On a bitter, winter morning Brian Anderson, our President/CEO, eagerly loaded a rental truck full of stuffed beanie toys of various sizes. Out of the hundreds of shipments International Aid makes each year, this is one of the few that Brian likes to make himself. “What a blessing it is to be able to receive this opportunity to impact children in need here in the U.S. and right here in western Michigan. It gives me great joy any time International Aid is able to help here at home,” he expressed happily. It was particularly festive for him because the toy deliveries were made just five days before Christmas. What a beautiful gift from God to share at Christmas!

You might wonder what toys have to do with health. To a child that is suffering physical ailments, emotional hurts and various forms of loss—such as a home, or a parent for example—a plushy toy can bring them comfort that can help the healing process.

Brian personally delivered over 5,000 of the beanie toys—Olaf, Chloe the cat, Nemo and Dori, and a whale—to four Grand Rapids organizations: the Salvation Army, Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital, Bethany Christian Services and Toys for Tots. The Toys for Tots delivery was made to the Marine Corps and WZZM’s warehouse where distribution was made at a local school.

These toys were a part of a larger shipment that was made to families in need in Texas, still recovering from Hurricane Harvey.
Medical Equipment
Our MES department has provided medical equipment to various countries, from a Syrian refugee camp in the Middle East to health clinics right here in the U.S. They have also provided medical equipment assessments to children’s hospitals in Niger and Uganda as well as three hospitals in Haiti.

Disaster Relief
The U.S. was pulverized by 3 hurricane disasters: Harvey, Irma and Maria. Millions were affected—with billions of dollars in damages—in Texas, Florida and in the Caribbean.

Because of God’s love shown by His people, International Aid responded with over $170,000 of disaster relief aid and continues to provide for people in need there.

Health Products
International Aid has been blessed to provide our partners with various over-the-counter medicines, supplements, and more than 60,000 hygiene kits since July 1, 2017. We have also engaged hundreds of young students on proper hand washing within our annual Global Handwashing Day celebration in October.

A HOOTENANNY
Acoustic Oasis is comprised of two guys who love playing music. They have for 8 years performed in various venues in West Michigan. Moved by the news and reports of the hurricane disasters that struck our nation, they felt compelled to act.

“I believe that any time you encounter a disaster on the scale that we have recently,” Phil Peterson said, “You want to do something. And Glen and I felt that we had something to offer with our music. So we decided to do an event, to bring people together and raise money for a cause. We felt that International Aid is a great organization to benefit from the event.”

Glen explained that everyone has a gift to share and that their musical talents were a way for them to put their ears in the water and help people in need.

At the event the men sang folk songs like This Land Is Your Land and Blowing In the Wind, which resonated with the audience. Phil and Glen engaged the crowd by encouraging donations for any requested music. The audience responded with great generosity and the event raised over $1,800 for International Aid.
HELPING AT HOME
Wherever The Need May Be

The mission field is full of need for medical equipment, and often our perception of the mission field is everywhere except here in the U.S. This is no doubt due to our country having access to so many resources. Still, International Aid recognizes the need wherever that need may be, which includes right here at home—in the U.S. and even in West Michigan.

Exalta is a community health clinic that serves working poor families in Grand Rapids (MI). The clinic provides medical health services, including dental and optical care. Sadly, more than 70% of them have household incomes at the poverty level. Because the patients are employed, they fall between the cracks of insurance provisions.

International Aid was blessed to meet the clinic’s need with a sterilizer, ear exam instruments and a pulse oximeter that tests blood-oxygen levels and heart rates. Praise God for His providing hand!

INSPIRED GIFTS

Christmastime is the season of giving, which motivated our President, Brian Anderson, to inspire the rest of the staff to make a collective donation to one of our Community Give-Back Partners—Teen Challenge. All of our employees responded enthusiastically and raised over $350.

Gift bags were gleefully packed with useful items like warm socks, electric toothbrushes and other personal care items. It was a happy occasion to share God’s blessings with others.

Sharing the Love

Be a part of Sharing the Love for people in need here at home, in the U.S., and around the world by registering for our upcoming Hygiene Kit Packing event!

The event is great for the entire family and held at our corporate offices at 17011 Hickory Street in Spring Lake, Michigan. There will be 3 shifts that you can be a part of:

- **Morning**: 10 AM - 12 PM (noon)
- **Afternoon**: 3 PM - 5 PM
- **Evening**: 6 PM - 8 PM

Register online: internationalaid.org/Kit-Event

There is a $5 registration fee to reserve your spot.
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, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

$13 MILLION
Amount of aid sent to partners in the areas of greatest need, both in the U.S. and abroad

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

82 PARTNERS
Number of partner organizations that receive aid from International Aid

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

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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