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40 FT CONTAINER OF DONATED MEDICAL SUPPLIES SCHEDULED FOR LIBERIA

Local Effort. Global Impact.

Portland, Maine (July 30, 2020) - On Thursday, July 30 from 9am to 11am Partners for World Health (PWH) is set to send out their eighth container of 2020. Each commercial shipment container is 40 feet long and holds approximately 15,000 pounds of donated medical supplies and equipment.

This shipment is headed to Liberia in partnership with two hospitals: Ganta Leprosy and TB Rehab Center, and Ganta Methodist Hospital. Ganta is the second most populous city in Liberia with a population of 45,000 people, capital of Nimba County, 275 km from Monrovia and bordering Guinea Conakry.

Dr. George Way Harley, an American Methodist missionary and physician built the Ganta Methodist Mission Station in the mid-1920s; the station houses the Leprosy and TB Rehab Center, the Ganta Methodist Hospital, as well as a school, and church. Leprosy is now curable, and if caught early can prevent disability. However, the disease was often associated with fear and isolation; other patients refused to be treated within the same facility. The mission of the rehab center became solely for leprosy and other skin diseases — and eventually became a leper colony.

Medical facilities in developing countries face dire needs for basic supplies such as gauze, masks, and gloves, as well as the equipment that “makes a hospital a hospital”. PWH delivers these items annually. These shipments are made possible through financial donations as well as the tireless efforts of dedicated staff and devoted volunteers.

PWH staff and volunteers load these shipments at their Canco Road warehouse; The team ensures every inch of the container is filled with medical items that will have an extreme impact in the developing world.

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