Rescuing excess plastic from landfills

In developing countries, medicines are often dispensed into hands, leaves or any other available containers. Matthew 25: Ministries accepts donations of clean, empty plastic pill bottles to help improve these situations.

Recycling only a portion of the millions of plastic prescription vials, stock bottles, and liquids bottles that are used by pharmacies each month results in significant energy conservation and greenhouse gas savings.

Help improve the quality of our environment and health care in hospitals and health clinics in developing countries by saving and donating basic medical supplies such as pill bottles.

Pill bottle donations

Donations of empty plastic pill bottles serve two purposes:

• Helping the poorest of the poor by providing a way to distribute medicine in capped, unlabeled, and sterilized containers.
• Keeping thousands of bottles out of landfills each year. Some donated plastic pill bottles are recycled for cash that funds Matthew 25: Ministries’ programs.
Matthew 25: Ministries accepts the following types of empty plastic pill bottles:

- Prescription and over-the-counter pill bottles
- Large and small pill bottles
- Pill bottles with/without child-resistant caps

**PILL BOTTLE DONATION GUIDELINES**

- It is your responsibility to ensure the privacy of your medical information by removing labels prior to donating your empty pill bottles.
- We prefer pill bottles without medical labels and ones that have been thoroughly rinsed.
- Matthew 25: Ministries does not have the capability to wash pill bottles on-site. We may have volunteers attempt to remove all labels from the bottles, however we cannot guarantee the ability to do so. Again, it is your responsibility to ensure the privacy of your medical information by removing labels prior to donating.
- Pill bottles donated by individuals, small groups and organizations may be blended together with other medical items and packaged onto pallets for shipment.

Pill Bottles that are not appropriate for shipping are recycled for cash that goes towards Matthew 25: Ministries’ programs.

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