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MISSION STATEMENT

International Aid exists to be used by God to provide relief in the crisis and to equip missions engaged in the process of rebuilding and developing God-glorifying relationships.

A LEGACY OF SERVICE

1980 • 1981 • 1982 • 1983 • 1984 • 1985 • 1986 • 1987 • 1988 • 1989 • 1990 • 1991 • 1992 • 1993 • 1994 • 1995 • 1996 • 1997 • 1998 • 1999 • 2000 • 2001 • 2002 • 2003 • 2004 • 2005 • 2006 • 2007 • 2008 • 2009 • 2010

Thirty years strong, Jim Franks's ministry continues to meet needs

In 1952, Jim Franks was a florist with a sick baby girl, and was willing to bargain with God. He offered a simple trade: If God would spare his daughter, he would dedicate himself to serving others.

God ultimately came through on his side—and Jim spent the next 50 years making good on his promise.

It started small—he continued to work in his family's 100-year-old business, Franks Floral Shop, but he and his wife, Shirley, began running a Youth for Christ program. Kids from all over town flocked to the Franks' home for Shirley's barbecue and Jim's Bible study.

"Jim was a student of the Bible," Shirley said. "He read every night, and then he'd fall asleep with his Bible turned over on his chest."

Shortly after starting his program, World Vision—a small nonprofit based in California—came out with their first promotional video concerning the plight of orphans. With one view, Jim was hooked on the program. So hooked, in fact, that he couldn't stop talking about it.

"It got to be so important to him that, if you went into Franks Floral Store to buy a dozen roses, you walked out with an orphan sponsorship," his wife said.

His passion for the program—and his ability to ignite similar passions within



in 1982, Jim Franks and other IA leaders break ground for new warehouse.

members of his community—eventually landed Jim a job at World Vision. Other men in the community joined forces with Jim, and, after a short period of time, a five-acre plot of land off of a gravel road in Spring Lake was donated to Jim for World Vision's cause. Medical equipment, food, and health products came in from donors and went out to the poor. Jim had found his ministry.

But when World Vision Midwest headquarters moved to Chicago in 1980, Jim refused to allow the organization to sell the land.

"We can't sell this," he would say. "This was donated for ministry, and there needs to be a ministry here."

So Jim struck another deal—if he could

keep a relief organization running out of the warehouses without World Vision's help, they would sell him the land for a dollar.

Three months later—and one dollar poorer—Jim changed the name on the warehouses to "International Aid."

Jim, Shirley, and the rest of the Franks family threw themselves into the ministry. Jim travelled all around the country and the world, connecting the surplus of American hospitals with the need of clinics in developing countries. Shirley—without pay—worked full time at the warehouses, cleaning and cooking for the thousands of volunteers who went through International Aid's doors.

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"They definitely had a strong heart for ministry," said Chuck McMillan, an IA employee who celebrated 25 years at the organization this fall.

Over the years, the family watched God use their organization to respond to need in ways they could have never imagined.

"Jim would go to Vietnam with \$500 and a hammer and would build hospitals and orphanages," Shirley said. "God just did marvelous things."

When missionaries needed discounted supplies, Jim started a missionary store.

When famines struck Ethiopia and Rwanda in 1985, Jim sent grain from Midwest farmers. When Hurricane Hugo reaped havoc in 1989, Jim sent relief.

When he saw the plight of Korean orphans first hand, he brought home three.

"It was amazing how the Lord, through His spirit, just directed him," Shirley said. "We didn't really have a lot of money—just heart."

Before his death in 2001, Jim had started another Christian nonprofit in the area with an emphasis on childcare in developing countries and connecting American physicians with doctors abroad. In the fifty years following his bargain, he served hundreds of thousands worldwide through his work with three Christian organizations.

Jim's legacy of service has continued on. A few of his nine children serve on the mission field; his

wife faithfully volunteers her time mentoring and counseling sick patients in West Michigan; and, in the past 16 years alone, International Aid has shipped over \$800 million in health products and medical equipment to missionaries all over the world.

But Shirley said the most important thing is that International Aid has returned to its roots of passionately seeking God's direction.

"I am so blessed," Shirley said. "If only you could see the happiness that is just jumping within me to see International Aid come back to the sweet part!"

Praise God for the faithfulness of the Franks family, and for the 30 years He has used their organization to meet the needs of the poor!

IA helps equip Israeli EMT organization that responds to medical emergencies

You only have five minutes.

Five minutes to receive appropriate treatment to preserve your quality of life. Five minutes before your chance of full recovery slips through your fingers. Five minutes for help to reach you.

And if you're in Israel, five minutes is all the time you'll ever need—thanks to the Hatzalah medics.

United Hatzalah of Israel is a non-profit organization that responds to medical emergencies throughout Israel. The organization consists of roughly 1,500 trained EMTs, paramedics and doctors who are trained to respond to a myriad of medical emergencies, including cardiac arrests, terrorist attacks, respiratory diseases, and accidents.

Dressed as civilians, these volunteers carry their advanced emergency and communication equipment with them 24/7, and are located in virtually every city in Israel so that they can provide immediate



United Hatzalah EMTs load an injured person into a helicopter.

response to any emergency situation within 2-4 minutes.

Hundreds of thousands of victims throughout Israel owe their lives to the Hatzalah medics.

International Aid is thrilled to be partnering with such an amazing organization. International Aid will be sending the organization a shipment

of defibrillators to help them equip more medics with the tools needed to properly respond to medical emergencies, and looks forward to supplying them with more equipment in the future.

To learn more about United Hatzalah of Israel, visit www.israelrescue.org.

On The Web...

Want to read stories of how God is using International Aid to accomplish His will around the world?

Then head over to www.internationalaid.org/Blog/Archive.html

Want to join with us in ministering to the poor worldwide through a financial gift?

If so, then visit www.internationalaid.org/Give.html

\$17.66 million

The amount of health products and medical equipment shipped to partners serving in countries all over the world between July 1, 2010 and Sept. 30, 2010.



28

The number of countries International Aid sent health products and medical equipment to between July 1, 2010 and Sept. 30, 2010.

50+

The number of missions, organizations and other partners actively serving the poor worldwide that received shipments between July 1, 2010 and Sept. 30, 2010.



We could not have done this without you.

International Aid has been able to accomplish more than we could have ever dreamed because God has given us donors who are passionate about our ministry. Your monetary contributions enable us to supply those in need with desperately needed medicines, vitamins, health care products and medical equipment.

Thank you for joining with us to minister to a hurting world.

PROBLEM **SOLUTION**

Combating misdiagnosis with Labs-in-a-Suitcase

The Problem:

Misdiagnosis has a negative effect on numerous facets of an individual's life. Economically, money is spent on expensive medications that are not treating the individual's actual illness, and money is lost by the individual's prolonged inability to work. Physically, improper diagnosis can lead to increased illness, which can result in premature death. Spiritually, prolonged periods of illness due to misdiagnosis can make both patients and carers discouraged, exhausted and depressed.

What makes misdiagnosis so common? Simply put, there are many health professionals serving in remote areas that lack the equipment needed to properly diagnose their patients. Without the proper equipment, accurate diagnosis is nearly impossible. Diagnosis often becomes a glorified guessing game—and the lives of patients are left hanging in the balance.

The Solution:

International Aid's Lab-in-a-Suitcase is a portable medical lab that is used to diagnose patients

accurately and timely, giving patients the greatest chance for survival. Our Labs-in-a-Suitcase enable health professionals serving in remote areas to perform 80 percent of standard diagnostics tests most frequently requested by field physicians, and are especially phenomenal at diagnosing HIV, tuberculosis and malaria.

By God's grace, International Aid has been able to send nearly 300 Labs-in-a-Suitcase in the past decade to partners all over the world who are working with people who have great need.

LABS PREPARING FOR ACTION!

International aid is preparing to ship seven Labs-in-a-Suitcase to the Dornagobi Foundation in Mongolia. Working with Mongolia's Ministry of Health, the Dornagobi Foundation will use the labs to improve the healthcare and living conditions of rural communities living in the country's Gobi region. We're excited to see how God uses this partnership to accomplish His purposes in Mongolia!

IA partner brings healing, Gospel to dangerous Lansing neighborhood

From the moment Dr. Eleanore Kue gave her life to Christ, the Cameroon-born physician had only one thing on her mind: missions.

But it wasn't until she had finally went on medical missions trips all over the world in 2006 and 2007 that she realized how important missions truly were to her.

"When I was on the mission field, I felt that I was able to be all that God called me to be," she said. "I was the physician, but I was able to pray with people, share the Gospel, and give people Bibles."

While abroad in 2007, Eleanore was called to a new mission field—the roughest neighborhood in Lansing, Michigan. With the help of International Aid, Eleanore was able to purchase equipment for a nonprofit clinic. On Nov. 19, 2009, Eleanore opened her urgent care center—the "His Healing Hands Health Clinic".

The first day His Healing Hands clinic opened its doors, three patients walked in. Now, the clinic averages roughly 60 patients per day. Eleanore is the only physician on staff, with one medical assistant and an army of volunteers.

Eleanore's clinic treats patients who are either uninsured or underinsured. On average, Eleanore says she has 20 patients waiting in the clinic's lobby and 20 patients waiting outside of the clinic. She often treats



Doctor Eleanore Kue

operates a nonprofit clinic that treats the uninsured and underinsured of Lansing, Michigan's most dangerous neighborhood.

lacerations, colds, bronchitis, blood infections, and other minor medical infections and viruses.

However, Eleanore said the most difficult wounds she faces are ones that can't be treated with medications. Eleanore's clinic is in an area that has a shooting nearly every other day, and she said the people around her live in a spiritual darkness because of these conditions. Battered wives, former prostitutes, drug addicts, hurting souls—these are the people who walk through the clinic's doors.

This is why Eleanore is passionate about sharing the Gospel in South Lansing. She prays and witnesses to her patients, offering Bible studies and prayer gatherings every Thursday night. For Eleanore, the only One that can heal the people she treats is the True Healer, Jesus Christ.

"My patients—I tell them what Jesus has done in my life, and show them that hope is out there," she said.