



## WHITE CROSS...

### TOUCHING THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS

For many years, American Baptists have been reaching "helping hands" out to people in need. During WWI, many church women assisted the American Red Cross providing surgical dressings, bandages, and other medical supplies for U.S. service personnel. In 1919, following the end of the war, two women from Cleveland, Ohio started the White Cross Service League to channel "war effort support" into support for Baptist mission.

White Cross has been embraced by AB women and local churches throughout the U.S. Each year women and congregations fill specific requests from mission workers for rolled bandages, quilt blocks, and urgently-needed supplies that cannot be purchased with limited mission budgets. The women always laugh and moan over the quilt blocks (they need unlimited packages of 5" x 7" pieces @ 500 per pack), but these blocks have been made into curtains in Haiti, comforters in Thailand, and skirts in the Philippines. They have been a tangible indication of God's love moving through us in each mission field that receives them.

Today, the needs across the world are greater than ever. AB Women's Ministries invites you and your church family to get involved. Help our missionaries bring Christ's love to those in darkness.

For more information on White Cross, see Patricia Wentworth, Coordinator of White Cross under Michigan Officers.