ANSWERING THE CALL
Meeting Challenges of The Refugee Crisis

In the midst of miles of dry soil and a blazing sun, in the northwest tip of Kenya (Africa) along the Terach River, lies the over-populated Kakuma Refugee Camp. Kakuma is a Swahili word which means “nowhere.” This camp was established in 1992 following the arrival of the Lost Boys of Sudan—which were approximately 20,000 boys who had been displaced or orphaned during the Sudanese Civil War (1983-2005). With the influx of new arrivals, which began in 2014, Kakuma surpassed its capacity by over 60,000 people and is considered to be one of the largest refugee camps in the world with a population in excess of 155,000. This has led to serious congestion that affects every aspect of social life: employment, education, food, sanitation and health.

In the Middle East, over 11 million Syrians have been displaced due to the on-going conflict in Syria. Turkey hosts the world’s largest community of Syrian refugees. Their reception of the refugees was demonstrated on the assumption that the conflict would have a swift conclusion. But the Syrian Civil War, which began in 2011, and unrest continues to this day. Make-shift settlement camps formed to meet the needs of the swelling refugee population and scattered across Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan and Greece—as well as other nations that would accept them.

The conditions of these settlement camps in the Middle East—and others like Kakuma....
are grave. Support has waned over recent years and the camps’ resources and infrastructure are strained, to say the least. The refugees have little opportunities for employment or education, access to healthcare is meager, malnutrition is rampant throughout the camps, and over-crowding has accelerated the spread of infectious diseases.

International Aid was called upon to help, and so we are meeting the challenge by equipping partners who serve the refugees with urgently needed medical equipment, supplies and health resources.

Initially we began work with Crossroads Church of the Nazarene, a partner who has been present in East Africa for years. They work with the Kakuma Mission Hospital that serves the refugee camp. We provided them an anesthesia machine and pressure sterilizer.

Recently we shipped two large crates of diagnostic, medical equipment to our partner, Medical Teams International (MTI). The equipment consisted of: vital sign monitors, fetal dopplers (a hand-held ultrasound used to detect a baby’s heartbeat during prenatal care), EKG machines and sterilizers. MTI works in the Middle East, providing care for the Syrian refugees in the Lebanon settlement camps.

Every life matters! And we work to provide health resources to people in need wherever they are!

HANDMADE HOPE
Crafting Compassion

In May, more than 50 crafting volunteers attended International Aid’s Crafter’s Luncheon. The event was to highlight appreciation for the crafters’ contributions. Those who attended were able to see—and pack—some of the items that are shipped with the medical equipment to various countries around the world. Each crafter also had an opportunity to learn about each other as the mic was passed around for short introductions.

“God is so good and greatly to be praised!” said Julie Anderson, “It’s amazing to see what God can do with His faithful crafting servants, and their willingness to share their God-given talents with International Aid.”

At the luncheon, Julie reported that nearly 100 craft volunteers have made: 329 blankets, 846 hats, 9 sweaters and 5 pair of baby booties that took an estimated total time of 3,724 hours. These handmade items are sent with medical equipment, often times packed inside infant incubators and infant warmers.

If you are interested in providing handmade items for International Aid, please contact Julie at: crafters@internationalaid.org
LOOKING INSIDE
A Plan For Body and Soul

13-year-old Kadiatou, from Mali (Africa), went to the Women and Children's hospital for ankle surgery. All of her walking-life she's had to walk on the toes of her right foot because the ankle would not flex down.

Not only did she have her life changed through the surgery, she's accepted Jesus as her Lord the day before she left the Women and Children's hospital. Now she'll walk in the perfect light of Jesus' love within her heart!

"Thanks to our outstanding digital x-ray system provided by International Aid, we were able to properly evaluate her and formulate a treatment plan," reported Dr. Kim. After two surgeries Kadiatou's foot was back in a natural position.

Even better-- the day before she left, the Gospel was shared with her and Kadiatou retold the Gospel to her mother. Both received salvation through Jesus!

YOUR 2 HOURS
Can Impact Up To 3,000 People In Need

This event is great fun for the entire family! Not only will your kids--or grandkids--have a good time packing kits, it is a wonderful way to educate your children about serving people in need.

Our goal is to pack 25,000 hygiene kits and you can help us do it!

Catch the Vision
and see the heart of International Aid!

Join us on July 19, 2017 for our Hygiene Kit Packing Event from 10 AM to 7 PM at International Aid on Hickory Street.

A little bit of time can make a huge impact in the lives of people in need around the world, and in the U.S.

Register today for a 2 hour block of time by visiting our website at:

www.internationalaid.org/kitevent

GET INVOLVED
We invited a small group of 30 guests to attend a dinner at the Culinary Institute of Michigan in Muskegon. A few of the guests had never heard of International Aid, as they had been invited by some that were attending to get acquainted with our mission and ministry. The venue and five-course meal was provided by the culinary school at no charge.

The food and service was outstanding, as was the presentation by our Advancement Director, Bill Erickson. Rick Ebeling, President of DaySpring, spoke on the joys of giving, and The Choice video was shown to highlight one of the primary reasons International Aid provides medical equipment. (You can watch the video by visiting our website at: www.internationalaid.org/the-choice)

Yet the most powerful and inspiring thing that happened that evening was when the mic was passed for everyone to introduce themselves.

As an icebreaker, Bill had everyone answer the following: If you could be any doctor, what kind would it be? It was astounding that nearly everyone who attended was touched by some significant health issue in their lives or in the lives of someone close to them. For some it was themselves, for others it was their children or parents, and yet others it was someone very dear.

Everyone is affected by health in some way, which shows why our mission is so important.
Clinica El Ayudante serves the people in the Comayagua region, which is about a two-hour drive east of San Pedro. The clinic offers medical, dental and optical services by using volunteer health professionals in mission teams.

International Aid recently provided the medical clinic a Lab-In-A-Suitcase through our grant program. This allows our partner to have an onsite laboratory for blood and urine testing in order to diagnose more efficiently and more accurately.

Smaller than West Virginia, the mountaineous country of Honduras struggles with poverty, child labor issues, social strife and communicable diseases. Less than one-third of the people that live in that Central American country have access to basic sanitation facilities and HIV/AIDS is rampant. More than 70% of all the Central American HIV/AIDS cases are found in Honduras. These are some of the reasons our partner, El Ayudante, runs a medical clinic there.

El Ayudante, like many of our partners, presents the Gospel by serving people in need.

JUST THE BASICS
Health Products Highly Desired

In many areas of the world some of the most basic, personal items are not available—including soap. Often, this is due to the area’s remote location, lack of development, excessive poverty or being susceptible to natural disasters which leads to the spread of illness and disease.

This is why International Aid works to provide health resources to such vulnerable places. So when we came across an opportunity to provide soap to people who needed it, we went for it. We recently shipped a pallet of soap from Dr. Jacob Naturals to our partner Love A Child in Haiti.

“The kids were so excited to get the soap, they forgot to take their clothes off first!” reported Bobby and Sherry Burnette, founders of Love A Child. “It was like Christmas in June! Thank you, International Aid, for this wonderful gift.”

The soap will be used for bathing and doing laundry. We praise God for His gifts and the opportunities to serve people in need.
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 God working through our ministry.

Here is our impact since July 1, 2016 through May 2017

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

$50 MILLION
Amount of aid sent to partners in the areas of greatest need, both in the U.S. and abroad

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

151 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. This is done through the distribution of life-saving medicines, hygiene products, nutritional supplements, reconditioned medical equipment and supplies 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.

We are dedicated to being good stewards of the resources that God has entrusted to us. Part of this dedication involves transparency in regards to our financial practices along with fiscal responsibility and accountability. In addition to an annual audit by a certified public accounting firm, International Aid is also a member of the ECFA, the Better Business Bureau, a Platinum participant with GuideStar Exchange, and a member of Christian Charities USA where we have been awarded a seal of excellence certified by Independent Charities of America.

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