrimental when presenting the Gospel on a medical mission trip than to give away medicines that are sub-quality or even harmful. Our work is more than supplying life-giving medicines; it's also about providing tools for missionaries to share the Gospel. And so, we want to do everything we can to ensure the highest quality."

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To learn more about our commitment to quality, as well as our other core values, please visit [blessing.org/about](http://blessing.org/about).



# In the last three years,

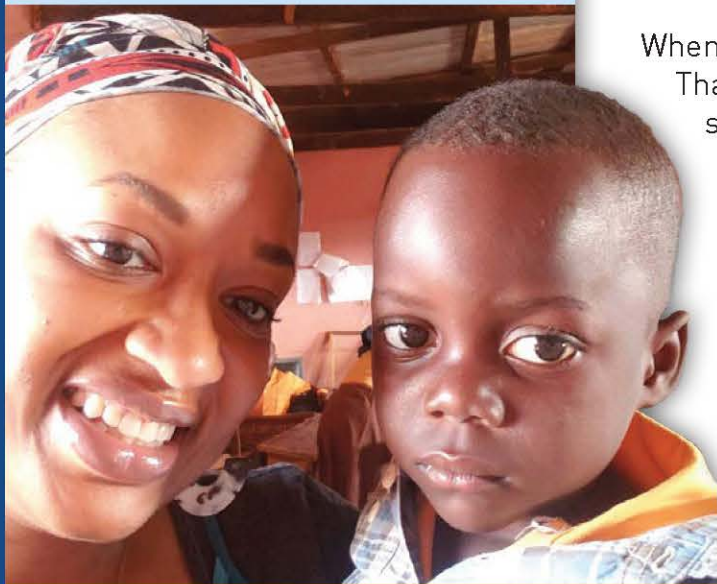
Blessings has had the following significant impact in the fight against malaria:

**Countries impacted: 61**

**Total curative treatments sent: 32,371**

**Total funds given away towards antimalarial medicines: \$58,000**

Without you, we could never have achieved so much! Can we count on you to go even further? A donation from your hands could mean a rescued life across the world.



In honor of World Malaria Day on April 25th, Blessings International is offering free antimalarial medicine during April and May to teams traveling to malaria-infested areas. (Availability of products may vary.)



John in Malawi being tested for malaria

During that time, when a team orders antimalarial medicine, we cover a portion of the costs so that teams like Medical Servants International can save lives. Dr. Jane Anderson, who traveled to Malawi with Medical Servants International (in conjunction with Project Heart to Heart), recalls nine-year-old John who arrived at their clinic (pictured). He had been too sick to attend school and was so weak that he was unable to stand. He tested positive for malaria, and because the medical team had the proper antimalarial medicines on hand, he received the appropriate treatment to recover.

When malaria strikes, situations like this can easily turn deadly. Thankfully, John was spared because he was treated on the spot! Malaria is easily preventable and easily treatable, but many poverty-stricken victims do not have access to "luxuries" like mosquito netting or insect spray. This is why equipping teams, clinics, and medical facilities with the antimalarial treatments used to save lives is so crucial.

We thank God that He has used Blessings International as a conduit to provide needed relief one life at a time. We hope that you will assist by either ordering or donating!

## HOW TO GIVE

Your gift of **\$50** will provide anti-malarial medicine to treat 123 patients



### GIVE BY MAIL

Use enclosed donation card and envelope



### GIVE ONLINE

Click "Donate" at [www.blessing.org](http://www.blessing.org) and choose the Malaria Medicine Fund



### GIVE BY SECURE MOBILE APP

Text "NOMALARIA" 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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