MAP President Steve Stirling administered drops of polio vaccine to children in India. “Providing polio drops to infants under the age of 5 years in the slums of Delhi was an emotional experience for me. I saw the joy in the smiling faces of mothers that their beloved child would be free from the dreaded disease. I also know personally the child will not go through the pain of rejection and ridicule faced by children with polio because the $0.15/dose of polio vaccine will prevent them from getting the crippling disease,” said Steve. Traveling with Rotary International, Steve saw some of the work the Rotary Foundation does each year in its effort to eradicate polio. “This is why I’m so passionate about the work of MAP, together we provide millions of people with life changing/saving medicines like antibiotics,” mentioned Steve.

A Lifeline in Times of Disaster

The kits have been given to refugees living in Jordan and flood survivors in Louisiana.

Health kits can be packed by volunteers at MAP headquarters or special packing events at schools, churches or workplaces, which helps connect the volunteers to those in need and creates a shared workplace experience.

Whether fleeing a flood, earthquake or war, those dealing with a disaster often have just a few minutes to leave their homes and seek safety.

But surviving a disaster brings additional challenges. Many survivors are left without even the most basic personal care items like soap, a toothbrush, comb, washcloth, or

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New Look
Renewed Mission

You might notice that MAP has a slightly different look these days. The MAP logo has been updated and the mission is clearly spelled out: “Medicine for the World.”

When MAP was founded 63 years ago, the mission was simply to provide medicine to those working in corners of the world where medicine was not available. MAP and other organizations have made a great deal of progress, but according to the World Health Organization more than two billion people worldwide still lack access to even basic medicine.

MAP’s mission is clear: To provide medicines and health supplies to those in need around the world so they might experience life to the fullest.

The new logo reflects MAP’s triple bottom line. The cross represents both faith and health. And when viewed as a plus sign, it reflects MAP’s value added, multiplying donations so that every dollar given becomes $60 in medicine—and 99 percent of all donations go to help those in need.

Designed by Indonesian artist Cucu Que, the logo was chosen after a worldwide open source competition in which designers from many countries submitted designs they felt represented MAP’s mission.

“We’ve rededicated ourselves to MAP’s original mission,” said Steve Stirling. “So many people in the world suffer for lack of basic medicine. MAP has a huge role to play in providing medicine that changes and even saves lives. We are grateful God has blessed MAP over these years through faithful donors like you.”

Make Your Mission Trip a Medical Mission

Going on a mission trip with your church or school this summer? Consider taking a Medical Mission Pack from MAP to help make your trip even more meaningful.

“Taking a Medical Mission Pack on our mission trip added a whole new dimension,” said Rev. Donna Marsh, mission pastor at National Presbyterian Church. “We were able to help a local church sponsor a pop up clinic for their community,” she said.

Medical Mission Packs are available for those traveling without a medical professional as well as for those who have a health care provider on the trip. The packs can be checked or carried on flights and customs forms are provided for the particular country.

To see what’s included in a Medical Mission Pack or to order yours, go to: www.map.org/medicines.
A Legacy of Hope

Recently, MAP received a generous gift from a loyal supporter named Mary.

For more than 20 years, Mary had faithfully written small checks to MAP, giving what she could while supporting her family. But Mary had also made a decision years earlier to include MAP in her will.

When MAP received Mary’s last gift it was truly extraordinary. Even though she had only been able to give small gifts during her lifetime, Mary included MAP in her will. So when Mary passed away recently, she gave the gift of medicine to thousands of people she never met.

Mary’s legacy will continue for many years as her gift continues to provide desperately needed medicine.

Including MAP in your will is simple, yet the impact can be life-changing for so many.

Just go to www.map.org/plan or call 1-800-225-8550 to learn more about including MAP in your will.

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shampoo. That’s why MAP provides Disaster Health Kits to those in need.

Containing basic health and hygiene supplies in a nylon backpack, the kits have been given to survivors of the floods in Louisiana and refugees living in Jordan. In every case the response is similar—gratitude for the simple items that have become so valued.

Said Meena, an Iraqi Christian who fled with her family from ISIS, “Thank you so much for these supplies. I’m so glad to have my very own soap and shampoo. It makes me feel so much better.”

Packed by volunteers in either the MAP headquarters or at special packing events at schools, churches or workplaces, the health kits also help connect the volunteers to those in need and creates a shared workplace experience.

Did you know that every time you order from Amazon you can be making a gift to MAP?

Go to www.smile.amazon.com and choose MAP International from the list of charities. Then when you place future orders, a small amount is donated to MAP. Over time it adds up to a donation that can add a smile to the faces of many waiting for medicine.

If you would like to arrange a packing event for your school, church or workplace, contact Krupa Shinde at KShinde@map.org.

Q: How does MAP make sure the medicines sent to those in need are high quality?

A: MAP adheres to the highest standards for the medicines it accepts and sends to those in need. Working with pharmaceutical partners, MAP makes sure medicines provided are the same quality that would be prescribed in the U.S., have adequate dating to meet country standards, and are transported in a way that preserves their quality.

MAP also works with partners in country to ensure the medicines are appropriate for local needs and can be administered properly.

MAP is a founding partner of PQMD, the Partnership for Quality Medical Donations, and Jodi Allison, vice president of MAP, also serves on the executive committee of the organization. Members of PQMD agree to standards that meet and exceed those established by the World Health Organization (WHO) and also work together to set new standards to improve medicine donations and efficacy of usage.

Providing the highest quality medicine to those in need is one of MAP’s top priorities.
Students in the Clarkson University Physician Assistant program face a challenging academic program, spending more than two years earning their master’s degree. But for some of the students, studying anatomy and chemistry isn’t enough. They want to apply their learning to help those in need, even before they graduate.

These students join the Students WithOUT Borders, a student lead effort dedicated to providing medical care and supplies to underserved populations. Each year, the group takes a medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

This year the group took medicines from MAP on their annual trip. While serving patients in a rural clinic, they heard about a woman who was so gravely ill that she couldn’t make her way to the clinic.

Joan Caruso, an assistant professor and physician assistant, agreed to go to the woman’s home to treat her.

“She was so weak that she had made it only as far as the road outside her home, where she collapsed. We had to treat her right there on the dirt road because she was so ill. After taking her vital signs, it was clear that she needed to be hospitalized but her family had no money and no insurance, so they couldn’t take her. They begged us to do what we could to help,” said Joan.

The young woman’s name was Jalacey and she had a high fever and heart rate and showed signs of pneumonia, sepsis and severe dehydration—a life-threatening combination.

Fortunately, the medicines we brought from MAP included two antibiotics and oral rehydration solutions, just what we needed to treat her. Without them, Jalacey would have died in days,” remembers Joan.

When Joan and others went back the next day to check on Jalacey, she was already showing great improvement. She was sitting up, talking, and eating for the first time in days.

“Before we left, the family was so grateful that they gave us all that they had—a squash from their garden. They insisted we take it, even though they had so little, because they knew the medicine had saved Jalacey’s life.

“We’re so grateful that we had the medicine from MAP,” says Joan. “They saved Jalacey’s life.”