35th Anniversary

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International Aid

A Quarterly Insight Into The World Of International Aid

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CELEBRATING 35 YEARS...

Of helping those in need all around the world.

This year is International Aid’s 35th Anniversary! What an amazing journey this has been. Although we’ve seen God consistently faithful through the years, we also know we are just in the infancy of what God is going to do through our ministry. He is positioning us to be a part of some of the greatest life changing opportunities in history! And for those opportunities we couldn’t be more thankful. Doors are opening for us to work with partners in countries that we’ve never served in before, or haven’t for many years. And opportunities are rising for us to partner with programs and outreaches we never thought were possible. To God be the glory for all of these opportunities.

As we reflect on the many ways that God has used International Aid, we are constantly reminded of His faithfulness. Over the past 4 years, for every $1 that has been donated to International Aid, we have been able to provide over $100 worth of medical equipment and supplies, health products, nutritional supplements, medicines, hygiene kits, and in some cases disaster relief. This is a multiplication factor that only God can make possible, so that together we can change many lives.

I hope that as we celebrate this milestone over the next 12 months that you will celebrate with us. We are reminded in Ecclesiastes 3, that there is a time for everything...this is our time to celebrate, for all the He’s done and for all that together we’ve all been able to do!

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...”
-Ecclesiastes 3:1
Because of the generous support of Businesses, Organizations and Individuals, International Aid has been able to do a tremendous amount of work this fiscal year. We are blessed to see how God is working through our ministry. Thank you for choosing to make International Aid YOUR partner ministry. Here is our impact since July 1, 2014:

$8 MILLION
Amount of aid sent to partners in the areas of greatest need, both in the U.S. and abroad

28 COUNTRIES
Number of countries that received product from International Aid

50 PARTNERS
Number of partner organizations that received aid from International Aid

Matthew 25:22-23
“And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’

Faithful In “All”
Stewardship is a matter of keeping “all” of God’s commandments. We do not have the right to pick and choose. The good steward is one who is faithful in “all” matters – including the little things and those he does not like.

- Stanley I. Stuber

A few highlights from our 35 years International Aid
1980 – International Aid is incorporated.
1985 – International Aid gets its first computer and a donor database is set up.
1990 – International Aid ships several sea containers of food, medicines and hygiene kits to families in need in Ethiopia during drought and famine.
1995 – International Aid ships over 150 tons of high-nutrition food and $600,000 worth of antibiotics and prescription drugs to poverty stricken Haiti.
2000 – International Aid ships emergency supplies to Mozambique where 1 million people were homeless due to flooding from torrential rains.
2005 – International Aid responds to the Gulf Coast area where Hurricane Katrina and Rita savaged the coastal areas.
2010 – International Aid responds to major earthquake in Haiti.
2012 – International Aid has biggest year in the history of the organization shipping $160 million worth of products and equipment to 207 different ministry partners who served in 70 different countries.

These are just a few of the many ways that we have seen God work through the ministry of International Aid over the last 35 years. Many of you have been on this journey with us for the entire time and some of you are just starting out, whichever your case may be, we are truly blessed to serve with you!

Together, we can change lives!
Earlier this summer, two of our staff members, Jim Loeffler and Chuck McMillan, traveled to Liberia where they visited partner clinics. They were able to see firsthand the generosity of our donors, as they visited Grand Bassa Hospital in Liberia, West Africa. The hospital is benefiting from a fully operational surgical light and a new surgical table that were made possible through the love and support they’ve provided.

Men, women and children are now receiving a higher standard of care and treatment from this clinic. Physical needs are being met ... and spiritual needs are, too. Grand Bassa Hospital is just one of the many places our partners are making a difference through our unique work together.

In late August, we prepared and shipped a 40-foot container of personal protection equipment and urgently needed medical supplies to a hard-hit hospital in Sierra Leone, an area severely affected by the Ebola Virus. There’s a growing health crisis in West Africa... Included within in this container are 40-plus Pallets of life-saving equipment and supplies. Patient gowns, bandages, IV tubing, masks, gloves, isolation gowns, towels, blood pressure cuffs, diapers and other severely lacking medical supplies — currently in high demand.

We are also supplying four self-contained field scrub sinks for hand washing, four portable exam tables, new hospital beds and electronic thermometers. Lack of sanitation, education and financial resources are the three main things limiting the response of medical facilities throughout the region. By God’s grace, we are rushing to help.

Although this container was shipped specifically to our partners serving the sick in Sierra Leone and the equipment at Grand Bassa was updated, the need doesn’t end there. We will continue to respond with much-needed medical equipment and health products in Liberia, Haiti, Honduras, Eritrea, the Philippines, and many other places around the world. Places where physical and spiritual healing are continuing to change lives!

Other shipments we’ve sent over the last few months:
• We’ve have shipped much-needed medical equipment and supplies to Rwanda for an upcoming medical equipment training program.
• We are preparing to send anesthesia units, patient monitors, defibrillators, fetal monitors and other equipment to meet desperate needs in Nigeria.
• We have provided disaster relief for families rebuilding life in Arkansas after devastating tornados.
• We’ve also outfitted a Maternity Ward at a partner clinic in Haiti.

Hygiene Kits Making A Difference...

This past Spring, International Aid launched a Hygiene Kit Initiative that would involve packing thousands of hygiene kits in the next 12 months to distribute to our partners all around the world. Good hygiene is just one of the ways to improve community health in many of these countries.

Hygiene Kits are life saving consumable goods that our partners can use every day in communities around the world that are suffering or recovering from recent disruptions. Each hygiene kit contains a bottle of shampoo, a tube of toothpaste, a toothbrush, a comb, a bar of soap, a washcloth and is packaged and sealed in a one-gallon plastic bag.

So far this year we have packed 27 pallets of kits (7,190 kits). 12 of the 27 pallets have been distributed to partners working in the Philippines, Jordan, Knoxville, TN USA and Haiti.

Lives are truly being changed through the distribution of these kits!
GIVING CORNER:
YEAR END CHARITABLE GIFT GIVING

Most of us want to be in a financial position to do more for those who need our support. Our government’s tax laws offer incentives that encourage support of the works and dreams of organizations and institutions, like International Aid, that are making a difference in the world.

Through careful planning, a year-end gift can allow you to do more for others than you may have anticipated and still improve your own position, both today and tomorrow. A gift to us provides you with a feeling of personal satisfaction and demonstrates your belief in our mission. It may also result in a more tangible return—in the form of desirable tax benefits.

Charitable contribution deductions on your current income tax return and capital gains tax savings are of foremost benefit. Future estate tax savings may also result from your gift. There are many questions on charitable giving to consider before this year draws to a close. When should you give? What should you give? How much should you give?

As you plan your year end giving, please do not hesitate to contact our Advancement Directors who can help you with the questions you may have, and provide you with resources that may be helpful to you.

For more information on Year End Giving options, please call:
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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 35 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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