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## Call for Donations: MedWish Needs First Aid and Hygiene Supplies

*Medical Brigade will bring health care services to rural Guatemala*

**Cleveland, Ohio** – A local nonprofit dedicated to improving health in the developing world has issued a call for donations of first aid and hygiene supplies for a volunteer medical brigade to Guatemala.

The supplies collected this month will be used the first week August, when MedWish International will take about 40 volunteers to provide medical care in the central highlands of Guatemala. Working in partnership with the local health department and a non-governmental organization that serves the poor, MedWish will host wellness clinics for at least 1,500 people.

“The doctor we are working with is the only physician for 17,000 residents in the region,” said MedWish brigade coordinator Sarah White. “The supplies and expertise we bring will help during the brigade and beyond to support her in making health care more accessible for her community.”

The donated supplies will help MedWish assemble first aid and personal hygiene kits to distribute during wellness clinics. These kits will help prevent disease and treat minor illnesses and injuries. MedWish is requesting the following:

- **Adhesive bandages**
- **Alcohol pads**
- **Antibiotic ointment**
- **Hand/body soap**
- **Hand sanitizer**
- **Shampoo**
- **Snack size zip-top bags**
- **Sandwich size zip-top bags**
- **Toothbrushes**
- **Toothpaste**
- **Mouthwash**

All donations should be new, unopened and unexpired. MedWish also requests **liquid children’s nutrition supplements** (such as PediaSure). About half of Guatemala’s children are chronically malnourished. Any nutrition that is not given to children seen at the wellness clinics will be left with the local feeding clinic.

Donors can off supplies at MedWish at 17325 Euclid Avenue in Cleveland until Tuesday, July 15. For more information or to help set up a drive collection, please call Reanna Karousis at (216) 692-1685 or email [info@medwish.org](mailto:info@medwish.org).

### **About MedWish International**

*MedWish International is a Cleveland-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that recovers usable medical surplus from health care systems and distributes these vital supplies to doctors, nurses and humanitarians to improve health care around the world. Since 2003, MedWish has kept millions of pounds of medical surplus out of landfills and has sent much-needed supplies to more than 90 countries all over the world. Locally, MedWish facilitates vocational training opportunities for youth and adults with special needs, and donates supplies to nonprofits like animal shelters, schools and youth programs. For more information about MedWish, please visit [www.medwish.org](http://www.medwish.org) or call (216) 692-1685.*

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