When the media leaves, so does the funding for recovery. Harvey victims didn’t have much of a chance for news coverage because of the other two hurricanes that quickly followed.

Brian Anderson, President/CEO, on the Gulf shore of Texas after meeting with families still recovering from Hurricane Harvey.

HURRICANE HARVEY
OVER 6 MONTHS OF RECOVERY

For many of us, it might be difficult to understand what it’s like to be caught in a natural disaster, to have such terrible loss come in a very short time and change the course of our lives. It can be overwhelming, confusing and create unintended hardships that entire families have to deal with, for however long it takes... to get back to normal.

“Back to normal,” what does that mean? What does it mean for the thousands who have lost their homes, cars, and even loved ones to a disaster like Hurricane Harvey? This was a powerful, tropical storm that made history in the extent of its size, movement and aftermath. Still, many people simply didn’t think it would be as bad as it turned out because it had never happened in their area before. So they stayed. They watched the rain pour down for days. They saw the waters rise and then realized--it was too late. What does “back to normal” mean for these people who have suffered trauma from a disaster like this and for a while have to relive it whenever there are rain showers? How long does it take before most people are, indeed, back to normal?

On the surface, it might seem that Houston is already “back to normal.” But if you look a little closer and make your way off the main streets, it’s not hard to find entire areas still overtaken...
by the destruction. For those who have the means, they are still cleaning up and rebuilding. For those that don’t, it’s a much harder row to hoe. Life does not stop in order to make room for the hardships that disaster recovery brings a family. It gets added on top of all the other responsibilities: work, school, kids, and home.

Now home is not just a structure of walls with doors and windows and a ceiling over our heads. It’s not just a place to come in from the elements, from the cold, the wind and rain, from the heat of the day. Home is much more than that!

Home is the place of our existence, the embodiment of memories and history and most importantly—love. Home is the place where we build our lives and feel safe. This is why natural disasters are so devastating. And this is why International Aid responds with fervent intention in providing long-term disaster relief that brings real hope to people in need.

God has truly blessed us. Because of donor friends like you, we have distributed over $1.2 million worth of aid and more than $157,000 for Hurricane Harvey victims. Over 14 truckloads of product was shipped that contained hygiene kits, cleaning tools like mops and buckets, cleaning products, personal care items, food for toddlers, paper products and much more. We praise God for the way He moved His people to take action and show love. Thank you, Jesus!

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DEPLOYING THE CHURCH

PARTNERSHIPS ACHIEVE GREATER IMPACT

After so many reports of families still recovering from the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, our President, Brian Anderson, felt compelled to return to Houston six months later. He needed to see first-hand if there were more ways that International Aid could assist with disaster relief.

Brian met with families whose daily hardships were very much like third-world conditions, right here in the U.S. Some families had no running water, no bathroom facilities, laundry, nor proper kitchen. Many of their in-door appliances, including refrigerators, are being used outside.

Brian’s heart went out to those he met and for the children whose parents explained how their little ones relive the trauma of the disaster whenever there is heavy rainfall.

Driven by compassion, Brian met with our partner, Frank Griffith with Victory Life Church and Lenora Purvis, founder of Heaven’s Army, to put together a plan to help people with long-term disaster relief.

Churches and para-church organizations, like Heaven’s Army, are typically well suited to aid in mobilizing relief assistance. This is due to their willingness to serve, their pre-existing outreach programs and living right in the affected communities. Praise the Lord for the hearts of His faithful people!
SHINING BRIGHT
THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

We get so excited when we are able to ship surgical lights to our partners around the world. This is because we know that many surgeries in the field are conducted with whatever lights are available. More commonly it is the natural light of a window. Yet we have seen everything from simple lighting fixtures to car headlights rigged from the operating room ceiling.

Our partner, Africa Medical Alliance, works with Tandala Hospital in Democratic Republic of Congo. This hospital was in need of surgical lights. We saw an opportunity to equip surgeons with tools they need to perform their best. So we purchased a set of dual-head, LED lights which will improve the outcomes of the surgeries and increase the number of procedures they can perform.

We know that wherever we can bring light, so that people can see, that lives will be changed and souls will be saved.

NEW PARTNERS
BRINGING HOPE & MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO PANAMA

Delivering medical supplies to certain parts of the world can be quite a challenge. It may require more than an automobile and much more time than one might think.

Floating Doctors, one of our newest partners, describes the difficult journey to Las Sabanas, where they served over 200 patients. Las Sabanas is 155 miles west of Panama City.

First they travel one hour by boat and two hours by bus to the closest town. From there everything is loaded onto horses for a 4-hour hike, across 3 rivers and many areas of deep mud that comes up to your knees. It’s amazing to know that the people who live in Las Sabanas have to make the same journey to reach the nearest hospital--and must do it sick or injured.

But the Floating Doctors team is undaunted. They know that without their support, many of the children there have a slim chance of surviving illnesses that are easily treated. This realization drives them with great determination and zeal.

International Aid has already provided a shipment of medical supplies that include an assortment of medications. We are excited to see the Lord working in this partnership!
IN LINE
AND READY TO RESPOND

It was just typical lunch break at the Grand Traverse Pie Company with a coworker on an ordinary Michigan Wednesday. Brooke Allison, our Medical Equipment Services Partner Development Manager, found herself suddenly in a medical emergency situation. Pie would have to wait!

An elderly gentleman, next to her in line at the cash register, instantly became dizzy. Knocking some things off the counter drew Brooke’s attention enough where she understood that something was medically wrong. She caught him as he fell and gently helped him to the floor. Immediately she checked for vital signs: pulse, heart rate and whether he was in any pain. Then she directed the cashier to call 9-1-1 and waited for the EMS.

“In a situation like that, my training just took over, and I did what I had been trained to do. I’m really glad I was there at the right time,” Brooke said.

It is wonderful to experience when God puts His people right where they need to be in order to respond to the needs of others, and maybe even save a life. That’s what International Aid is all about: being ready to respond and meet the needs of people who are suffering. We are glad for Brooke being equipped and willing to help someone in need.

Brooke also followed-up with the gentleman, after he had been taken to a nearby hospital. He is currently doing well. Praise God!

MONTHLY GIVING
SIMPLIFYING YOUR SUPPORT

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VICTORY IN JESUS
THE JOY IN SHARING LIFE

This Easter we celebrate Jesus’ victory over death through His resurrection, and praise Him for giving us life through salvation. Jesus calls us to share that same life by proclaiming the Good News and caring for “the least of these.”

International Aid has taken up that call—to meet the needs of the stranger and bring hope of healing to the sick.

Recently we provided a microscope to the Karin Medical Center in Gulu, Uganda which was put to immediate use in diagnosing severe malaria.

The testing staff was overjoyed to finally have equipment to help them treat patients more effectively.

“Words cannot express how special I feel, when we received it,” the clinic manager stated. “For a long time we struggled with providing accurate results. Thank you for supporting our clinic. May God bless you all abundantly.”

HYGIENE KIT PACKING EVENT

WEDNESDAY
MAY 23RD

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

Register online: internationalaid.org/Kit-Event

It’s only $5 to reserve your spot.

This fun and important event is held at our corporate offices located at: 17011 Hickory Street, Spring Lake, MI 48456

GREAT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!
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 February 28, 2018.

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

$16 MILLION
Amount of aid sent to partners in the areas of greatest need, both in the U.S. and abroad

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

102 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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