

White Cross Update

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I almost feel like I am in a confession booth (at least as depicted in movies): “it has been a long time since my last confession...I mean...update.” What a great year!



Much of my “extra” time has focussed on the new handbook. Despite many unanticipated delays, I am pleased to say that the final draft was completed around mid-December. It is still receiving final review, including by Maureen Moody who is currently touring the medical facilities in Cameroon on behalf of Dr. Pius Tih (more commonly referred to as *Prof. Tih*). Once that feedback has been collected, all that will be left are final edits and layout. Even if you are not directly involved in White Cross, have a look at the new handbook. You might be surprised at the opportunities.

This little guy will be featured on the cover.

The newly updated Handbook is just one of the changes coming to White Cross volunteers across North America. Another change many are experiencing is through the WMF (it comes with various titles such as: Women’s Missionary Fellowship). We regularly hear reports that WMF groups are changing. Some are being absorbed into larger bodies like Missions and Outreach programs. Some are reconfiguring themselves internally and sometimes changing their names. Some are disbanding for various reasons. Some are continuing strong as they have in the past.

Change is always difficult. However, before talking about these changes, I want to take a moment to recognize the work that WMF groups have done and continue to do for the work of White Cross: without the work and efforts of the WMF groups, there is no way that White Cross would have made the impact it has in West Africa. In fact without them, White Cross may not have even existed. Remember to thank those who have served for many years!



Change is always happening in our world and in our churches. There was a time when WMF groups did not exist and there may be a time when they no longer exist in our churches. If you are experiencing or seeing such changes, take heart: it is the nature of ministry. It never stays the same. Yet its core never really changes.

In some places, where WMF groups once supported and built up the work of White Cross, we are seeing new groups and organizations continuing the amazing work.

