

23,784 LIFE-SAVING BABY HATS

DELIVERED AROUND THE WORLD as of Aug 2014

118 to Eastern Ghana May 2008

1,100 to Eastern Ghana Sept 2008

125 to Madagascar May 2009

500 to Eastern Ghana June 2009

1000 to Liberia August 2009

500 to Pakistan October 2009

200 to Afghanistan November 2009

200 to Mozambique January 2010

200 to Uganda January 2010

1100 to Eastern Ghana February 2010

1800 to Ethiopia June 2010

300 to Namibia August 2010

1000 to Eastern Nigeria January 2011

500 to Ethiopia March 2011

500 to Northern Nigeria May 2011

100 to Madagascar June 2011

250 to Namibia October 2011

1050 to Ethiopia October 2011

325 to Ghana January 2012

500 to Liberia March 2012

400 to Zambia March 2012

1250 to Ethiopia March 2012

400 to Central Nigeria April 2012

850 to Namibia July 2012

350 to Liberia Sept 2012

622 to Ghana Oct 2012

625 to Ethiopia Nov 2012

450 to Eastern Nigeria Dec 2012

1300 to Ethiopia Feb 2013

950 to Ethiopia April 2013

400 to Liberia June 2013

600 to Ethiopia July 2013

300 to Lesotho Sept 2013

419 to Eastern Ghana Sept 2013

550 to Northern Ghana Sept 2013

350 to Ethiopia Oct 2013

850 to Liberia Jan 2014

375 to Afghanistan Jan 2014

500 to Ethiopia Feb 2014

175 to Nigeria Mar 2014

1000 to Ethiopia May 2014

May God Bless the Makers and Suppliers of the Hats



Thank you for the beautiful and life saving baby hats. As you will see below, this is an informal and Spirit driven ministry. I try to send updates but sometimes they are a little slow in coming. If you send me an email address I can add you to the list of folks all over the USA involved in this effort.

My name is Sandy Buffington (stbuff@gmail.com). When I was young—8 or 9—I listened to a missionary family and that night I told my parents that when I grew up, I would be a nurse and go to another country like Papua New Guinea (where the missionaries were from) to help people. Eventually, I did go to nurses training. I was commissioned as a medical missionary 2 years after becoming an RN and went to Nigeria to where I served for over 13 years. I continue my career of international work—which I still consider mission work. I have now served over 45 years in countries across Africa and Asia.

Since 2008, I have invited friends and relatives to share in God’s work by making baby hats. Baby hats are life-saving for newborn babies. They are desperately needed in the areas in which my colleagues and I work. The word “poor” does not begin to describe the people that we help. Through so many hands across the U.S., we have supplied over 23,000 baby hats! I just received a request from Dr. Mira, a pediatrician in Ghana as she just distributed the last of her hats we got to her in 2013! Some of you may remember that she and her husband visited TVLC in 2008 and was the first to receive baby hats from our ministry. As she shared, *so many women have their baby without even a special cloth for the baby*. The baby hat is just so special and also life-saving for the baby. We are preparing a shipment to Ghana of 1000 baby hats. May God bless the makers and suppliers of the baby hats!

I invite you to join this ministry for moms and babies across the world. For those who knit, patterns are available online and in the church office. If you don’t knit, you might consider buying hats or donating money to pay for extra suitcases to be checked to journey with the midwives who carry as many hats as possible when they travel. It costs around \$30 - \$90 to ship a bag from Tucson to one of my colleagues who is traveling. It costs about \$200 for an extra bag to go overseas. Praying for the babies and their families is also a part of the ministry. Why did I get involved? The Spirit moved me. I get to help others. I get to both give and receive. It is life-saving. It is our duty as we love each other and reach out with our love for Jesus. We are to do God’s Work using Our Hands. Thanks be to God for the journey of hats! Please, join this journey.