

# 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. Winter 2020 | Volume 47

## Look at All the Good You've Done. Thank You!



**Here at MAP International**, we measure success in smiles, tears and words of thanks from those who have received the medicine they so desperately need. **And thanks to you, 13,344,983 lives were touched last year alone.** What an incredible impact!

Because of donors like you, MAP worked in 98 countries, distributing 44,659,932 treatments. That means thousands of children who were wasting away from dehydration were revived, and untold numbers of wounds were cleaned and bandaged. Pregnant moms in dozens of countries received the prenatal vitamins they so desperately needed, and survivors of devastating tragedies were given hope.

**How does MAP do all this?** First, we are fortunate to have committed donors who support our work. Then we work with pharmaceutical and health supply companies who either donate products or supply us with

the requested medicines at a deep discount. Then we partner with more than 1,000 trusted organizations working on the ground, providing compassionate care for people who would otherwise not receive it. And we supply medical mission teams who go to places where medicine is needed.

It's all part of what MAP calls the multiplier effect and it means that we can make this incredible claim:

*For every dollar you contribute, you help MAP International provide more than \$68 in donated medicines and health supplies to people in need. We can make this statement because MAP receives generous donations of medicines and health supplies and has relatively low expenses. Last year alone, we were able to provide nearly \$523 million in medicine and health supplies with just over \$10 million in total cash expenses, including \$7.6 million in program expenses.*

This year alone, MAP International responded to situations like these:

### Health crisis in Venezuela

Working with both local churches in country and the US government on the USS Comfort, MAP was able to meet the basic and acute health needs of those living in crisis.



*MAP supported mission teams are working to help those in need in Venezuela. Their images are concealed to protect them from a Venezuela regime that has fought to block aid from international missions like MAP International.*

### Cyclone Idai in Malawi

Where MAP supplied Disaster Health Kits (DHKs) to survivors and medicine to the clinics treating those injured during the cyclone and flooding.

### Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas

When this devastating hurricane struck the Bahamas, MAP supplies were some of the first to arrive. And MAP continues to provide medicine and DHKs to those in need.

### Domestic Medicine Program

For those living in conditions of poverty in the US, MAP has begun a special program that works with 18 clinics in both urban and rural communities in the state of Georgia.



To learn more about what an incredible year it has been, go to [map.org/stories](http://map.org/stories). +

# Some of the Lives You've Touched With Your Generous Support.

Sometimes it's hard to imagine what all the numbers mean. But at MAP International, we are fortunate to see some of the 13 million faces of those you helped. We wanted to share some of them with you:



## Benoit—Haiti

Just three years old, Benoit has had his share of health challenges. He was just eight months old when he came to live with his foster mother, Kimberly. Benoit and Kimberly live in Haiti, where health care is too expensive for most poor families to afford.

Fortunately, MAP International's partner, Hope for Haiti, provides free health care for those in need, using medicine and health supplies provided by MAP.

So when Benoit became ill with diarrhea, stomach pain and fever, Kimberly knew she could take him to the Hope for Haiti clinic, where he could have free laboratory tests, evaluations, medical care, and medicine.

Without this free clinic and medicine, Benoit would have continued to suffer. But after his treatment, he has fully recovered and is back in preschool.



## Geoffrey—Uganda

Geoffrey's parents both died of AIDS when he was just eight years old. With no one to care for him, he became a homeless street child, forced to survive on the streets of Lira, Uganda. Street children in Uganda are extremely vulnerable and subjected to unimaginable horrors as they roam the city streets, looking for food and a safe place to sleep. Some have even been murdered by vendors and security personnel who try to keep them away from shops.

Geoffrey was shot in the foot by a security guard trying to chase him away. Fortunately, he came to Saving Grace Ministry, a MAP partner dedicated to helping the vulnerable and growing population of street children. When he arrived, he had an open wound and no means to obtain medical care.

Using one of MAP International's medicine packs, the medical team cleaned his wound and bandaged his foot, likely saving him from infection. Later, he was taken to a hospital for follow-up treatment. What a difference you are making for street children like Geoffrey in Uganda!

## Elvira—El Salvador

Elvira is 77 years old but cares for her 80-year-old husband who has health issues along with her seven-year-old grandson. Life is difficult and the family has no regular income, relying on the kindness of neighbors to make ends meet.

With a history of high blood pressure, Elvira's own health is at risk. But without resources, she cannot afford to buy the medication she needs to control her blood pressure.

Recently, she came to a health center where MAP blood pressure medicine was available for her free of charge. For Elvira, the medicine is life-changing. She feels better and can care for her husband and grandson.

The medicine is an answer to prayer and she feels that it is evidence that despite all her hardships, God has not forgotten her and has seen her need.



## Restored Vision—Haiti



### Did you know that more than 500 million people need non-prescription reading glasses to correct their vision but lack the resources to pay for glasses?

That's the motivation behind Restoring Vision's mission to provide reading glasses to thousands of people with impaired vision who live in poor communities.



MAP International works with Restoring Vision to deliver glasses to those in need, including those pictured here in Haiti. A pair of reading glasses means a woman can thread a needle and continue to earn a living. A worker can see the nail he needs to hammer. A student can read a book and continue his or her education.

Restoring Vision partners with MAP International around the world to give hope to those whose vision is impaired, restoring them to a fuller life and a brighter future. +

# Why I Support MAP International

May God bless you and guide you to continue His work. I am so grateful for all your work to help others less fortunate live better and healthier lives. I continue to lift MAP and all involved in my thoughts and prayers.

—*Suzanne B.*

May God continue to bless MAP International. You make it possible for our medical mission to continue to minister to the poorest of the poor in Haiti.

—*Marianne S.*

I've worked in areas hit by disasters and/or illness. It is one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.

Knowing all the Disaster Health Kits and the medicines are going directly to people in need. I pray this wonderful organization continues to grow and do the work our Lord asks.

—*Linda H.*

"It has been my honor during the last few years to support MAP month after month. Keep up yours, and God's, good work because helping others by following the Golden Rule never ceases to be of importance no matter how many try to prevent it from being a reality."

—*Paul H.*



# Stopping Pneumonia in its Track.

**Every 39 seconds**, somewhere in the world a child dies from pneumonia. It is a startling and tragic statistic that MAP International and other organizations are working to change.

According to UNICEF, pneumonia kills more children than any other infectious disease, claiming the lives of more than 800,000 children under five every year, including over 153,000 newborns. Progress in reducing deaths due to pneumonia in children under five has been significantly slower than for other infectious diseases.

That's why initiatives like MAP's Bringing Children Health program is focused on providing doses

of pediatric amoxicillin to clinics in resource poor communities. Especially in the winter, when conditions mean that children's colds can turn deadly, it's important for health providers to be able to treat children quickly before pneumonia leads to long-term disability or death.

MAP has already pioneered programs to not only provide the needed antibiotics, but to also measure the effectiveness of the follow-up care. Working with local doctors, MAP aims to change the tragic statistics of childhood pneumonia and provide a healthier life for children around the world. **To learn more, go to [map.org](http://map.org).** +

## MAP Fellows Program Changes Lives.



When Gary Morsch first heard about the MAP Fellows program while in medical school, he knew he wanted to apply. The program, which for the last 40 years has helped give medical students first hand experience in overseas medical missions, seemed like the perfect way for him to discern whether he felt called to spend his life overseas as a medical missionary.

Instead, his three-month stint as a MAP Fellow in Eswatini (formerly Swaziland) gave him a vision he has been working out for the

last three decades, not only as a physician, but also as founder of Heart to Heart International.

Instead of working overseas full time, Morsch set up a medical practice that encouraged his partners to work for months at a time in mission hospitals and clinics in resource-poor countries. There they could bring their expertise and specialties to communities in need. He encouraged other doctors he met to do the same. And soon they also realized that the need for medicines and medical supplies was critical in many places.

Originally, Heart to Heart International was founded to help give American doctors an opportunity to serve in short term missions. But then the organization became involved in humanitarian airlifts and other ways to deliver medicines and supplies to overseas hospitals and clinics. It also mobilizes in response to natural disasters, providing emergency medical care and assisting in the rebuilding of devastated communities.

"MAP inspired me and guided me from the start," says Morsch. "And now we have partnered with MAP many times in our work. I'm a strong supporter of MAP."



The MAP Fellows program still provides opportunities for medical students to serve overseas. **To learn more, go to: [www.map.org/map-fellows](http://www.map.org/map-fellows).** +