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Our mission: To provide medicine and health supplies to those in need around the world so they might experience life to the fullest.



Thanks to you, lifesaving medicine and health supplies reached some of the world's poorest, most vulnerable children

In many parts of the world, children die every day from what here in the United States would be diseases that could be treated and cured with a few cents' worth of medicine. But where there is despair, there is also hope: thanks to the compassion of MAP supporters.

The stories you will read in this newsletter highlight firsthand accounts from medical partners that have gone into the world, equipped with essential MAP medicine and health supplies to follow in Christ's footsteps and minister to these "least among us" who would otherwise be forgotten. It is through their eyes and in their own words you can read the impact that MAP International supporters have had on the lives of millions of people.

But most of all, 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.

Your generosity helped save Arsene's life

The surgical mission team had been in Belize for two days and already had evaluated hundreds of children for surgery, selecting the ones with the highest needs to receive operations that week. The team came with hearts full, boxes of surgical supplies from MAP, and hands ready to work.

As the team prepared to begin their surgery schedule, local staff approached them with a potentially critical case — a baby, they said. Just a few days old. Could they help?



Baby Arsene was born with an inguinal hernia. Hospital doctors had diagnosed the baby's condition, but the mother had absolutely no way to have surgery performed for her child because of the extreme lack of pediatric surgeons in the country. There simply wasn't anyone around who was capable of doing the surgery that little Arsene needed.

So, Dr. Lange, a volunteer on the team, examined Arsene and confirmed the diagnosis. Surgery would be necessary very soon, "to prevent a potentially dangerous situation for the baby's health," Dr. Lange explained to the mother.

Arsene's mother quickly agreed to the surgery, and the team operated on the baby, skillfully repairing the hernia. Arsene recovered remarkably well and was soon back in his mother's arms.

A note from Arsene's mother expressed her gratitude for the immediate response to her plea for help and for the surgery her child received:

"God's timing is perfect. I never got to experience the what ifs, the panic, the anxiety, the fear. Arsene is no doubt a blessed child. They are literally saving lives." +

Because of you, Fernando is smiling again

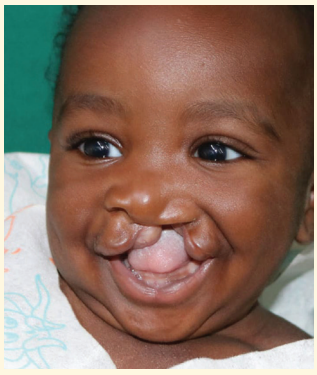
Children in Africa who are born with cleft lips or palates suffer in a myriad of ways. Without access to treatment, these babies often have difficulty eating and suffer from malnutrition. And as they grow older their speech development is also negatively affected.

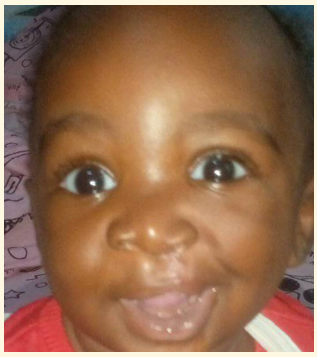
Worse than these challenges, however, is the social and cultural stigma that they and their parents suffer. Older children with untreated clefts are treated as outcasts, mocked by their peers and many times are unable to attend school or grow up to get a job.

Dr. Edie Chan, a MAP mission partner from Chicago who leads a surgical mission team to Africa every year, recently met a two-year-old child in Ghana who had been born with a cleft lip. Because of his deformity, his parents had not even bothered to give him a first name.

Thankfully, this little boy's future did not have to remain hopeless. Dr. Chan's mission team, armed with high-grade sutures and surgical supplies from MAP, went to work. The team's facial reconstructive surgeon performed an operation to repair the boy's cleft lip. When he awoke from the surgery, his smile was brighter than ever.

His parents were so grateful for their child's transformative surgery that they named the little boy Fernando, after the surgeon who repaired his lip. Now, Fernando has not only a name, but the chance for education, social acceptance, and love in his future, thanks to generous friends like you. +





Baby Margaret got lifesaving heart surgery — thanks to supporters like you

Baby Margaret had only been outside the womb for a few hours, and her life was already in danger. In rural Zambia, where Margaret's family lives, there is little access to medical care, much less regular prenatal care for pregnant women.

Since her mother had no ultrasounds prior to delivery, when little Margaret was born, her parents were shocked at what they saw — their newborn baby's intestines were protruding outside her body through a hole in her abdominal wall.

In rural Zambia, where the hospitals are not always well supplied and doctors don't always have specialized training, Margaret's condition was a life-threatening problem. If she didn't get help from a trained surgeon soon, her little life would be over before it began.

Fortunately, Dr. Paul Osteen, an American surgeon and medical missionary, happened to be serving at that very hospital the day Margaret was born. He had brought sutures and medical supplies from MAP International, and he was leading a surgical mission team.

The hospital staff brought baby Margaret to Dr. Osteen for evaluation, desperately hoping that he could help her. Dr. Osteen's team ended up operating on Margaret twice, using sutures donated by MAP.

"By God's grace and against all odds, she survived," said Dr. Osteen. Margaret "went home and is healthy and strong now."

Stories like Margaret's are why we do what we do at MAP — simple products like sutures truly can save lives. Now, thanks to MAP supporters, Margaret is alive and has the opportunity to grow up and live her life to the fullest. +



Lucida and her baby are thriving thanks to you

It had been seven months since Lucida gave birth to her second child. And for seven months, she had suffered from mysterious pains. Her baby was also clearly suffering now too — he cried all day and was difficult to settle. Sleep, for both of them, had become a distant memory.

Living in rural Sierra Leone, Lucida's family is like most others in her community — scraping by day by day, no money for "extras" like healthcare. She had been farming vegetables as a way to help support the family, but Lucida recently had to abandon her work in order to seek treatment for herself and her baby.

She visited health center after health center and received medicines from all of them — all of which seemed to make them feel worse instead of better. In desperation, Lucida finally approached a MAP-supported clinic, where she finally found help.

The doctors treated both Lucida and her baby for infections; the clinic was fortunate enough to have pediatric antibiotics and oral rehydration salts (ORS).

After a week of treatment at the clinic, the child began to respond to the treatment. Lucida also began to feel more like herself, and they both were discharged home.



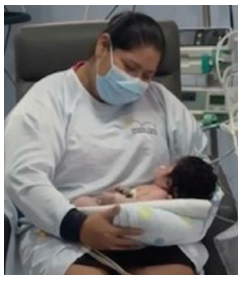
A week later, Lucida returned to the clinic to report that she and her baby were doing well and their health was improving. Through tears, Lucida expressed her gratitude to the nurses and to MAP for the medicine she and her child received. "Let me thank God that I am able to walk and return to this health center with improvement in my health," she said. "I appreciated the work of the nurses and also MAP International for my treatment." +

A mother's prayers were answered with your help

When MAP's mission partner showed up at the Honduran hospital where they would be serving for the week, they weren't expecting to be met with such an urgent case.

But there was one child — a baby named Maryori — who needed their help and fast. She had a complicated heart defect that was causing many problems, but most alarming was the baby's oxygen saturation, which had dropped to a critical low.

They decided to perform a very complex operation called an "arterial switch," and as soon as they had their plans in place, the baby was rushed into surgery. Within a mere three days, Maryori went from fighting for each breath to having healthy vital signs and recovering well in her mother's arms.



The mission team shared that Maryori's case was one of their most rewarding that week. To see her mother's tears of gratitude, thanking God and the doctors for the miracle of her child's life — it was simply extra confirmation of why they came to perform surgeries like these.

Surgical access for kids like Maryori, who live in undeveloped countries, is sadly a commodity of the wealthy. Because of MAP's generous supporters, Maryori — and 26 other children like her — received life-transforming surgeries, at no cost to their families. Thank you for being a part of helping us give every child the chance to live their lives to the fullest. +

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