One year ago this spring, International Aid launched a Hygiene Kit Program to Engage the Community, Activate the Church, and Impact the World. Since International Aid is already committed to providing medical and health resources to global partners who serve in areas of need, playing off of that mission seemed to be the right choice.

International Aid’s Hygiene Kit Program helps people whose lives are torn apart by disaster, illness, or poverty and simply helps those without access to these resources on a regular basis. It is truly enough for people in these communities to focus on staying safe and staying alive during those difficult and trying times, but basic hygiene items can make a really big difference.

Hygiene Kits are life changing consumable goods that our partners can distribute in communities all around the world, and are very helpful for those that are suffering or recovering from recent disruptions.

Here, in the United States, we know firsthand the importance of proper hygiene, as most of us are blessed with access to all the resources that we need to maintain basic hygiene standards.

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Hygiene Kits being distributed in the Philippines. These kits are helping to rebuild and improve lives in this community.
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, 2014 through February 28, 2015:

$32 MILLION
Amount of aid sent to partners in the areas of greatest need, both in the U.S. and abroad

58 COUNTRIES
Number of countries that received product from International Aid

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

His Yoke Is Light
The strange paradox is that as we accept the heavy yoke of Christ, all our burdens become lighter. As we accept a complete stewardship and give ourselves and all that we have to the Kingdom cause, we become rich. At the very heart of Christian stewardship is the act of service, even at great cost. But the wonderful thing is that Christian service does something to us as well as to the people whom we serve. Stewardship is an act of Christian love.

- Stanley I. Stuber

“Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy but my burden is light.”

- Matthew 11:28-30

(Hygiene Kits continued)
Personal hygiene is one of the top needs for people struggling to obtain reliable sources of food, water and shelter. These hygiene kits offer that first line of defense against the spread of illness, a first step toward good health, and they provide tangible hope for those who are suffering.

In the past year over 400 people have packed 14,936 hygiene kits. These kits have been distributed in 5 different countries, including right here in the United States. The need ALL around the world is very great for hygiene kits.

As we celebrate the one year anniversary of this program, we also celebrate the countless lives that have been changed. Its amazing how the simple items that we continually take for granted have such a huge impact on others in different communities. Praise God for His hand on this program and for continuing to open doors.

Together, we ARE doing amazing things to reach the world for Christ!

For more information on our hygiene kit program or how you can get involved visit www.hygienekits.org or email kits@internationalaid.org
Shipment Snapshots

I.A. sends life-changing equipment and products all round the world!

Many shipments leave International Aid on a daily basis. From small orders to full semi-trailers full of equipment and health products. No matter what the shipment contains, it will definitely impact lives on the receiving end. These snapshots will give you a glimpse of a couple of shipments that are en route to their destinations. It’s always exciting to see how and where God is working through International Aid, the partners that we serve, and the areas in which they are serving.

On March 17th, a container left our warehouse filled with supplies for the Philippines. This container is part of our ongoing relief efforts to help those in the Philippines following the devastation of Typhoon Haiyan and Cyclone Hagupit. The container contained Hygiene Kits, basic health supplies, and over the counter medicines. These resources will truly impact the lives of those who receive them.

In late February, 3 Lab-In-A-Suitcase units are headed to Eritrea, located in East Africa. This is part of the ongoing project that we have with an organization, to provide 10 Labs per year for 5 years. This completes year number 3. The Lab-In-A-Suitcase meets Eritrea’s standards for a basic clinic. This is a great tool for diagnosis of many diseases in their country.

Please continue to prayer for these shipments, the partners receiving them and the communities that will benefit from them. We are truly blessed to work with so many wonderful partners who are committed to showing Christ’s love to those in need. We praise God for them and their service! Together, we ARE doing amazing things to reach the world for Christ!
Planned Giving: Are You Planning On It?

Stewardship of our personal resources is an important biblical principle for all believers regardless of economic status or age. We each have a responsibility to act as God’s stewards in managing His gifts to us.

What is Planned Giving? Planned giving may be defined as a method of supporting non-profits and charities that enables philanthropic individuals or donors to make larger gifts than they could make from their income. While some planned gifts provide a life-long income to the donor, others use estate and tax planning techniques to provide for charity and other heirs in ways that maximize the gift and/or minimize its impact on the donor’s estate.

A planned gift is any major gift, made in lifetime or at death as part of a donor’s overall financial and/or estate planning. Whether a donor uses cash, appreciated securities/stock, real estate, artwork, partnership interests, personal property, life insurance, a retirement plan, etc., the benefits of funding a planned gift can make this type of charitable giving very attractive to both donor and charity.

Charitable Gifts Other Than Cash It may surprise you to know that many assets may be more tax-efficient to give than cash. Consider gifts of… • Stock and other Securities • Real Estate • Business Interests • Grain • Life Insurance • Tangible Personal Property • IRA or other Retirement Assets • Bequest from a Will or Trust

Want more information about Planned Giving? International Aid is proud to work with the Barnabas Foundation. The Barnabas Foundation provides guidance and assistance to Christians of all ages and generations to help them grow in their understanding of biblical stewardship and experience the joy of living a generous life. Independent from International Aid, The Barnabas Foundation represents Christian donors and is a trustworthy organization that help you identify income and tax implications, along with benefits to you and your favorite organizations and charities.

For more information on planned giving and all other giving options, please contact:
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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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