

## White Cross Bandages

I don't think there is any place in the world where White Cross bandages are used or appreciated more than in Congo. We say this after working for over ten years in Congo, visiting dozens of hospitals and hundreds of health clinics where White Cross material is used for a myriad of needs.



You have heard of the usual uses:

**Practical:** Post operative dressings and umbilical cord wrappings. I have seen thousands of these.

**Hygienic:** They keep flies and dirt on the outside....and allow healing of burns, scrapes and wounds on the inside!

**Supportive:** When dipped in plaster they make a handy cast....and when slung around the shoulder, a sling to hold it fast.

**Life Saving:** Two white cross bands tied side by side and fastened with a stick....make a tourniquet that will hold and almost always do the trick.

But what about some non conventional uses:

**Aesthetic:** Colored strips hanging from a screen-less door or window.....will let a cool breeze in and surprisingly keep flying insects away.



**Versatile:** When attached to a nail on a wall....will hold up liter of I.V. fluid...and if suspended from the ceiling rafter...the four corners of a mosquito net

**Beautiful:** Can you imagine a better way to wrap the stems of an African floral bouquet....or to hem the band of a wedding dress.

But most important is the gift of love from your house to theirs....as you reach out and share your energy, your possessions, your time....so mercy, compassion, and love may overflow.



....if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed...then your night will become like the noonday....you will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail." Isaiah 58:10

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