International Aid is a Christian relief ministry that seeks to tangibly demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ to those who are suffering.

For 33 years, International Aid has equipped servants worldwide with the tools that 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.

Dear Friends,

We are a few months into the 2013 calendar year and we are extremely grateful for the new opportunities that God has placed in front of us. New doors are being opened all over the world, and God is using International Aid in ways like never before.

You’ll read in this issue about the addition of two new staff members, who are located in different regions of the United States. We look forward to growth in the Chicago Region as we cultivate new donors in that area, as well as new donor relations in Los Angeles.

In addition to the growth in our staff, we are excited about God opening new doors for us to be working in countries that we’ve not had a presence in. Not only are these new areas for us to be working in, but also opportunities for us to work with new partners and missions in those areas. God is at work and we are looking forward to His plan for this organization.

Your continued prayers and support help make it possible for us to travel this journey as it is revealed.

In Christ,

Brian Anderson, President & CEO
International Aid...Growing Strong

International Aid is excited about the doors that God is opening for us. We are constantly being challenged in new and exciting ways. Along with that come new opportunities for growth and development. With that being said we are pleased to announce the addition of two new staff members in two different areas of the country.

Nneka Obasi, Director of Advancement – Chicago Region
Nneka has worked in the non-profit sector as a volunteer, administrator, consultant, community organizer, and as a facilitator with the Refugee Welcoming Intake Office of the Chicago Public Schools. Nneka has teaching and professional experiences that span the globe. Her professional history and experiences as a child survivor of war combine to uniquely qualify Nneka for her current journey with International Aid. Of Igbo decent, Nneka was raised in the UK, and educated in Nigeria and Europe. As a wife and mother of three, she is deeply involved in her community and is excited to represent I.A. in the Chicago Area.

Ryan Okita, Regional Procurement Manager – Los Angeles
Born and raised in Los Angeles, California, Ryan has over 13 years in the non-profit industry. Outside of work, Ryan spends free time volunteering for non-profit organizations in the community assisting with event management and fundraising. In addition with his experience, Ryan brings with him a life long connection to his community. He is a huge fan of the Los Angeles Dodgers. Like every year, Ryan predicts a World Series victory for them in 2013. He enjoys playing in basketball and softball sports leagues with his friends. Ryan likes to ride his bike and is training to complete in a Century (100 Mile) Ride later this year. Ryan lives in Los Angeles with his 2 1/2 year old Husky.

Please continue to pray for International Aid and the many others that we serve throughout the world. We are blessed to work with wonderful partners who are committed to showing Christ’s love to those in need!

Together we ARE doing amazing things to reach the world for Christ.

International Aid by the numbers

Because of the generous support of Businesses, Organizations and Individuals, International Aid has been able to do a tremendous amount of work this year. We are blessed to see how God has worked through our ministry. Thank you for choosing to make International Aid YOUR partner ministry. Here are our numbers since July 1, 2012:

$52 MILLION
Amount of aid sent to partners in the areas of greatest need, both in the U.S. and abroad

66 COUNTRIES
Number of countries that received product from International Aid

127 ORGANIZATIONS
Number of partner organizations that received aid from International Aid

Where there is a WILL, God will make a WAY.

Nearly 18 years ago, Stu Smith, a doctor who was practicing on the East Side of the state of Michigan, took a medical missions trip to Haiti. While in Haiti, he was a part of many operations and procedures within the local hospital. During his visit there, one young man stood out to him. This man assisted with operations at the hospital but was not medically trained. This man’s drive and determination was admirable and caused Dr. Smith to have a conversation with him. The man’s name was Jean Marius Gardy. Dr. Smith told Jean “I see a great deal of potential in you.” A potential that Dr. Smith did not want to see go to waste. He encouraged Jean to go to medical school, but lack of money crushed his dreams of becoming a doctor.

Upon Dr. Smith’s return to Michigan, he couldn’t stop thinking about Jean and his work ethic, determination and desire. He began to pray, “Lord, show me a way to help this man go through medical school.” God answered that prayer and Dr. Smith was able to help Jean receive his medical training. “I never dreamed that I could become a doctor,” said Jean, now Dr. Gardy. “My dream came true when I met Dr. Smith in Haiti.”

Since then Dr. Smith has retired from practice and has relocated to West Michigan. In 2009 Dr. Smith introduced Dr. Gardy to International Aid, as Dr. Gardy began a venture of starting a medical clinic in Haiti. His first shipment of equipment from International Aid helped start the clinic. Just a few weeks ago, Dr. Gardy was at I.A. with Dr. Smith, and they were picking out equipment for the new 20 bed maternity wing that is being built in Haiti.

“I couldn’t do what I do, without the equipment and supplies I get from International Aid” says Dr. Gardy, “everything that I have to look for at International Aid is very important to me and the clinic.”

We are excited about the partnership that we have with Dr. Gardy and the lives that are being changed in Haiti. God has opened some amazing doors for us to work together. “I’m a lucky guy” says Dr. Gardy “I.A. offers opportunities that I can’t get elsewhere, just like the opportunity that Dr. Smith gave me, I’m so grateful for everything that I have been blessed with and am a part of.”

Psalm 115:12-18
The Lord remembers us and will bless us, He will bless his people Israel. He will bless the house of Aaron; He will bless those who fear the Lord— small and great alike. May the Lord cause you to flourish, both you and your children. May you be blessed by the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. The highest heavens belong to the Lord, but the earth he has given to mankind. It is not the dead who praise the Lord, those who go down to the place of silence it is we who extol the Lord, now and for evermore.

The Doors of Generosity

I’m sure that you come across opportunities to be generous almost every day, and if you fail to respond to those opportunities, who knows what rivers will not flow, what great ministries may never come to birth, what mighty things will not get done? God has opened the doors of generosity to you, don’t fail to open the doors of generosity to others.

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