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Crate Builders Help With The International Aid Mission

Did you know that every piece of equipment that leaves our facility leaves in a custom built crate. Depending on the piece of equipment and the destination, these crates can be a lot of work. Although so much of this work is done behind the scenes, the impact on the receiving end is incredible. Special thanks to a crew of 4 men who regularly give of their time to build these crates. With the volunteers who donate their time and the volume of equipment that we ship to our partners in the field, this is a valuable role in our ministry. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers and their commitment to this ministry. We couldn't do



it without the help of these men. If you have general carpentry skills and have a desire to make a difference contact Mark Haveman at 616.935.6845 Together we can make a big difference!

Every Piece Is Important...

A message from I.A. President and CEO

Dear Friends,

This quarter's newsletter highlights a number of important areas of our ministry. From volunteer opportunities in our crating area to the generous gifts received from our donors; from products being donated by our corporate partners to the delivery of those products to people in need - every piece of this ministry is essential to changing lives around the world.

So much of what takes place here at International Aid happens behind the scenes. Our volunteers and dedicated employees passionately work each day to accomplish our mission. Our compassionate donors provide prayer and financial support. We see evidence of this each day. It's just so amazing to see what can be accomplished when we all work together. Often it's the unseen things that can make the biggest difference ... that being your prayers for International Aid. Never underestimate *your* role in changing lives.

We are grateful for all that you do help keep our ministry strong. TOGETHER, we are doing amazing things to reach the world for Christ.

In His Service,

Brian Anderson, President/CEO



Meet Aaron Mason

International Aid Regional Procurement Manager - Midwest

Aaron was born in Mishawaka, Indiana and grew up in Davison, Michigan. He graduated from Spring Arbor University with a Business degree and went straight into sales and marketing. He has 6 years of business development experience and was most recently a Territory Manager for Nestle Purina. He and his wife Andrea reside in Wheaton IL, where Andrea works for Wheaton College. In his free time he likes to play sports or board games with friends. On Sundays you will find him fearlessly rooting for his Detroit Lions. Aaron and Andrea have a loveable mini-Australian Shepard named Benny and just welcomed their first child, Barrett, into the world on September 23, 2013.

Make A Charitable Gift, Receive A Fixed Income

You may be able to significantly increase your annual income through a Charitable Gift Annuity. With a Charitable Gift Annuity, you make a gift that pays you an income for the life or lives of you and your spouse. The rate of return is based on your age at the time of your gift.

When you establish a Charitable Gift Annuity, you receive a charitable deduction for a portion of the gift. In addition, a portion of your annual income from the Gift Annuity is tax-free. After you have passed, the remainder of the gift goes to our organization or other charities you select. A Charitable Gift Annuity may be the answer for you.

With a Charitable Gift Annuity you get: Increased Income, Tax Deduction, Annual Payments are partially tax-free, opportunity to make a difference with a gift to your favorite charity.

Call Bill Erickson, Director of Advancement at 616.935.6868 for more information.

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Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work. If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Also if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

God's Heart In Us

We are made to be channels, not reservoirs. A body of water without an outlet becomes stagnant. A life without an outlet for some of its resources becomes stagnant. Giving is a channel for God's heart to flow through us – a heart of love, generosity and compassion. When we give we become more of who God wants us to be. Created in His image, we are not complete or fully satisfied unless we share a portion of what we have with others. Simply put, giving changes lives.

- Dick Towner and John Tofilon

International Aid's Lab-In-A-Suitcase®

Saving Lives All Over The World

In many places around the world, Healthcare is unavailable. Imagine what it would be like if you couldn't receive the simple diagnostic tests that have become so routine and taken for granted here in the United States.

In many places around the world, these lab tests are not available. In desperately impoverished and remote areas, they don't even exist. Common childhood illnesses go undiagnosed, untreated, and become life threatening, simply because important medical tools, the essential tools, are lacking.

International Aid has a solution: on the field, in rural clinics and hospitals, in urgent disaster relief situations, our Lab-In-A-Suitcase®, with its own power supply, makes a life-saving difference.

The Lab-In-A-Suitcase® is a basic portable laboratory that provides many of the important tests most frequently requested by medical practitioners, including: complete blood count, pregnancy and urine tests, glucose testing, and various other diagnostic tests.

In the words of Josie Stone, a nurse working in Ghana, West Africa, it is a "miraculous asset to the whole community!"

Working with our global partners, over 300 Labs-In-A-Suitcase have been placed in over 50 countries of the world, providing accurate and immediate help and hope to people who are suffering.

Currently we are working on a project in Eritrea, where we are shipping 10 of these portable laboratories each year for the next 5 years. We are currently in year number 2 of this project. By the time this project completes we will have assisted in opening 50 laboratory clinics in Eritrea. Praise God for this amazing opportunity!



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 this year. We are blessed to see how God has worked through our ministry. Thank you for choosing to make International Aid YOUR partner ministry. **Here is our impact since July 1, 2013:**



\$10 MILLION

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



29 COUNTRIES

Number of countries that received product from International Aid



33 PARTNERS

Number of partner organizations that received aid from International Aid

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.

For 33 years, 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 recipients of a better quality of life.



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