A chill coursed Dora’s body when she answered her cellphone that warm, Sunday afternoon. “It’s coming,” her daughter screamed, “Run, Momma, run!” And that was all. The cell went silent.

Dora’s ears rang with the echoes of her daughter’s screams as dread and panic came over her—the likes she had never felt before. Frantically, she tried to call her daughter back, crying out and gasping with fear for her child. Her tears came so fast she could barely see the buttons she needed to push. It was useless. She couldn’t get through. Moments later, Dora was running to escape what her terrified daughter warned was coming.

On June 3, 2018 Volcán de Fuego (Volcano of Fire) caught the people of Guatemala off guard with catastrophic eruptions that affected nearly 2 million people in three municipals. The eruptions were rapid, pyroclastic explosions that spewed lethal ash and volcanic rock mixed with toxic gases and intense heat. The deadly plumes billowed down, blanketing the villages below. There was no time for evacuation and barely any time for people to communicate a warning to other villages further out. Some of the villagers had no chance to run and were found mummified in the same way as the victims of Pompeii.

Dora lives in La Reyna, about 5 miles from the base of Fuego and near the destroyed village of Los Lotes. She cried heavily as she shared her story of losing her parents and her ...
19-year-old daughter, who was pregnant.

What once was enormous areas of green hillsides and farms has been reduced to gray eradication by the ash plume and lava flow that snaked through the tightly knit villages in the valley below. To this day, you can see the path of annihilation with barren trees outlining the lava road that buried the villages and changed the landscape. It added about a 100 feet of elevated ground.

The devastation from the eruption is vast and will have long-lasting effects over the next few years as livelihoods have also been affected. Crops have been destroyed and will take years to re-establish them, creating further economic hardships for business owners and farmers, as well as all the people they employ. Coffee beans, for example—one of the primary exports of Guatemala—take 3 years to produce a crop, and the first year is typically a meager harvest.

The aftermath of this disaster, along with the lack of resources to properly restore farmland, exacerbates an already bad situation for thousands of families, making them more vulnerable than they already were.

International Aid responded quickly to this disaster due to the generosity of our donor-friends. We are so blessed that God used us to send work gloves, cleaning supplies, over-the-counter medicines and other health products. Praise God for His providing hand!

---

**BASIC ELEMENTS**

**OPPORTUNITY TO MEET NEEDS IN JESUS’ NAME**

Water is necessary for life and for good health. However, many of the springs in the rural areas of Guatemala have been destroyed by metal contamination from the volcanic ash. The water infrastructure, plumbing and pre-existing filtration systems were also destroyed by the destructive force of the lava flows. Now there is a clean water shortage. Due to the lack of basic education regarding clean water and sanitation, thousands of people—particularly children—are at risk of increased health problems at various levels, including pulmonary (lungs) and neurological (nervous system) diseases that can result in lifelong conditions. This is why International Aid’s hygiene kits, over-the-counter medicines, personal care items and other health products we provide are essential to victims of natural disasters. They are a front-line of defense against disease.

Currently, clean water is in high demand and shortages are pervasive in remote villages of the country. We are working with our partner, Paradise Bound, to provide long-term relief for as long as God enables us. Please continue to pray for their recovery and restoration.
Days into the aftermath of Hurricane Florence’s lumbering destruction, floods are still occurring in the Carolinas. At least 42 deaths—well over half killed in their vehicles—and millions struggling to cope with the massive devastation and cleanup.

“The flooding is like nothing we have ever seen. People in hard-hit communities do want to go back, but are still having to wait,” Governor Roy Cooper (NC) stated.

International Aid was ready to respond days before Florence even arrived by mobilizing and pre-staging relief materials into North Carolina with one of our church partners from Alabama. Countless families expressed gratitude for the hygiene kits, cleaning supplies and so much more that we were able bless them with.

Ever-prepared for natural disasters, we have tens of thousands of hygiene kits standing ready for shipment to help families in need. We praise God for His mercy!

CONTAINER FOR CURE
A DIFFERENT KIND OF GIFT BOX FOR CUREkids

It is great to give gifts. It’s even better when the gifts make a profound impact in the lives of children. So International Aid put together a big one for a children’s hospital in Ethiopia! We filled a 40-foot container with high quality medical equipment and devices so that our partner, CURE International, can do what they do best—help cure kids with treatable conditions.

Appropriate and sustainable medical equipment equals changed and saved lives that brings joy to the patients and their families. What an amazing opportunity to make an impact in this way and to experience God’s grace in this important work we’re doing,” said Brian Anderson, International Aid President/CEO.

We are blessed and privileged to facilitate the equipment fulfillment and warehousing for all of CURE International’s hospitals around the world. We praise the Lord for their partnership with us.
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, 2018 through August 31, 2018.

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.