

CROSSING THE BORDER TO WORLD MISSION



Medical & Welfare Foundation

• CROSSING THE BORDER TO HEAL A HURTING WORLD •

SAM-CARE, INTERNATIONAL (Spiritual Awakening Mission) is a medical mission organization which aims to provide medical care as well as humanitarian assistance throughout the darkest corners of the world. Through the vehicle of medicine we provide food, healing and medical care to the sick and poor; instilling hope throughout these unreached and destitute areas. Since 2000, we have maintained a firm base in Northeast China, specifically the border regions between North Korea and China. North Korea is a country with borders closed off to the rest of the world. No one is quite sure of what does or does not go on inside this mysterious, iron fisted, totalitarian ruled country, as no one is allowed in or out. However, of one thing we can be sure. The North Korean people (estimated population of 23 million) have endured and continue to suffer unimaginable hardships. North Korea has been submerged for decades in what continues to be one of the most devastating famines in history to which there seems no relief. Prolonged mass starvation has resulted in the loss of millions of lives with diseases such as typhoid, diphtheria and cholera running rampant. North Korean refugees desperate to survive, who try to escape over into neighboring China are arrested and repatriated back to North Korea where they are severely punished and often executed.



Here at SAM, International, we have built a 100 bed charity hospital on the border of North Korea and China to provide food, medical care, humanitarian aid and safe haven. Humanitarian aid in this politically volatile and precarious region is rare and difficult to do.

SAM-Care, International is a worldwide organization with a current membership of over 15,000 partners around the globe. We maintain offices in the U.S., South Korea, Australia and China.

• ABOUT DR. SAI PARK, M.D. •



Dr. Sai R. Park, M.D. is the Founder and President of SAM-Care, International. Dr. Park is an OB/GYN and a professor emeritus from the University of California-Davis Medical School. In 2005, Dr. Park relinquished all of his professional commitments to devote himself fully to humanitarian and international aid. He now maintains a busy schedule with his work on the international frontiers as well as testimonies and speeches around the world. Dr. Park is the author of six books published in S. Korea and one published in the U.S. called *The Good Doctor*, his inspirational personal mission memoir. His 2005 Korean book, *Doctor's Bag of Love*, upon which *The Good Doctor* is based spent eight months on the Korean National Best Seller List.



• THE DAN DONG HOSPITAL •

In 2001, SAM-Care established the Dan Dong Hospital, a 100 bed charity hospital in Dan Dong, China. Located a mile from the Yalu River which borders between North Korea and China, the unique location of the hospital and the ubiquitous presence of SAM-Care medical teams enables SAM-Care to offer assistance to those desperately in need of life saving medical intervention and humanitarian assistance in that precarious region of the world. For the past few years, our Dan Dong Hospital medical staff has treated and cared for tens of thousands of patients – including over 3,500 North Koreans, annually. Korean-Chinese and Chinese citizens make up the bulk of nationalities and people also treated at the facility. No one in need is ever turned away.



Each year, hundreds of medical teams around the world converge at the Dan Dong Hospital to participate in short-term medical missions. These teams travel to small, faraway Chinese villages along the Yalu and Tumen River regions between North Korea and China to medically treat and care for the sick and the poor. It is also from our Dan Dong Hospital that SAM-Care launches numerous medical teams into North Korea. Our teams have been given unprecedented access to primitive villages hidden deep in the North Korean countryside from where field clinics are set up to treat and feed sick and starving men, women and children.



For several years, the Dan Dong Hospital has hosted teams of eye surgeons and specialists from S. Korea. During the course of three days, these doctors treat up to 300 patients per day and perform up to 30 surgeries per day. The doctors completely donate their time and services and all medicines and treatments are performed free of charge to the patients. People unable to afford such care on their own are given the precious gift of sight through the loving actions of total strangers. Often at the end of three days, tears of joy overflow and spirits rise once again, filled with hope and joy.



In 2011, the Dan Dong Hospital was relocated to a more central location within Dan Dong City. Our new location allows our SAM-Care medical staff easier access to those desperately in need of our assistance. Additionally, our new location makes it easier for North Koreans who have crossed over into China to find their way to our hospital.



• MOBILE LOVE BUS •

Despite the lightening speed development transforming China, life for those living along the border regions between North Korea and China remains dismal and primitive, especially for hundreds of small farming communities untouched by the modernization of the 21st century. These people have no access or ability to seek medical care of any kind and are located too far away to travel the long distance to the Dan Dong Hospital. As an alleviating measure SAM-Care implemented The Mobile Love Bus Project.

The Mobile Love Bus is a state of the art medical clinic on wheels - equipped with a small clinic and even an x-ray machine – which enables our Dan Dong Hospital medical staff and missionaries to travel to small farming villages located hundreds of miles away to medically treat and care for people who have never before had access to medical care. Patients are tenderly cared for, and sicknesses are healed. The Mobile Love Bus Project allows us to go serve and treat where the need truly exists. No matter how far away.



• **MESK: Medical Emergency Supply Kits** •

North Korea was established with the intention of creating the greatest socialist republic on earth. Two of the institutions that supposedly manifested this goal were the “free supply distribution system” and the “free health care system.” In their efforts to implement a free health care system, the North Korean government set up clinics in each village, city and province, approximately 5,000 clinics nationwide. However, this system has failed miserably as a chronic lack of medical supplies including the most basic medicines continually plagues these clinics, preventing doctors from effectively treating anyone. SAM-Care created the Medical Emergency Supply Kits (MESK) to help offset the critical void of basic medicine and supplies. Each MESK contains enough medication and supplies for doctors at each of the North Korean clinics to treat up to 300 patients with primary emergency care. The contents of each MESK bag consists of some of the following items:

MEDICINES: ANTIBIOTICS, ANALGESICS, ANTIPARASITIC AGENTS, ANTIFUNGAL AGENTS, DIARRHEA MEDICINES, ETC.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES: BANDAGES, GAUZE, DISINFECTANTS, ALCOHOL, ANTIBIOTIC OINTMENTS, ETC.

EQUIPMENT: THERMOMETERS, STETHOSCOPES, SYRINGES, BLOOD PRESSURE CUFFS, ETC.



The MESK project, initiated in December 2004, entailed the assembly of over 400,000 items packed into 10,000 MESKs which were then distributed to the 5000 clinics throughout all of North Korea. To this day, SAM-Care replenishes the MESKs on an annual basis providing doctors at the North Korean clinics with the life saving ability and strategies for providing desperately needed medical care and medicines to the sick and dying North Korean people. The MESK Project is unique in that the North Korean government has agreed to a high degree of transparency which allows SAM-Care to ascertain that the MESK bags are indeed being utilized to help treat the North Korean people. While observing several clinics during a visit to North Korea, Dr. Park and his team were able to witness medical staff utilizing the MESK bags to treat patients. Each MESK bag was assembled and continues to be refilled as an expression of our love and hope for the suffering North Korean people.



• RUTF: READY TO USE THERAPEUTIC FOOD •

Each year, over 7.5 million children lose their lives due to malnutrition making it the number one preventable cause of death worldwide. In the past, responses to malnutrition often entailed international aid organizations responding with blanket “Feed the World” or “End Hunger” campaigns which promoted food aid. Such assistance is of course, of necessity and of great value. But, there is a sharp distinction to be noted between true malnutrition and hunger. These two often become blurred as being one in the same which has resulted in greatly inadequate responses to addressing starvation and malnutrition. Hunger usually indicates a deficiency in daily caloric intake. Malnutrition is a pathology caused by the lack of necessary and essential nutrients. Most food aid does not adequately address malnutrition as food deliveries often provide insufficient amounts of absolutely necessary nutrition or delivers them in a manner that destroys vital nutrition or in a way that is not easily absorbable by a starving and wasted body.



Here at SAM-Care, International, we have created a remarkable formula (SAM-Care RUTF Plus Two) which provides a malnourished child or adult between the ages of two years and up with life saving, powerhouse nutrition. SAM-Care's RUTF delivers life saving nutrition in a manner that provides maximum nutrition, and easy absorbability for a malnourished body. Our RUTF possesses powerhouse nutrition, easy portability, requires no refrigeration, requires no cooking, is highly resistant to microbial contamination, is extremely cost efficient.



In creating this formula, we have partnered with Nong Shim, Inc. one of the largest food manufacturing companies in S. Korea (similar to a Kraft Foods in the U.S.). SAM-Care's RUTF Plus Two has gone through rigorous, independent testing and has been deemed nutritionally impressive and superior to current standard therapies for the prevention and treatment of malnutrition. KOLAS (the Korean Lab Accreditation Scheme) - an agency developed by the S. Korean government to provide and oversee the national accreditation of testing and calibration for the highest functioning laboratories and inspection bodies in S. Korea – recently awarded SAM-Care's Plus Two RUTF their Certificate of Excellence.



Are you part of a church or organization that would like to take SAM-Care's RUTF with you to save lives? We are able to supply unlimited amounts of SAM-Care RUTF Plus Two at cost. Come join us, whether you are American, Korean, Australian, any nation, any denomination. Join us! We have launched the campaign in North Korea, but our goal is to send this life saving paste to wherever the need exists around the world, wherever children and adults are suffering, wherever people are dying without hope. With SAM-Care RUTF Plus Two, it is our deepest hope and prayer that men, women and children around the world will have a real fighting chance to survive. And flourish.



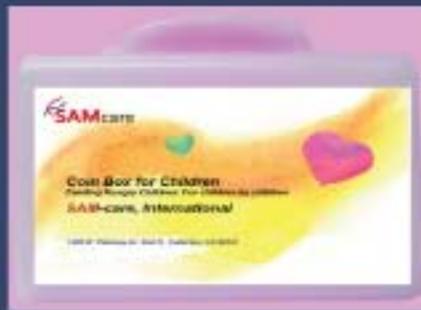


• **CBC : CARE BOXES FOR CHILDREN** •

In S. Korea, thousands of children along with their parents and teachers have participated in SAM-Care's Care Boxes for Children (CBC) campaign. Coins have been faithfully collected with the specific goal of helping to save North Korean children dying from diseases, starvation and malnutrition. Most significantly, valuable life concepts are cultivated in children as they discover the powerful life saving impact one can make simply by sharing and caring for others. The cornerstone virtues of love, kindness, generosity and empathy promote not only a peaceful and humane society, but also are the foundational values upon which are built our Christian faith. Compelling lessons sparked through participation in our CBC campaign will surely remain indelibly imprinted upon children for the rest of their lives.



Over the years, many S. Korean churches, elementary and nursery schools have participated in our Care Boxes for Children program. One nursery, in particular, the Yeum Kwang Nursery in Seoul, S. Korea (Director: Ms. Shin Jae Kim), has been very active in its participation from the start. Each year the students collect coins for the CBC at least 3 – 4 times a year, mostly at holidays such as Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas. At one time, the coins collected from the little children amounted to over \$2000. Amazing! Ms Kim stated that the students' participation in the CBC was a wonderful way to emphasize the privilege of sharing and celebrating the noble act of sacrifice for others.



She also stated that children, in general, are inherently self minded with limited thoughts for others. Sharing and giving are foreign concepts as children are predominantly interested in owning and caring for their own – their own toys, their own candy. “This is mine!” “I want to have it!” How precious to know that many of these children had set aside coins specifically collected from spending money and allowances - forsaking little pleasures and extras such as candy and toys - in order to give what they could. Many parents and teachers expressed thanks for the opportunity for their children to serve our mission in this capacity and for the expansion of their children’s view of the world beyond a familiar myopic comprehension. May the consequences of such participation stay with these precious souls as they grow and integrate themselves into proactive, contributing members of society.



• THE DANDELION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL •

SAM-Care, International has entered into a new exciting alliance with the Samsung Corporation in S. Korea. They have generously donated funds which will be used toward sponsoring the education of 100 Korean-Chinese elementary students from our new SAM-Care Dandelion School in Jian, China. Because of governmental reciprocities that exist between neighboring Communist countries, North Korea and China, the Dandelion School also will have reciprocal ties and communication with elementary schools in North Korea. We pray that the impact of the top education and life lessons taught and imprinted upon the hearts, minds and souls of the precious students of the Dandelion School someday comes to impact their isolated North Korean counterparts.



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