

OUR mission...

THE MISSION OF INTERNATIONAL AID IS TO GLORIFY CHRIST BY PROVIDING MEDICAL AND HEALTH RESOURCES TO GLOBAL PARTNERS SERVING PEOPLE IN NEED.

International Aid is a Christian relief ministry that seeks to tangibly demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ to those who are suffering.

Since the inception in 1980, International Aid has equipped servants worldwide with the tools that they depend on to bring healing and restoration to those who desperately need to know the one true healer.

So much of this is done through the distribution of life saving medicines, hygiene products, nutritional supplements and reconditioned medical equipment to hundreds of ministries and humanitarian organizations serving in areas of greatest need.

As a 501(c)3 organization, International Aid has had the privilege of partnering with thousands of like-minded individuals, businesses and associations who give of themselves so that others may be the recipient of a better quality of life.



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Helping Henryville

Tornados sweep through community,
International Aid responds.

When disaster strikes, International Aid responds. The morning of March 3, 2012 was no different. Within a 24-hour period between March 2nd and 3rd, a series of tornados hit an area of Indiana. The greatest being an EF4 tornado touching down in the town of Henryville. Because of the severity of the storms, immediate information was not available as to the extent of the damage, but we knew we had to help. 48 hours later, our truck was loaded and we were on our way to Henryville. Large tarps, rain gear, work gloves, safety goggles and paper products were the immediate needs of the community as the clean-up efforts began.

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All things new...

A message from I.A. President and CEO

Dear Friends,

Summer is just around the corner! And with that means a new season and change. As you drive around town you notice flowers in bloom, trees full of green, lawns being mowed and people enjoying being outside...definitely a change from what we seen the past few months. Although we didn't have a terrible winter season, change and transition are always nice.

Change for an organization can sometimes be one of the hardest things that an organization may have to deal with. Luckily for International Aid, change has been a good thing and a smooth transition. Just as the seasons change and we look forward to new opportunities, the same can be said for us here at International Aid.

One of the more obvious changes is probably the one in your hands right now. Our newsletter has undergone a major change, or shall we say, begun a new season. A new look for the newsletter seemed like the perfect time to add some new elements to its content. You'll find more content and more insight into some of our day-to-day activities inside the building, our impact in the community and world, as well as any other new and exciting news that we want to share. Also new in this newsletter is a Stewardship Focus section. It's a section to remind us of the importance of being wise and faithful stewards as God created us to be.

Although to some of you this may seem like a lot of change within a few months, we are excited for the changes that God has placed in front of us. As we continue to serve Him more and more, we look forward to new opportunities that God may place in front of us. Please feel free to email us with your thoughts and comments on our newsletter at feedback@internationalaid.org.

In Christ,

Brian Anderson, President & CEO

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As days passed and needs became more evident. The initial shock of the storms and its damage was gone and daily survival products were in demand. Just days after our first delivery, we were on our way with additional pallets of supplies. This time hygiene kits, nutritional drinks, soap, lotion, shampoo and other personal care items were high on the priority list for the community. Instant survival was no longer

the focus, putting the pieces of life back together and daily living now became the biggest challenge facing those living in the area.

Volunteers

It's amazing to see the amount of willing hearts that give of their time when others need it. While in Henryville, we made sure to travel through the area to see the damage first hand. Besides the structural damage in the area, there was another sight just as evident, and that was the amount of volunteers serving this community. What an amazing thing to see so many businesses and organizations coming together in a time of need to work toward the same mission. Praise God for the opportunity for mission organizations and national businesses to come together for one goal: helping this community.



Help Is Still Needed

Although Henryville and its residents have already come a long way since the day that the tornados hit, much work is still to be done. The volunteers have returned to their everyday jobs, and this community is left to put the pieces back together. For these residents life will never be the same, and for many it's a chance for a fresh start. Whatever the case may be, help is still needed. Please continue to pray for this area and that God's love would shine to this community, now and always.

New and Noteworthy At International Aid...

International Aid receives Global Compassion Award

International Aid was the recipient of Kingsway Charities 2011 Global Compassion Award. International Aid was selected based on the impact we've been a part of by bringing hope & healing throughout the world with our services. Kingsway Charities is a faith-based organization based in Bristol, Virginia whose primary focus are International Medical Missions and whose goal is to improve the lives of the suffering and sick so that they will know God's love by providing life-sustaining resources.



I.A.'s Director of Medical Equipment Procurement visits Liberia

Jim Loeffler, International Aid's Director of Medical Equipment Procurement, recently returned from a trip to Lower Buchanan, Liberia, in West Africa. While on his journey he met with partners that are serving in the field. His primary objective was to engage in a follow up assessment with Grand Bassa Hospital on equipment needs. Now that Jim has returned, he is working on verifying the needs that he saw during his visit. It is our hope to be able to send a container of equipment, to replace the equipment that needs to be upgraded in their operating rooms and OB/GYN area, by the end of the summer.



Jason Ryder, Bio Medical Electronics Technician travels to La Gonave, Haiti

Jason Ryder, International Aid's Bio Medical Electronics Technician traveled to the seaside village of Anse-a-Galets on the island of La Gonave, Haiti with Dr. Steve Edmonson of a partner organization called Starfysh. Together they engaged in follow up on equipment that was placed in the hospital in Haiti last fall. La Gonave is a land of desperate poverty, where some 100,000 of the poorest people on the earth struggle to survive. Malaria, TB, Typhoid, Cholera, and prenatal complications are common causes of death in the area.



10 Lab-in-a-Suitcases are being assembled to ship to Eritrea in June

Eritrea is a country in the Horn of Africa that has been approved by the Global Health Fund to use International Aids Lab-in-a-Suitcase in rural clinics that are set up in the area. Approval for use comes from the Lab-in-a-Suitcase meeting the minimum standard lab component needed in clinics. The clinics are part of a 5 year program that allows them to receive 10 Lab-in-a-Suitcase's per year. This is the second year of shipment.

Visit www.internationalaid.org throughout the month of June for complete blog articles on the stories above.



International Aid By The Numbers...

Because of the generous support of Businesses, Organizations and Individuals, International Aid has been able to do a tremendous amount of work in the past eleven months. As we enter into the final month of our fiscal year, we are blessed to see how God has worked through our ministry. Thank you for choosing to make International Aid YOUR partner ministry and for tangibly demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ to a world in need!



\$134 MILLION

Amount of aid sent to partners serving in the areas of greatest need, both in the U.S. and abroad.

68 COUNTRIES

Number of countries that received product from International Aid.

154 ORGANIZATIONS

Number of partner organizations that received aid from International Aid.



Stewardship Focus

In God's Likeness

Scripture: Genesis 5:1-2

Because God created man, male and female, in his image and likeness, all person's deserve to be treated like those who have been made with a God-given identity and vocation, namely, to bear God's image and to cooperate with him as stewards of his creation. A person's worth is determined not by what he or she has but by what he or she is on the basis of this identity and vocation received from God.

- C. Rene` Padilla

International Aid welcomes Tim Lopez as Communications and Marketing Manager

Tim has been professionally connected in the West Michigan Community for over 12 years. In addition to his marketing and communication skills, he brings with him an extensive connection to this community. Tim has been involved with marketing, image and branding campaigns for numerous businesses and organizations in the area, as well as community events and gatherings.

"We are excited to have Tim on board with us here at International Aid" says Brian Anderson, President and CEO. "We are looking to increase our community involvement, reinstating our image and gaining exposure locally, nationally and globally. As Tim joins the team here at International Aid, we are confident that we are taking another step toward moving in that direction."

Outside of his professional role, Tim enjoys running, spending time with family and friends, and music. Tim lives in Norton Shores with his wife Janelle, and their 2 dogs. If you'd like to contact Tim you can email him at tim@internationalaid.org

