HYGIENE PROGRAM HEADS TO HAITI...

Educational Events Held At Partner Clinic in Cazale

Cazale is a mountainous village located one and a half hours outside of Port-au-Prince in Haiti. And for over 15 years International Aid has partnered there with Real Hope for Haiti by providing medicines, nutritional supplements and personal care items for use in their clinic—Grace of the Good Samaritan Health Center. More recently we’ve partnered with them in a different way:

Since the spring of 2014 we have invited members of our local West Michigan community to participate in our Hygiene Kit Packing Events, held at International Aid headquarters. These events have produced and distributed over 25,000 hygiene kits around the world.

On August 14 and 15, 2015, three members of International Aid’s Health Product department held two educational clinics in Cazale at Real Hope for Haiti’s medical clinic and community center.

(Haiti continued inside...)
“Working as the hands and feet of Jesus.”

The focus was to reinforce the importance of properly washing our hands with soap and water to protect against disease-causing germs. While washing, they sang the Happy Birthday song. Singing the song takes about 20 seconds, which is a suggested length of time to adequately wash your hands for germ prevention. This education was particularly important as their community is still recovering from the effects of the Cholera outbreak that devastated Haiti following the earthquake in 2010. It also aided Real Hope for Haiti’s existing educational efforts with those they serve in Cazale. The team also had an opportunity to educate the children with proper tooth brushing techniques.

Over 50 people attended the clinic on Friday and 25 children attended the Saturday clinic. The International Aid hygiene kits—that you packed—were distributed to participants after each program. These hygiene items are very expensive in Haiti, and as a result, are a low priority for families who cannot afford them.

Your support has truly made a tremendous impact around the globe! “To be able to give them [their patients] something extra to go home with and know that tonight they are going to be able to take a bath,” Licia Betor, Director of Real Hope for Haiti’s Rescue Center, said with deepest thanks to our team, “Tomorrow morning they are going to be able to wake up and be able to brush their teeth and feel clean. It’s a huge blessing because that’s something they normally don’t have.”

On behalf of International Aid’s staff, thank you for helping us make this possible. We invite you to continue partnering with us to make these resources available to our partners through prayer, participating at packing events or supporting our kit program financially.

To participate at an event please register online at www.hygienekits.org. If you would like to support International Aid’s Hygiene Kit Program financially, please visit www.give2ia.org and designate your gift to the Hygiene Kit Program.

Global Handwashing Day
October 15, 2015

International Aid is proud to participate in this year’s Global Handwashing Day, which is celebrated annually on October 15. The aim is to raise public awareness and provide education and resources to our global partners who serve people in need. The Health Products department is holding an event for that day in which to educate 175 kids and parents in fun and creative ways designed to:

- Foster and support a local and global culture of handwashing with soap
- Shine a spotlight on the state of handwashing globally
- Raise awareness about the benefits of handwashing with soap

The kids will be joining in fun handwashing relays and educational activities, similar to those held last month in Haiti, and participating in packing hygiene kits.

Please join with us on that day in prayer so that our local support will continue to help people in need around the world.
International Aid... IMPACT UPDATE

International Aid has accomplished a tremendous amount of work this year due to the generous support of businesses, organizations and individuals. 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, 2015 through August 30, 2015:

- $7 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
- 35 PARTNERS: Number of partner organizations that received aid from International Aid

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS

What We Do With What We Have

Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

- 1 Corinthians 4:2

“The idea is to steward our time for the priorities we do have, not the ones we wish we had. When you father a child, or say “I do” to the solemn vow of marriage, that creates responsibility. A steward is responsible to be faithful to that for which he is accountable. We are not accountable for the set of responsibilities we wish we had, but for the set of responsibilities we do have.”

- Patrick Morley, Author

Excerpt taken from Stewardship Study Bible

Hope and Healing in Tanzania...

A hospital without anesthesia is like a farmer without a tractor. There’s just some things you can’t do… unless you have the proper equipment. The Monduli District Hospital, in the Arusha region of northern Tanzania, had been without general anesthesia capabilities and so patients needing significant surgery must be sent to other facilities. The hospital contacted the Drager Medical Corporation regarding the donation of anesthesia equipment. Drager Medical, an existing corporate donor, partnered with International Aid to provide two anesthesia machines for the Tanzanian hospital. The machines were fully tested, calibrated and accessorized by International Aid’s Bio-Med team for immediate use and shipped to Monduli District Hospital. As well as the reconditioning work, our biomed staff also provided a supplies kit, manuals and arranged the transportation. Drager Medical provided the machines, parts and underwrote the shipping costs for sending it overseas. Monduli District Hospital covered in-country freight and a technical team to install, train and use the equipment. Currently one anesthesia unit is in use and the second is scheduled to arrive soon. The hospital now can do more, and patients are “sleeping” comfortably and less painfully from vital surgical procedures, thanks to the Drager Corporation and International Aid donors.

TOGETHER, we are doing amazing things to reach the world for Christ!
PERFECT TIMING... Flood In Liberia Shifts Focus

Everything’s planned out, meetings were held and a trip to Liberia was approved to install a digital x-ray system and train staff for its use at the DeVos Clinic in Bo Waterside. Little did International Aid’s Medical Equipment Services team know that those plans would change before they would even set out on their travels. Flexibility is key, and being able to respond to our partners’ needs is essential because those needs can change dramatically for various reasons.

The Mano River, which runs along side the clinic, flooded due to heavy downpours of rain. This flood, the first of its kind in the area, destroyed many homes and properties. The DeVos Clinic, too, was significantly damaged along with several pieces of equipment including the x-ray system that was to be installed. And this damage to the clinic now has changed the purpose for International Aid’s reason for going to Liberia—from installing the x-ray system to responding to the disaster and assessing the damage in what may be salvageable.

Please pray for our team, the people at the clinic and the community of Bo Waterside.

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.