

Jamaica

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When Global Links staff visited the Savanna-la-Mar Hospital in South-West Jamaica in January, they found there were many needs that Global Links could address. Savanna-la-Mar, located in a large urban center, received Global Links' third 40-foot sea container of medical aid in 2008. The hospital provides in-patient and out-patient services in general surgery, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology and pediatrics.

This 140-bed hospital serves a large population, and since they have a capacity for 200 beds, we were pleased to include 20 beds and mattresses on the container. Other items in the donation that should make an immediate impact in patient care and comfort include 20 bedside stands, 20 over bed tables, 20 IV poles, four locking pharmacy carts, four gurneys, two exam tables, two new adult scales, one dental chair, two exam room storage cabinets, nine patient room chairs, seven guest chairs, two desks with office chairs, one conference table, ten shower chairs, ten walkers and two wheelchairs.

During our visit, we met an orthopedic surgeon that consults for the hospital and expressed a need for surgical instruments, and we were especially pleased to be able to include one orthopedic tray with 40 high quality stainless steel surgical instruments. Because other OR staff also expressed a need for instruments, we included one vaginal delivery tray, one c-section tray, two general minor surgery trays and two D & C trays – in all, a total of 357 excellent surgical instruments.

This donation also included six boxes of blood pressure units, one ophthalmoscope, one hospital-grade thermometer, 58 boxes of linens and 315 boxes of assorted medical supplies. We are very pleased to be able to send material of this quality to Savanna-la-Mar.