SEEDS OF FAITH
Planting For The Future

How inspiring it is to see children excited about doing work, especially in the summer. Sure, it’s a little easier if they’re surrounded by friends, and that what they’re doing is peppered with exuberant adults who don’t mind getting into a bit of silliness. But what really matters is giving our youth opportunities to learn about serving others, to grow in compassion and provide a venue for them to demonstrate the love of Jesus. International Aid recognizes the importance of educating children about our mission and how God has blessed us in serving others.

*We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about His power and His mighty wonders.*

Psalm 78:4

The best way to teach children, and have it be meaningful, is to engage them with action—actual efforts that benefit real people. So we have partnered with two large churches, in the greater Grand Rapids (Michigan) area, to volunteer in our Hygiene Kit initiative this summer. Resurrection Life Church has committed their Youth Academy to hold six Hygiene Kit packing events during June and July as a youth ministry service project. As well, Ada Bible Church will hold four Hygiene Kit packing events in August.
This summer we are planting seeds of compassion and servanthood within these children so that a passion to serve Jesus by serving others—locally and globally—will continue to grow and flourish.

We have endeavored to produce 40,000 hygiene kits for Partnership with Native Americans (PWNA), one of our partners here in the U.S. These kits will be distributed west to various Native American reservations for families in need. PWNA works with some of the poorest families in our nation, a lot of whom are in rural and remote areas and do not have access to hygiene products.

Twenty thousand kits will be used for PWNA’s Stocking-Stuffer program and must be ready for shipment by September. That’s where the kids come in!

They’ve stepped up to the plate with enthusiasm and joy, ready to serve and happy to do it. A very well-spoken, Youth Academy volunteer shared her reasons for participating in the kit-packing event:

“Our motivation is sharing the love of Jesus Christ because we believe that people connect well. When they see Jesus’ light through us and our actions, it’s contagious. So that’s our goal: to serve and help others in tangible ways through events like this.”

There is something so heartwarming and encouraging to see these wonderful children work with such delight, smiles and laughter—all the while learning to glorify Christ by serving those in need.

Mobile Clinics In India

Christ For India Serves Rural Villages

Pastor Abraham came to visit International Aid to pick up two Lab-In-A-Suitcases®. The Lab-In-A-Suitcase® is solar-powered, making it sustainable in places where there is no electricity. This has allowed Christ for India to be able to hold mobile clinics.

He reported that Christ for India is the only health center in the entire vicinity that offers care to people that live in outlying villages, and now can offer the poor free diagnostic lab tests. We are grateful for Pastor Abraham and his partnership with International Aid.
Two earthquakes shook Ecuador into ruin on April 16 of this year. Each tremor registered over 6.7 on the Richter scale. The first hit very early in the morning and the second followed that afternoon. Does this disaster sound familiar? Last summer we reported Nepal’s catastrophe by two earthquakes that also struck in April, registering 7.8 and then 7.3.

In a single day families in Ecuador were left in ruin: lost loved-ones, homes destroyed, confusion abounding, and fear swelling. What could they do? Where could they go? And would more earthquakes come?

Since then, the death toll rose to 661 with 27,732 people injured. The cities of Manta, Portoviejo and Pedernales (tourist destinations) saw the most devastation, but the damage was widespread throughout the country.

We are very grateful for our amazing donors who gave so generously. They made it possible for International Aid to respond to this disaster and send 8,400 hygiene kits to the children and families in Ecuador.

Thank you for the many hands who help pack, ship and distribute the hygiene kits. And thank you to those who continue to pray for International Aid and the opportunities that are placed in front of us in which to bless people in need, like those in Ecuador. May God be given all the glory for His loving kindness shown through His faithful people, and the gift of the Solid Rock we can find in Jesus!

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Electronic Funds Transfer
Convenient Giving for Busy Lives

These days our lives can be very busy, with lots of distractions. Electronic Fund Transfers allows you to schedule your gifts monthly, right to your credit card, while ensuring that urgently-needed medical equipment and health products will not be forgotten.

Simplify your gifts by signing up at www.give2ia.org or contacting our office at 800-968-7490 to set up your automatic transfer.

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Incredible Journey
Shipments From Here to There

It is no easy task getting medical equipment and supplies to some countries. Our perspective may be eclipsed by the many conveniences that we have here in the U.S. It takes time, patience, due-diligence with paperwork—and often the right relationships within the government departments of the receiving country. Still, those relationships can be fleeting as many countries have high turnovers with their customs officials.

Hope Clinic, in Guinea (Africa), purchased a digital x-ray machine from International Aid at the beginning of this year. Jon and Anja Erickson oversaw its trek through customs in the U.S. and in Guinea, processed all the pertinent paperwork and it finally arrived mid-June. It has been installed and is scheduled for patient use in July, Lord willing.

One To Many Ratio
Turning One Seed into Many More

For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. — 2 Corinthians 9:10

Over the past four years, every $1 given has translated into $58 worth of medical equipment, supplies, and health products for people in need around the world. We recognize that this is not an accomplishment of our own efforts, but is solely due to God’s compassion and provision—for those who need it, those in the field ready to supply it and His faithful people who support it.

New Partnerships
One Body with Many Parts

Brian Anderson, President and CEO, sat down with station manager, Jack Haveman, at Moody Radio for an interview this past June. Brian explained how International Aid is a part of One Body working with other organizations. “Working together we’re demonstrating the love of Christ,” he said.

Jack responded, “I love the word partner because Moody Radio is establishing a partnership with International Aid. Even though we have a different focus, we are talking about proclaiming the Gospel, teaching the Gospel and making disciples.”

To hear the interview visit: www.internationalaid.org (video section).
A Matter Of Prayer
The Plight of Street Children In Brazil

Amongst the glitz and glamour of the Olympics in Brazil this summer, are millions of street children that are deprived the attention they desperately need. Brazil is the fifth largest country in the world, with a population of about 190 million, and has the highest number of people living with HIV and AIDS. The country is riddled with profound poverty that results in violence and family disintegration. Currently street children are estimated between two and eight million. So many of them are left to survive by finding food from garbage heaps, struggle with glue-sniffing and are vulnerable to sex-traffickers. Prayer is powerful! Please join with us that God will work through His people to help and give hope in Brazil, in Jesus’ name.

Seasonal Lull
No Summer Breaks in Global Health

The ebb and flow of charitable giving can be quite a conundrum. During the summer months our donations typically decrease substantially. Some of the factors for that, no doubt, are because so many are out-and-about on vacations and other fun-filled activities. Yet our nation’s economic and political climates also factor in to contribution decline. But we press on, ever sure of God’s providence, and work with all that we are given with thankful hearts.

Summer In Contrast
Local Children Experience the Joy Of Serving Others

Summer is in full swing. For most children here in the U.S., it’s the best time of year. The drudgery of school is months away and they get to go to various camps, vacation Bible school, special trips and swimming outings.

In stark contrast, there are children half a world away that do not have a summer break and may not even attend school due to poverty. Their summers are filled with work to help the family, even at very young ages—fetching water, farming and caring for younger siblings. So what can we do, especially when we’re here and they are there?

International Aid has engaged local youth in our Hygiene Kit initiative to make a global impact for children and families around the world. We recognize that we are fortunate here in the U.S. and have a responsibility to help and care for those who are not so fortunate. And we are seeing the joy of Christ as they serve people they will never meet.
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.

Here is our impact since July 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016.

Thank you for choosing to make International Aid YOUR partner ministry.

$61 MILLION
Amount of aid sent to partners in the area of greatest need, both in the U.S. and abroad

63 COUNTRIES
Number of countries that have received product from International Aid

138 PARTNERS
Number of partner organizations that receive 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 over 35 years, International Aid has equipped servants worldwide with tools 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.