‘GOD IS GOOD’

International Aid sends record amount of aid to the field

Praise God for His goodness toward International Aid!

In the past 12 months alone (July 2010-June 2011), International Aid shipped a record-breaking $116+ million in aid to our partners serving in areas of greatest need.

“To go from having our doors closed in June 2009, to sending over $150 million in aid in the past 18 months is nothing short of miraculous,” said Brian Anderson, International Aid’s CEO. “It is truly humbling to be a part of a ministry where God’s blessing and faithfulness is so evident and tangible.”

Since June 2010, God has enabled International Aid to do a tremendous amount of ministry both in the U.S. and abroad. Some of this ministry included:

• Sending **8,064 Thanksgiving dinners** to poor Native American communities living on reservations in Arizona.

• **Shipping over 20 Labs-in-a-Suitcase** to partners working in remote areas with patients who otherwise would not receive treatment.

• **Outfitting entire clinics** in Uganda that were used to help fight malaria outbreaks.

• **Responding to multiple natural disasters**, including the earthquake and tsunami in Japan; the deadly storm systems in Alabama; and the devastating tornado in Joplin.

Thank you to the companies and individuals who donated the greatly-needed product that was used to save and improve lives. Thank you to the partners serving all over the world who desire to spread the Kingdom of God daily and allowed us to equip them in their ministry. And thank you to our faithful donors who joined with IA in bringing healing to those who desperately needed it.

But most of all, we thank our Lord Jesus Christ for His continued blessing on this ministry. God is good.
At the beginning of this year, no one could have anticipated the devastation that would occur between the months of March and May. While we mourn for those who were affected by the storms, we give thanks to God for opening doors for IA to respond in His name. Here’s an update on how we responded:

**JAPAN**

IA partnered with Christian non-profits in Japan to bring relief to those affected by the March 11 9.0-magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami. We provided thousands of dollars of medications, hygiene products, blankets and flashlights to be given to those who were injured or lost their homes. We gave two vans to help evacuate individuals and families living in regions with high radiation levels. We also provided food to U.S. military members serving in some of Japan’s hardest-hit areas.

**ALABAMA**

International Aid’s first shipment following April’s deadly system of tornadoes was delivered to churches in Northern Alabama where victims and relief workers could find supplies, meals, clothes and Biblical counseling. We delivered chainsaws, tarps, water, work gloves, hygiene products and other relief items to these churches. Three semi-loads of food, medicines and hygiene products were also distributed to families in need through churches and Christian ministries.

**JOPLIN**

International Aid worked with Convoy of Hope, a relief organization based 75 miles east of Joplin, to bring relief to those affected by the tornado. Through this partnership, International Aid was able to respond quickly and appropriately to this disaster. Local churches and ministries also donated thousands of hygiene kits that IA gave to individuals and families affected by the tornado.

Thank you to all who donated to these relief efforts!
MEET BILL ERICKSON
IA’S NEW DIRECTOR OF MAJOR GIFTS

He’s got an easy smile, a way with words, and 15 years of experience running a business—but what attracted IA to Bill Erickson was his evident love for Jesus Christ.

“Bill’s passion for the Lord spills into everything he does, and everyone he meets with can see his desire to further God’s kingdom,” said Brian Anderson, IA’s CEO. “We’re thrilled to have him on our team.”

Bill joined IA mid-May and hit the ground running. As director of major gifts, he has spent most of his time building relationships and talking with donors. He wants to know all about you, and wants you to feel connected to IA.

But most of all, he wants you to know what God’s been doing at this ministry.

“What we do at International Aid affects and enhances lives and souls all over the world with an underlying message of the Gospel,” Bill said. “I am passionate about doing my part to make sure that this continues.”

Look forward to hearing more from Bill!

FAST FACTS ABOUT BILL ERICKSON:
• Bill and his wife of 26 years, Teresa, have two children: Brad, 25; and Angie, 23.
• He owns two other businesses, including a Christian radio station.
• Bill loves playing Christian blues music, and uses his musical talents at his church.
• Want to get in touch with Bill? He’d love to hear from you! Contact him at: bill@internationalaid.org

CHECK THIS OUT!
IA SUMMER EVENTS
IA is sponsoring two upcoming community events in the West Michigan area: the HEY 5K Run/Walk (Aug. 13) and the Unity Christian Music Festival Main Stage (Aug. 10-13). We hope you can make it! For more information, visit: internationalaid.org

CHURCHES, BUSINESSES & CLUBS
Want to know more about International Aid? We’ll come to you! To set up a time for a tour or for an IA representative to speak to your group, contact Bill Erickson at: bill@internationalaid.org

IA FALL SERIES: IA TODAY
Mark your calendars! This October, International Aid will be holding a three-part community forum about our work and what we’ve been up to in recent years. Join us for some dessert and testimony of God’s goodness toward this ministry! The forums will be held on Oct. 11, 18 and 25 and will run from 7-8:30 p.m.

NOW OFFERING: IA ONLINE
You can now make a donation, edit your contact information and view your giving history online! Sign up at: give.internationalaid.org
They knew the storm was coming, but they had nowhere to go.

The family of eight—including multiple children and a grandparent—was too large to move quickly, and the F5 tornado was already destroying parts of their small town. As a last-ditch effort, the family huddled inside a small closet, held each other and prayed.

The tornado bore down on their neighborhood, ripping it apart. The family’s roof tore off of their house, and the inside of their home was nearly gutted.

But the closet stood, and the family was left unharmed. After the storm and rain subsided, the family painted the message “WE LIVED! GOD SAVES!” across the side of their house.

With those four words, the family let all who came through their town know to whom they owed their lives.

The family’s house was one of the few homes left standing after an F5 tornado tore through communities International Aid is now working with in Northern Alabama. Much of International Aid’s relief supplies went to these smaller cities, helping many who lost everything to begin rebuilding their homes and lives.