

medicine for the World

Our mission: To provide medicines and health supplies to those in need around the world so they might experience life to the fullest. Summer 2020 | Volume 49

Our supporters are the unsung heroes helping MAP bring health and hope to those in need around the world

The worst global health crisis in living memory has brought out the very best in all of us. We have seen so many selfless acts of kindness and generosity — especially by supporters like you.

Since January, MAP International has sent nearly 150 shipments of



personal protective equipment and health supplies to fight COVID-19 to partner agencies, hospitals, clinics and governmental organizations. That is the equivalent of 40 tractor trailer loads!

The personal protective equipment includes millions of faces shields, masks, gloves, and cooling vests for those who work tirelessly on the front lines to save lives.

These supplies have been used by doctors, nurses, health professionals and first responders throughout the US and in nine countries around the globe — from major hospitals to remote clinics.

This newsletter highlights firsthand accounts from some of those health professionals so that you may read in their own words the impact that you have made in the fight against COVID-19.

You helped MAP provide:

- Nearly 5,000 disaster health kits
- 3,300,000 masks
- 1,500,000 gloves
- 10,000 protective suits
- Over 10,000 face shields
- Over 400,000 packs of personal care wipes

Thanks to your generosity, MAP has served over 15,700,000 people so far this year, surpassing the total number of people served in all of 2019!

This newsletter is dedicated to you — an unsung hero in this fight — for being instrumental in helping MAP bring health and hope in Jesus' name to all corners of the globe. +

What supporters like you are saying about MAP

At MAP, we are so thankful for the people who make our mission and ministry possible.

When we receive feedback — whether it's from those we serve on the front lines or from those who make this possible — we give God thanks. Here are just a few of the notes we recently received from supporters letting us know how they feel about the work we are doing.

Please email us at news@map.org to share your feedback today. +

"I was doing research on charities to make sure my money really goes to the needy and I've chosen your organization." — Winnie N.

"We have been supporting MAP since 1974 after they supported my 3-month medical missionary trip to Kenya. MAP is one of the most efficient, honest, and compassionate Christian outreach groups in the world. Thank you, MAP." — Dr. Joe and Ali S.

"Thank you for your faithful service to those in need during this crisis around the world. We are praying for MAP's continued ability to serve, follow the call of the Lord, and love thy neighbor." — Stephanie J.

“You are a blessing to our ministry and to those we help...”

COVID-19 containment efforts have brought stay-at-home orders and closed public buildings, homeless shelters and other places of refuge throughout the US.

But with those closures, many homeless people — people who were already struggling to survive — no longer have a place to wash their hands or even take a shower. Hand sanitizer and masks are unattainable luxuries because many of the organizations that offer showers for the homeless population are closed due to the pandemic.

Some, like Send Relief’s Ministry Center at the Baptist Friendship House in New Orleans, have taken a unique approach to helping the homeless stay safe during the pandemic by handing out backpacks full of personal hygiene products.

“We are so thankful for the cleansing cloths that MAP International donated to Send Relief,” says Kay Bennett, executive director of the Baptist Friendship House. “We have placed the cleansing cloths in our backpacks and have given them out to our homeless population.”

“There was one man sitting on the ground with no shirt or shoes. He had obviously been wearing the same pants for days. His body was covered with bug bites and it looked as if he had not showered in days. When I told him about the cleansing cloths, he smiled and said, ‘Thank you so much.’”

“We also shared the cleansing cloths with a gentleman we have been assisting through our ministry. He was homeless and is a cancer survivor. He recently got off the streets and into housing.



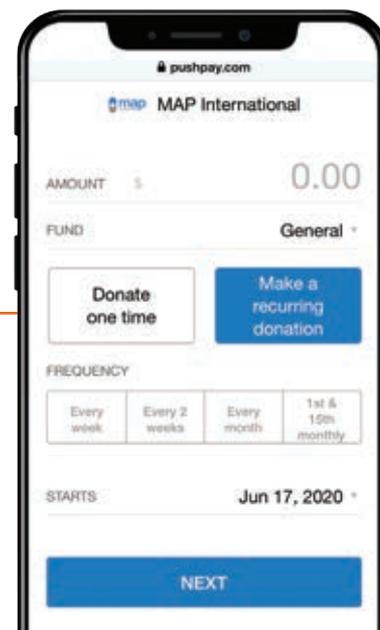
We have been helping him and he is so thankful.”

“We often reach for things that we use daily and take them for granted. A cleansing cloth to some people is a luxury that not only helps them physically, but emotionally as well. Thanks for sharing with us and helping us to meet needs and change lives. It takes all of us working together to change our world. We appreciate you and all that you do.” +



Help MAP respond to COVID-19 and other emergencies by using your smartphone!

It’s quick, easy and secure to make a gift by text. Simply text “MAP Give” to 77977, choose your amount, enter your information, and you are all set. +



Bringing new life into the world during a pandemic

As a Christian non-profit organization serving in Haiti, Love A Child cares for some of the poorest, most vulnerable people in the world, including expectant mothers.

The Jesus Birthing Center is a beacon of hope in an area where hope is in short supply, providing essential prenatal and postnatal care to help women have healthy babies.

During normal times, ensuring that pregnant women come to the center for the care they need can be difficult enough. But during a pandemic — when many of the women lack even basic hygiene products — the challenges are tremendous for the caregivers and the mothers themselves.



“We try to take the best care of our mothers who come to our Birthing Center,” says Sherry Burnette, co-founder of Love A Child. “We have to keep everyone six feet apart while they are waiting to be seen by our doctor. We can only take so many at a time now because of COVID-19 social distancing restrictions. Some are apprehensive and scared.”

Since many lack even basic things like shampoo, soap, and lotion,

Sherry says that MAP’s shipment of these items — in addition to medicines such as antibiotics, and other health supplies — are a godsend for the clinic.

“Each sweet mom received some wonderful shampoos and lotions, courtesy of MAP International,” says Sherry. “The mothers loved them! MAP put smiles on their faces and made our work a lot easier. Thank you so much for these wonderful gifts.” +

“You are helping more people than you can ever imagine.”

The Ethne Health Clinic located in Clarkston, GA, began when God brought together four medical students drawn from all areas of the country. They shared one common goal: To bring medical care to underserved and often forgotten communities.

A Christian organization, Ethne Health Clinic today serves a largely uninsured population, many of whom are foreign-born or refugees from all over the world and have chronic health conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, asthma, and other medical conditions that can be exacerbated by poverty.

To help treat their patients, the clinic regularly receives free medicines and supplies from MAP. But when the COVID-19 pandemic hit Georgia, many of the clinic’s patients were extremely vulnerable. Also, the caregivers needed personal protective equipment so that they could continue to serve patients.

“Recently, MAP provided face shields, gloves, and masks to help our team stay safe while we care for patients during the pandemic,” says Dr. Esther Kim, co-founder of the clinic.

“I want to personally thank MAP donors for everything you do to



Dr. Esther Kim

support doctors and medical teams like ours; it can mean the difference between life and death for some of our patients. With an infant mortality rate and an early death rate in Clarkston

that is double the national average, your continued support is vital in the fight to heal the brokenness in our communities. You are helping more than you can ever imagine.” +

Meet MAP's Distribution Center team: Working tirelessly to fulfill unprecedented needs

MAP's 40,000 sq. ft. distribution center in Brunswick, Georgia, is at the very heart of MAP's operations, processing critically needed medicines and health supply donations and preparing them to be shipped to partners all over the world.

But during the COVID-19 pandemic, it has played an even more critical role as emergency requests come in from around the globe, while planned shipments of medicines to the world's poorest communities must go on.

The distribution center is staffed by a team of seven dedicated, experienced people, many of whom have been with MAP for several years. They usually are supplemented by a team of volunteers.

But 2020 has been anything but usual for the Distribution Center team. They have seen the normal volume more than double during the COVID-19 pandemic, and because of the virus, they could not have any volunteers in the facility. So this meant that the team would be handling this unprecedented volume of donations on their own.

"It has been critical that our employees not be exposed to COVID-19 or else we would have to shut the whole distribution center down for 14 days," says Timmy Boatwright, VP of Operations for MAP. "We know as an organization that it is critical to protect our distribution staff. The team does their best to make sure they stay healthy and we do a deep clean in our areas every day."



From left to right: Casey Wolfe, Carey Levangie, Warren Rogers, Donnie King, Roger Bohl, Luther Wilder, and Chris Scott

"Our team is dedicated, and they do what they need to do to make sure the flow of medicines and health supplies continues and leaves the distribution center on time," says Donnie King, manager of the facility. +

Chinese university alumni association gives back to the US

When the first outbreak of the coronavirus hit, MAP International responded to emergency requests from overwhelmed hospitals by airlifting 1.3 million



Katherine He

respirators, 280,000 pairs of nitrile gloves, and 10,700 protective coveralls to help stop the spread of the virus in China.

No one imagined how quickly that outbreak would develop into a pandemic that would spread throughout the world, including the US, which has been among the hardest-hit countries.

By March, much of the US had closed down in an attempt to flatten the curve. But in China, where the outbreak had begun, the situation was stabilizing. Thankfully, the personal protective equipment that MAP had provided played a key role.

That's when a Chinese university alumni association decided to show their gratitude for the help US donors and organizations had given to China.

"We watched what the US did to help China and we wanted to give back," says Katherine He, president of the Shanghai Jiao Tong University Foundation of America (SJTUFA). "We knew that the situation had stabilized in China and were trying to figure out how to help get personal protective equipment to American hospitals. I turned to my former employer, Edwards LifeSciences, who put me in touch with MAP International."

Thanks to Katherine He's leadership and hundreds of SJTUFA alumni in the US, more than \$35,000 was raised to help MAP distribute health supplies to medical providers in the United States.

"We were happy that we could show our gratitude for what US donors and organizations had done in China," says He. +