

Chad Relief Foundation Newsletter

A few people, a few dollars, a few trips and Chad Relief has completed fifteen projects in aid of refugees from the CAR living in seven camps in southern Chad.

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From the beginning CRF has built facilities and sponsored programs with partners in Chad. Over time we have developed cooperative relationships with non-profits in Santa Barbara that are willing, even anxious, to assist the CAR refugees in Chad, but do not have the necessary local contacts and distribution networks. CRF has both.



Vitamin A from Vitamin Angels spotted by Bill in Moyo camp 2/16/12

For several years we have been working with Vitamin Angels to provide Vitamin A on a regular schedule to 18,000 refugee children in seven UNHCR camps. Now we have joined with Direct Relief International and Unite to Light to provide medicines, medical equipment and solar lights to the refugees. The first DRI shipment,

\$8,700 worth of antibiotics, medicines and medical supplies, left Santa Barbara by air on February 20. In all three cases our partners provide the materials without cost to CRF. Through these arrangements CRF has been able to multiply its assistance to the CAR refugees.



Unite to Lite lamp in use in Beom camp, 1/13

When there is a particularly desperate need for medicines and medical equipment that are unavailable from our Santa Barbara partners, CRF buys them at a discounted price and ships them to Chad. Recent shipments have included iron sulfate, folic acid, blood pressure monitors, otoscopes, stethoscopes, baby scales and antibiotics.

Bill Felstiner and Sara-Christine Dallain are off to Chad on March 23. They will send you short reports and pictures from the field.

And save Sunday afternoon, June 23 (the nearest Sunday to World Refugee Day) for a CRF event at the Santa Barbara Winery on Anacapa Street.

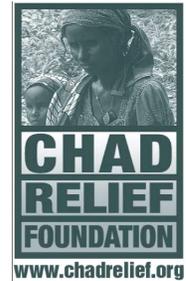
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