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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.

Your help means we'll help even more in 2025



Together, we can bring lifesaving medicine and health supplies to a world in need!

As we begin 2025, our plan calls for us to expand our critical programs to reach more people in more countries with lifesaving medicine.

In this newsletter, we highlight several key initiatives along with firsthand accounts from health providers and beneficiaries, so you may read in their own words how your generosity touches — and in many cases — saves lives.

With your help and God's grace, this year MAP will bring more health and hope in Jesus' name to those who would otherwise be forgotten. +

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FOCUS: Supporting Women's Health

Many women in the developing world do not have access to prenatal care of any sort, increasing the risk of birth complications for mothers and babies. Anemia and malnutrition due to lack of prenatal vitamins can further increase the risk and impact the cognitive and physical development of infants.

At the age of 12, Rebeka was forced to quit school and get married. Within a year, Rebeka became pregnant. When it was time for the baby to be born, Rebeka spent two agonizing days laboring at home before she was finally taken to a hospital for an emergency C-section. Her baby was stillborn.



A week after she returned to her home in rural Bangladesh to recover, Rebeka began leaking urine uncontrollably. Local doctors were unable to repair the damage done to her body by her prolonged labor, and Rebeka was sent away with no solutions.

But one day, Rebeka heard about the LAMB Hospital in her country. The hospital was hosting a visiting team of surgeons who would be operating on women who had birth injuries like hers – and they would do the surgeries for free. Using specialized sutures donated by MAP, the skilled surgeons were able to restore Rebeka's physical anatomy.

"Now I have a new life!" exclaimed Rebeka. +

FOCUS: Treating Malnutrition to Save Lives

Malnutrition claims the lives of millions of people each year, many of whom are just children. In 2025, MAP is focusing on improving health outcomes for vulnerable children by expanding the provisions of Oral Rehydration Solutions and vitamins.

All heads turned toward the door when five-year-old Agwe was carried into the clinic by his parents. The little boy was lethargic and severely dehydrated. When the medical team saw the empty look in his eyes, they knew this child needed help – and fast.

The magnitude of the need that the mission team had encountered during this trip was overwhelming, and they had already dispensed much of the medicine and supplies that they had brought with them from MAP International.

As doctors examined little Agwe, other team members began digging frantically through the supplies that they had left. The boy needed something to help rehydrate his body as quickly as possible.

Everyone in the room released an audible sigh of relief when someone finally found the packets of Liquid I.V. rehydration solution in the MAP box. Praise the Lord! The team made Agwe and his parents comfortable and began administering the rehydration solution to the child.

A little while later, Agwe began to perk up, and a bit of life came back into his eyes. His parents were overcome with gratitude. It was a simple solution, but those packets of Liquid I.V. were as good as a miracle to Agwe. The fact that the team had access to the Liquid I.V. solution was the provision of God in itself. By the time Agwe was rushed into the clinic, they had already run out of their usual supply of rehydration drinks. "This time", says team member Deb Williams, "we had ordered the drink mix from MAP and we were able to treat him and get him feeling better."

Without access to oral rehydration, Agwe's condition could easily have worsened to the point of severe health complications or even death. Globally, dehydration in children is a leading cause of death. Thanks to supporters like you, that was not how Agwe's story ended. +

FOCUS: Equipping Medical Mission Teams

Every year, MAP International equips medical students, church teams, hospitals, non-profits, and other health organizations to address the medical needs of the world's hardest to reach places.

Danielle Dalmer, a nurse in the U.S., was visiting a nursing school in Ghana to speak to the students prior to helping her team on their surgical mission at the local hospital. Deborah, a nursing student at the school, approached Danielle asking if she and her team could help her son, Alexander, who had been born with a club foot.

Alexander had developed skin infections and sores from the homemade prosthetics his family had given him to try to help him walk.

Danielle enlisted the help of the team's pharmacist, and using supplies from MAP, they cleaned Alexander's sores, bandaged him up, and then gave him a course of antibiotics and pain relievers to help his skin heal.



"To this day, the pharmacist and I have provided support to Deborah and keep in touch," says Danielle. "Alexander's wounds have healed thanks in large part to the donated medications [from MAP]." +

FOCUS: Pediatric Care

In 2025, MAP is expanding the program to provide more pediatric antibiotic treatments to children in some of the world's poorest countries.



Belen had been sick for days. She was only 18 months old, so when the fever hit and the cough became relentless, her mother, Ana, began to panic. Ana could not afford a doctor's visit, and she didn't know where to begin to find the medicine that might help her child in rural Nicaragua.

A neighbor happened to tell Ana about a visiting medical mission team that was seeing patients for free. Ana didn't hesitate. She bundled up Belen and carried her all the way to the clinic, praying the whole way that they would be willing – and able – to help her.

When they got to the clinic, a volunteer doctor examined little Belen. Her oxygen levels were low enough to cause concern, she was wheezing with every breath, and she was lethargic. Thankfully, this mission team had come with a wide variety of medications and supplies from MAP International, and they quickly started Belen on a breathing treatment with a nebulizer from MAP.

The team kept Belen in the clinic for observation until the little girl's breathing and oxygen levels had improved. After two hours, Belen seemed to revive a little, and her breathing became less labored.

Before sending Belen home, the doctor also gave them antibiotics and cough medicine from MAP. Ana's relief was palpable. She no longer had to fear what the outcome of her daughter's illness would be; now, she had medicine that would help, and hope that Belen would indeed recover fully. +

FOCUS: Fighting Chronic Diseases

Chronic diseases are some of the leading causes of death and disability worldwide. MAP distributes medicine, surgical sutures and health supplies to treat chronic diseases.

Jennifer took one look at Paulina's ulcered feet and went straight to her box of health supplies from MAP. Serving in the Dominican Republic on a medical mission trip, Jennifer knew there had to be something in this box from MAP that would help.

Fortunately, Jennifer found a container of silver sulfadiazine cream and some clean dressings. Paulina's feet were not currently infected, and Jennifer hoped they could keep it that way. Diabetic ulcers on the feet can easily become infected, especially for people like Paulina who are very poor and



constantly deal with unsanitary living conditions.

Jennifer cleaned Paulina's wounds, applied the silver sulfadiazine cream that would help prevent infection, and dressed them with sterile dressings. She sent Paulina home with extra dressing supplies and the rest of the tube of antimicrobial cream from MAP.

"She was so overwhelmed," said Jennifer, "that she walked home and got myself and my translator a bag of headbands to give us as gifts and gave us a huge hug."

For Paulina, that simple tube of cream was worth more than the few dollars it might cost in the U.S. That cream represented not only physical relief that day, but healthy feet that could continue carrying her to work each day.

Without access to those simple medical supplies, Paulina's wounds could have easily become infected, and the infection spread to the bone, putting her at a higher risk for amputation. And amputation would be a cost too high for her to pay – not just in terms of the money needed to pay for the procedure, but in terms of being physically able to provide for herself. +

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