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Dear Friend,

The Southern Africa Medical Aid Project (SAMAP), a local group of medical practitioners and anti-apartheid activists, is sending out an urgent appeal for funds to purchase essential medicines for the ANC-Holland Solidarity Hospital in Mazimbu, Tanzania.

In May 1987, our project was able to send the African National Congress (ANC) thirty-two boxes of medicines and surgical supplies donated by the medical and pharmaceutical community in North Carolina. Transportation and packaging was provided by the Africa Fund and the generous contributions of people like you.

The ANC-Holland Hospital in Mozimbu, Tanzania is in great need of medical supplies. The hospital was built in 1978 with funds donated by the Dutch Government and land provided by the Government of Tanzania. However the ANC must fund the hospital directly. At this time, there is one physician and two nurses at the twenty-bed hospital, treating over 200 patients a day in the outpatient clinic. It is the only hospital in the area, responsible for a community of 7000 people made up largely of political refugees from the apartheid regime in South Africa. In addition to treating serious diseases such as malaria, pneumonia, and measles in infants, the hospital also treats wounds and trauma resulting from torture by the South African police and security forces. The needs are rising enormously as the violence in South Africa has mounted over recent months.

In August 1987, we spoke directly to Dr. Nkadimeng at the ANC Hospital, who expressed great appreciation for what he had received in May from the SAMAP. **However, the hospital remains in great need of medicines.** In particular Dr. Nkadimeng requested the following items:

quinine tablets, fansidar tablets, and chloroquine injectable form for malaria	dental amalgam
anti-parasitic medicines (trazinquanel and tinadole)	disposable needles and syringes
normal saline for IV use and IV tubing	parafin gauze (for burns)
birth control pills	vitamins
anti-tuberculosis medicines	dextrometer for glucose testing
nitroglycerin potassium IV	binocular microscope
antibiotics (including liquid amoxicillen)	culposcope (for gynecological examinations)

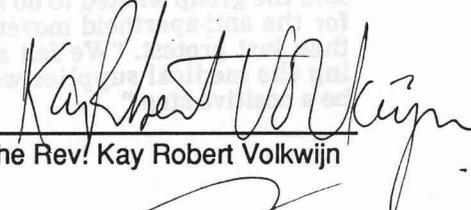
In response to this urgent appeal for medicines from the ANC Hospital, the Southern Africa Medical Aid Project has targeted a goal of \$4000.00 to buy these medicines directly. We are certain that Americans concerned about human rights in South Africa and the world-wide struggle to abolish apartheid will contribute generously to our drive to send medicines to the ANC Hospital.

\$7.25 will buy 100 tablets of quinine;  
\$42.00 will buy 25 tablets of fansidar (used to treat chloroquine-resistant malaria (each treatment requires 9-10 tablets per person);  
\$250.00 will purchase the dextrometer.

Donations TO SAMAP are tax-deductible, through sponsorship of our project by the Africa Fund. Please make checks to SAMAP, and send your contribution right away.

On behalf of the Southern Africa Medical Aid Project,

  
Elaine Hart-Brothers, M.D.

  
The Rev. Kay Robert Volkwijn

## Refugees Get Medical Aid From Triangle

A group of health care personnel, religious workers, students and civil rights activists in the Triangle area are giving medical aid to refugees from apartheid in South Africa.

The Southern African Medical Project started by the Rev. Kay Robert Volkwijn, Dr. Elliot Fratkin, Drs. Marty Nathan and Elaine Hart-Brothers, Dennis Murphy and Michael Taylor, recently sent \$16,000 in medical supplies from its Durham office to the ANC-Holland Solidarity Hospital in Dakawa, Tanzania.

The hospital was established by the outlawed African National Congress and the Dutch government following the Soweto Uprisings in 1976 on land donated by the Tanzanian government.

Thirty-one boxes of antibiotics, anti-malarials and medicines for arthritis, hypertension and diabetes, donated by drug companies and individuals, were shipped by the United Nations High Commission on Refugees, with the aid of the African Fund, a New York City-based relief organization which has long aided apartheid efforts.

"Many of us who have fought long for an end to the injustice of apartheid have felt a need to give humanitarian aid to the victims," said Volkwijn, spokesman of the group, and a native South African. "The refugees have been forced to leave their country, their families and their homes, and to face hand-to-mouth facing poverty and malnutrition in another land. We feel it is our obligation to serve them."

Fratkin, an anthropologist, said the group wanted to do more for the anti-apartheid movement than just protest. "We felt sending the medical supplies would be a positive step."

Fratkin said the project raises money through donations from churches, but their main source are individuals. "We have received an estimated \$5,000 in donations in the last six to eight months," he said.

The group hopes to expand in the future. Fratkin said they are in the process of talking with other support groups in hopes of raising more money to send more medical personnel to the Tanzanian hospital.

The hospital currently has only one physician, two nurses and five other trained staff serving several thousand political refugees from South Africa who left their country in the face of martial law and increasing political repression from the all-white apartheid regime.