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IFCM UPDATE: WE HAVE A MATCHING GIFT!



We would like to share with you what God has done through the medical van that was donated in March 2021, and to share another unique opportunity to serve medical and spiritual needs of the people of India through a second medical van.

Thanks to a matching gift of \$30,000 we are inviting you to invest an additional \$30,000 so the \$60,000 van can be purchased. An additional \$10,000 will help to fully stock it with \$10,000 of supplies and equipment. Convenient tax deductible donations can be made at lifeinternationalinc.org.



Dr. Christine DeVakumar highlights how the van has become imperative to their ministry!

Q + A

How many areas and people have you been able to serve?

With the first medical van, we have been able to serve 6,500 patients from 32 villages!

What types of illnesses are you able to treat?

We have been able to treat a wide range of illnesses including COVID, Dengue, Malaria and Influenza. Recently, we have been treating respiratory tract infections, dengue, typhoid, urinary tract infections etc.

Several donors have provided a **matching GIFT** of \$30,000. We are looking to the Lord to provide the remaining \$30,000. Give here: lifeinternationalinc.org



Q + A (cont.)

What is the demographics of the people groups you've served?

In the areas where we serve, the majority of the people are Hindu 84%, 13% are Muslim, 2% are Christian. We cater to all irrespective of gender, age, caste, creed and religion. We provide primary and preventive medical care to the less privileged, socially and economically disadvantaged individuals who otherwise would not be able to afford such services.

What are the benefits of having this van versus open air medical camps?

1. Storing medications

We have been able to be most prepared by having needed medications ready to go in the van and through a systematic process, distribute them appropriately.

2. Reaching the neediest

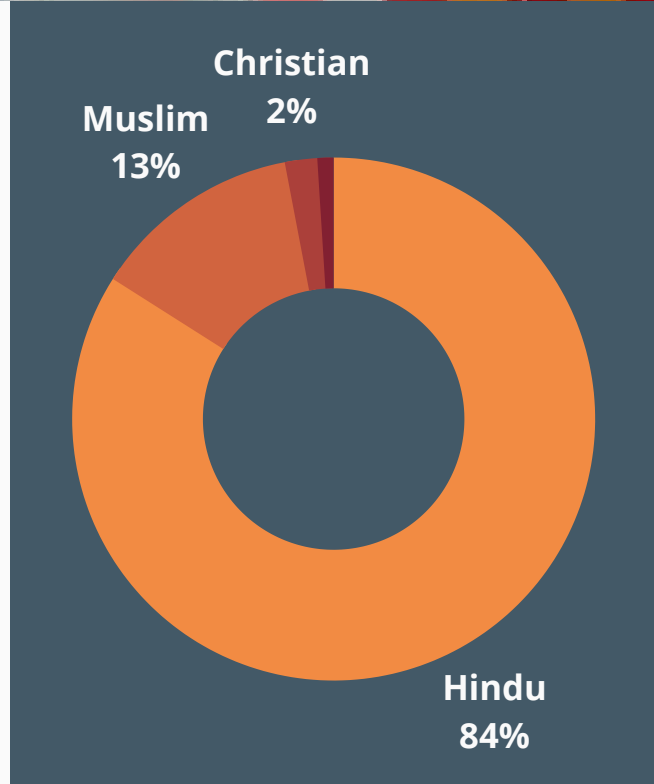
We provided aid to these rural populations and poverty-stricken regions who are unaware of their existing medical condition since most people can't even afford to have a proper checkup due to their location and financial constraints.

3. Overcoming COVID limitations

During the pandemic, many people were afraid to go out, they were overjoyed that we went right to where they were to give them the health care that they most desperately needed.

4. Privacy

Now we have also been able to examine patients, especially women, privately.



Here are some questions you might have about the SECOND medical van!

Why would IFCM need a second medical van?

ACCESS



The present van has been very useful and we have used it extensively in serving people in and around Bangalore. The only drawback that we experienced was that we are unable to go into the very narrow, muddy, interior villages as it is two wheel drive. Thus, we need a 4 wheel drive for the medical ministries to reach the remote villages to conduct medical camps and health screening. The more remote areas are where people with least access to medical care reside.

What's your rough estimate for the van?

A rough estimate for a Toyota Fortuner 4 wheel drive is about \$60,000. The medical supplies that are required to use the van cost \$10,000.

This includes the cost for fabrication and medical equipment (such as oxygen cylinder, basic diagnostic vital signs monitor such as blood pressure monitor, pulse oximeter, thermometer, glucometer, aspirators, oxygen mask, resuscitation bag/mask, nebulizers etc.) that will be needed to make it complete as a medical van.

"Overall this medical van has been a great blessing for us and whenever there is a medical camp in a village we are always very eager to know if our van can reach there because without it we feel very limited. A big thank you to everyone who helped us receive this blessing."



"Examining the patient in the open village to make the right diagnosis at that time would have been impossible without the medical van."

Testimony

A patient from Karnataka came with acute pain in the abdomen. After examining him, it seemed like a case of acute appendicitis. We gave him the treatment to relieve his acute condition and also suggested that he get a scan and some blood tests. Our medical volunteer went with him to get the ultrasound and blood tests done and our suspected diagnosis was clarified and the patient did have an inflamed appendix, which needed surgery. We took the patient to the government hospital and he had an appendectomy done. He was so grateful to us because he said that God had brought us there at the right time to help him, otherwise he does not know how things would have gone as his family was just neglecting that pain which he was suffering from, due to financial constraints.

We are grateful to God and to all who helped us get the medical van as examining the patient in the open village to make the right diagnosis at that time would have been impossible without the medical van. A very big thank you and may God bless you abundantly as you help us help the poor and downtrodden people get the needed medical relief thus alleviating suffering and agony.

We are really looking forward to being able to get this new four wheel drive, as it will help IFCM to reach the slushy and muddy interior villages. Several donors have provided a matching gift of \$30,000. We are looking to the Lord to provide the remaining \$30,000. The prices of the vehicle are increasing rapidly, and we are praying that the Lord will help us get the vehicle in His timing! Give a tax deductible gift at lifeinternationalinc.org

