



**Christian Emergency Relief Teams**  
*Saving Lives & Healing Hearts since 1974*

# \$24,249,037.69

July 31, 2017

Dear Family and Friends of CERT,

**THIS IS AN URGENT REQUEST!** Yes, the figure above is in excess of 24 million dollars. From where did it come?

You have heard or read in the past of Boyd Williams being on our staff. Boyd was for 18 years with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Our association dates back to 1964.

After Boyd's retirement from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, he felt led to join our staff here at CERT. For the past several years Boyd has procured millions of dollars of medical supplies that we have shipped to needy countries.

I just returned from Peru, to find a Manifest awaiting me on my desk. A detailed listing of the medical supplies valued over \$24,000,000. It was ready for immediate shipment to Guatemala.

The government of Guatemala had pre cleared the complete inventory. The need is great. The distribution will go to hospitals, clinics and facilities throughout the country.

**FOLKS, I NEED YOUR HELP!** We have an immediate need of \$10,000 to cover expenses. This includes, getting the supplies delivered to Florida, the dock fees, shipping manifest, shipment to Guatemala, handling fees and distribution to hospitals, clinics and facilities throughout the country.

We simply did not have the funds in our operational budget. I had to borrow from designated funds that need to be replaced by August 15.

Imagine the children and adults who are in need of these medicines. Think of the lives that may be saved by your helping make it possible for these medical supplies to get to where they are so desperately needed.

Your gift of \$25, \$50, \$100, or whatever amount, could possibly save a child or adult's life.

**ALLOW ME TO SHARE A PERSONAL NOTE!** It will soon be 30 years that I have been with CERT. Never have I become ill on a mission trip with the exception of a kidney stone attack when camped on the banks of a river in the Amazon Jungle.

This year, I returned from Peru on July 15th, on the 17<sup>th</sup> I was having what I thought to be an oncoming cold. On the 18<sup>th</sup> it had progressed with continual coughing and difficulty breathing. Ten-thirty that night my wife took me to the emergency ward at our local hospital.



After all the preliminaries, blood work, IV, X-rays, etc., it was diagnosed that I had bacterial pneumonia in both lungs. I was taken to the Intensive Care Unit and a couple or three days later to a regularly patient ward.

**WHY DO I SHARE THAT?** It made me realize how important it is that we do all we can to get needed medical supplies and care to those who need it. I don't know how serious bacterial pneumonia might be or become ... but the care was here for me.

## **WHAT ABOUT THE POOR AND ILL IN GUATEMALA THAT HAVE NOT THE CARE WE HAVE AVAILABLE?**

I remember when being in Kurdistan in northern Iraq some years ago. We visited a clinic. The doctor's salary at that time was \$9 per month. All of the medical supplies he had would not fill a small shoe box.

Visiting in a hospital in Erbil, I was told that they had an allotment of only six anti-biotics per day for their patients. They would have to decide who needed a pill the most.

Meeting with a representative of the UN inquiring how we might procure a shipment of medical supplies to Kurdistan. He responded by saying it wasn't necessary as they had everything under control.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you do. It may be a onetime gift of \$25, \$50, \$100 or whatever God puts on your heart. It may be your first gift. Perhaps it may be your largest gift ever. I plea for your help.

Pray that these medical supplies will be distributed in Guatemala where the need is greatest.

Remember the words of our Lord in Matthew 25:35ff ....**"I was sick and you visited Me."** The passage goes on to say, **"Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me."**

Your gift is a gift as unto the Lord. He will bless you!

Be blessed by being a blessing!! My I encourage you to send your best gift possible today.

Yours in His Service,

Dr. Ken Daugherty  
President

**P.S.** *I ask for your prayers and financial support. Please send your most generous gift today. I pray God's richest blessings on you for your compassion for hurting people in our world. People need the Lord and we use medical/dental services to open doors that we may share Christ's love with them.*