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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.



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

In many parts of the world, children die every day from illnesses that, in the United States, could be easily treated and cured with just a few cents' worth of medicine. But with the help of MAP supporters like you, where there is despair there is also hope.

In this newsletter, you will read stories that highlight firsthand accounts from medical providers and their patients about how MAP's essential medicine and health supplies changed lives. It is through their eyes and in their words that you can read the impact your generosity has on people around the globe.

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 world. +

Thanks to you, Baindu and her twins are thriving

Every mother understands the toll that pregnancy can take on the body. But for women in Sierra Leone, pregnancy is more than just exhausting; for some, it is a gamble against death. In a country with some of the worst maternal and neonatal mortality ratios in the world, Sierra Leonean mothers are in desperate need of access to consistent, quality medical care and prenatal support.

When Baindu Alie, a 22-year-old woman in Sierra Leone, found out she was pregnant, she was excited, but also terrified. She had no idea how this pregnancy was going to turn out. Living on a meager income, Baindu couldn't guarantee that she could keep herself well-fed and healthy, let alone afford regular prenatal care or any kind of treatment if she fell ill during the pregnancy.

Fortunately, a friend told Baindu about a community health center that could offer her the care that she needed. Thanks to a generous donation from MAP International, the nurse there was able to provide oral rehydration salts (ORS) and micronutrient supplements for Baindu so that she could nourish her body and support the healthy development of her babies.

Because of the dedicated care of her nurse and the consistent



prenatal care she received, it was with immense joy that Baindu soon welcomed the arrival of not one, but two precious babies — twins!

Reflecting on her experience, Baindu expressed her heartfelt gratitude: "I am so thankful to MAP International. The micronutrient supplements provided to me during my pregnancy made a significant difference in my health and my babies' health. I appeal for more assistance for our community, as many mothers need this vital support to ensure their children's health."

Thanks to MAP supporters, Baindu and many other Sierra Leonean mothers were able to meet their own nutritional needs so their babies could fully develop and enter the world healthy and whole. When you invest in the health of mothers, you are investing in the next generation. Thank you for helping give these new lives a happy, healthy start. +

Kaikara received life-changing surgery with your help!

In Uganda, where many low-income families cook meals over open fires, there is a high prevalence of burn injuries in children under the age of five. Small ones crawling underfoot can suffer burns from spills of hot liquids, or toddlers easily trip and fall into the cooking fire.

While on a medical mission trip to Uganda, volunteer nurse Pepper Card used MAP products to treat two young children who had suffered severe burns on their hands.

Kaikara, a precious little boy who came in with his mother, showed the doctors the small fingers on one of his hands that had been fused together from a burn the year before. Using surgical sutures they had brought from MAP, the volunteer surgical team performed an operation to free up his little fingers. "With continued physical therapy…the hope is he will have full use of his hand," Pepper says.

Another little girl, "Namazzi," had a similar burn injury to her hand, her small finger scarred and not functional. Once again, the surgeons used MAP sutures to free up this child's finger, hopefully giving her full use of her hand once she has recovered.

"I specifically remember this little gal," Pepper recalls with a smile. "She and her mother endured a long day of waiting, yet her sweet smile and spirit uplifted us all."

Kids like Namazzi and Kaikara encourage us all by their resilience. With access to safe and quality surgical care, both of them can grow up with full use of both of their hands, giving them all the opportunities for a full and joyful childhood.

If you would like to give more children like Kaikara and Namazzi the chance to go through life healthy and whole, visit MAP.org to learn how you can join us in our mission to bring medicine to the world. +



Sindy and her children say "thank you"

As a mother living in one of the most dangerous and violent cities in the world, Sindy Olivia has come to terms with the reality that she can't protect her children from everything.

Sindy and her husband, who works as a welder to support the family, live in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. They have four children, and Sindy is currently pregnant with their fifth. Living on just one income, the family struggles with day-to-day expenses, often having to do without many comforts so that they can provide the basic necessities for their children.

While a mother's concerns for her children are many, Sindy's biggest worry is for their health. She knows that young people are more susceptible to diseases like dengue fever and respiratory infections, and their neighborhood isn't very safe — it is often difficult to access medication at nearby health centers. If one of her kids gets sick, they often have no other option but to wait it out and pray for the best.

Recently, however, Sindy received an unexpected blessing — a donation of Zarbee's multivitamins from a MAP partner on the ground in Honduras. Thanks to MAP's donation of these vitamins, Sindy and her children received something that normally would have been an unaffordable luxury for their family.

Sindy expressed how difficult it is for her when her children get sick and she is unable to afford medication for them. "The donation of vitamins that she received is a relief," shared MAP's partner representative, "and she is sure that they will help protect her children from diseases and make them feel more energetic."

While Sindy still cannot protect her children from every danger — no mother can — she is grateful that she can now help protect them from sickness, thanks to the generosity of MAP.

If you would like to help put valuable resources like multivitamins into the hands of more moms like Sindy, visit MAP.org to learn how you can support our mission to give everyone a chance to live life to the fullest. +



Because of you, seven-year-old Efene is healthy again!

Seven-year-old Efene Basilio fled Haiti with his family when he was just four. He and his family have lived in the Dominican Republic for the last three years, his father working for a sugar cane company and his mother caring for Efene and his three other siblings.

The Basilio family lives in a one-bedroom home provided by the sugar cane company. As a family of six, space is tight. Money, also, is tight. Efene's mother bakes and sells bread in the community to try to fill the gap between their income and their expenses, but even with their hardest work, Efene's parents struggle to meet all the needs of their family.

Recently, a mobile clinic visited the Basilios' community, and Efene's mother brought the children in for checkups. The medical team discovered that Efene was significantly underweight, and that he was also suffering from a degree of anemia. He was immediately prescribed medication to treat his condition, but his parents could not afford it.



Thankfully, the medical volunteers had some supplies on hand that had been donated by MAP International, and they were able to provide Efene with Zarbee's pediatric multivitamins, free of charge. These vitamins were a blessing and a welcome alternative to helping Efene recover his health.

"Gradually, with some other interventions, Efene's condition is getting better," a representative of MAP's partner organization shares. "He has much more energy and the family has noticed recent improvements in his academic development. He has been determined to get healthy, and his pediatric vitamins are helping him achieve his goal."

The medical team asked Efene what he wanted to be when he grows up, and he shared that he hopes to become a police officer one day, so that he can help take care of his family. Thanks to the vitamins donated by MAP, Efene actually has hope for that dream becoming a reality. +

With your help, a grandmother's prayers were answered

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), diarrheal diseases kill over 440,000 children under the age of five each year. For children who are not so fortunate to have access to basic medicine and health supplies — like anti-nausea medicine or rehydration solutions — a "simple" case of diarrhea can lead to severe complications or even death.

This was nearly the case for three-month-old Godlens, a baby boy who lives in rural Haiti. When little Godlens came down with a stomach bug and began suffering from persistent diarrhea, his grandmother became concerned. The baby was fussy and refused to drink any fluids. She knew that without intervention, Godlens would quickly become dehydrated and lethargic.

But Godlens' family survives with just the basic necessities, scraping together what income they can to keep food on the table and a roof over their heads. There was never extra money for medicine or doctors visits — especially not emergencies like this. Plus, the closest medical facility was over an hour's drive away. Godlens' grandmother knew they had no choice. She found someone to drive her and the baby the hour to the closest clinic — a clinic that happens to be supported by MAP. There, compassionate medical staff took care of baby Godlens.

The grandmother was assured that the virus causing Godlens' diarrhea would soon pass. To help with rehydration and to aid in Godlens' recovery, the doctors gave his grandmother a supply of Pedialyte®, generously donated to the clinic by MAP International. Because of MAP's family of supporters, this baby had access to the health supplies that he needed, and thankfully, did not become part of a tragic statistic. +



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