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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hope. A small, four-letter word that captures the essence of what Global Aid Network® (GAiN®) has been taking to the world since its inception in 2003. Since GAiN was launched ten years ago by Cru (the name of Campus Crusade for Christ in the United States), everything we have done has been aimed at delivering hope to the oppressed, the victim, and the vulnerable. As we celebrate ten years of humanitarian ministry to the hopeless, we celebrate not only what has been done, but look forward with an enormous sense of expectancy to all that we will do in the next ten years.

In January, I assumed the role of President of Global Aid Network after 13 years of humanitarian field work in some of the hardest places on earth with which GAiN has been involved. The generosity of our donors has enabled us to minister to thousands of men, women, and children in Central Asia, Africa, Latin America, the former Soviet Union and the Middle East who now know that God loves them. Thank you for being a vital part of this ministry of compassionate aid.

As we head into 2014, we are looking forward to expanding our ministries into South America, Asia, Francophone Africa, and the Arabian Gulf. We hope you will prayerfully consider joining us as we continue giving for their gain and His glory.

With warmest regards,

Al Goff President & CEO Global Aid Network<sup>®</sup>



#### CONTAINERS

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WHEELCHAIRS, WALKERS, CRUTCHES 916 units

# **OUR MISSION**

Global Aid Network® (GAiN®) exists to address tangible needs in areas of poverty and despair. In order to demonstrate God's love through word and deed, we have developed a holistic approach in ministering to those we serve. This approach includes responding to disasters, providing humanitarian aid, training and resources to promote lasting and ongoing efforts and organizing people, churches, and other agencies to partner with us through short-term outreaches and mobile packing events.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES \$1,170,785 value

# **OUR HISTORY**

Initiated by the Josh McDowell Ministry, the humanitarian outreach known as Operation Carelift was launched in response to the great physical and spiritual needs of the people of the former Soviet Union after its dissolution in 1991. Thousands of men, women, and children were ministered to in the wake of the subsequent hardship. In 2003, aware of the growth of Operation Carelift, and in order to ship relief to other destitute areas around the globe, the leadership moved from the Josh McDowell Ministry to that of GAiN. Today, independent GAiN resource offices are located in Australia, Austria, Canada, Germany, Holland, Korea, Philippines, South Africa and Spain.

As part of the Cru family, GAiN is committed to a ministry outreach that combines the Great Commandment with the Great Commission. We are able to accomplish this through the vast network of national staff trained in making disciples and deployed in more than 191 countries. As GAiN celebrates 20 years of logistics, church planting partnerships, and humanitarian outreaches, GAiN continues to mean more—more hope, more dignity, and more opportunities to share the love of Jesus Christ.

# **OUR PROGRAMS**



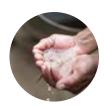
GAiN's Food Program helps alleviate hunger by providing vitamin-packed rice-soy meals containing vital nutrients and rice and beans, which provide additional food where food is in short supply. The cost of each meal includes the expenses needed to ship, distribute and support the evangelism and church planting outreaches.

FOOD



SEEDS

In 2010, GAiN developed the Seed Harvest Program as a tool to help address the problem of world hunger by giving families a sustainable food source. By sending a variety pack of seeds to people in agricultural countries, it enables individuals to plant small plots that will grow food to feed their families for four to six months. Not only will the crops provide nutritious food for families, but it can also provide additional income leading to greater health and educational opportunities.



WATER

GAiN's Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Program provides solutions for individuals, families, and communities, including: filters, water wells, well repair, and hygiene and sanitation trainings. These trainings include basic practices like how to prevent the spread of germs and that cause diarrhea and other diseases.

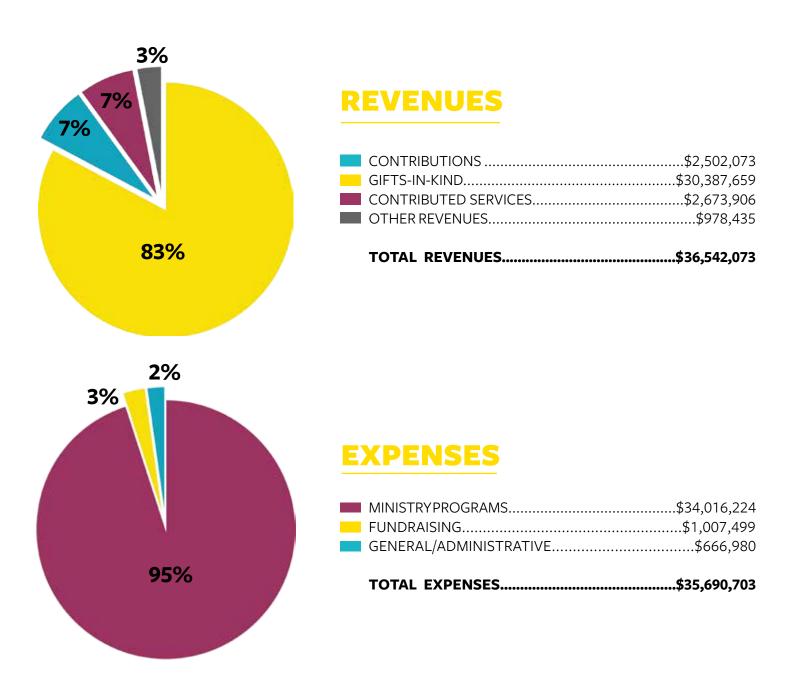


GAiN's Relief Program encompasses various strategies to meet physical, emotional, and spiritual needs for people affected by crisis. From orphan care programs to famine-response and emotional care initiatives, the Relief Program provides for immediate and longer-term needs of affected persons. To help meet these needs, GAiN may provide items like clothing, coats, blankets, bedding, crutches, wheelchairs, bandages, cooking utensils, etc.



As part of our Education Program, GAiN is committed to helping keep children in the classroom. One way is by providing students with a CarePack, which is a small bag of school supplies and hygiene items. When a child receives one, they receive more than school supplies —they receive the message that they are valued.

#### **EDUCATION**



# **OUR PLEDGE TO YOU**

Each year, we at GAiN uphold the highest standards in the stewardship of God's financial resources. Through the year we diligently pray, seeking God's will on where our funds should be allotted. All contributions to Global Aid Network are income tax deductible and are made with the understanding that GAiN has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds.

We always seek the most cost-effective way to use your gift. We will keep you up-to-date on how your money is being put to work. We will send you a receipt for your gift, and if we receive more funds than we need for this project, we will use the surplus for a similar project. As a ministry of Cru, we adhere to the donor confidentiality guidelines set forth by Cru.



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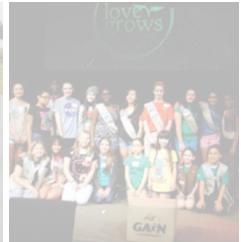
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14 Mobile Packing Events13,677 Volunteers259 Trip Participants

TOTAL PACKED: 150,235 HarvesterPacks 909,168 Meals 26,350 CarePacks 6,601 Blankets







### GIVING FOR THEIR GAIN: ONE VOLUNTEER'S STORY

"World-changers are the ones who do the things no one else is doing." Conner Haines' own words describe him. Conner is a young man with a big vision. For this 12-year-old Pennsylvania native, a mission trip to Guatemala was only the impetus for a bigger mission—impacting the lives of 5,000 children through the gift of the gospel and a soccer ball. It was a mission that would take God-sized provision.

Dawn Haines and her husband are committed to a lifestyle of service to God, and it is evident in their children. Through the years, each of their five children has been involved in the ministry of GAiN, bringing help and the gospel to the least of these. Together, they have packed clothes, seeds, food and other necessities at GAiN's distribution center's mission packing projects. They've gone on mission trips and created crafts to sell to benefit the Food and Seed Programs, but this goal was perhaps the most aspiring yet.

'Goals 4 Guatemala' is the name Conner coined for his family's dream of sharing the gospel and a soccer ball with 5,000 impoverished children in Guatemala. "The cost is \$50,000 - a sum that is huge, but certainly not impossible for God," his mother wrote in the letter to their family and friends

This past year, Conner and his family returned to the country where their hearts had found a mission. "So it worked like this," Conner wrote on his blog of his experience in visiting one village, "one person from each family would come and get their family ball and give it to their children. I hope you realize how much this blessed the children in this village. Yesterday was about one of the best days of my life." Determined that this is only the beginning, Conner says, "Trust me, this is not over yet. I will be doing this for the rest of my life if God wills."

### Feeding Souls in Malawi

In Malawi, our partners are committed to caring for orphans. Each month, they visit homes of children who have disabled grandparents that cannot work. Too often, orphans are delivered into families such as these that are already struggling. As a result, the children often get ignored due to lack of resources. With supplies provided by GAiN—nutritional food packets, soap, school uniforms, medical care and more—our local ministry



partners are making a difference. Our in-country workers are continually greeted with joy and laughter as children anticipate going to sleep with full bellies.

For several years, GAiN and our partners have supported Edna and her family. Edna became the sole caregiver for her three grandchildren when her son and daughter-in-law died of an illness. Before our partners met Edna, she was using a handmade still to produce alcohol from sugar cane. Drunkards were continually found near her house, but she continued the business to buy food for the children.

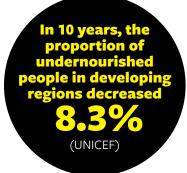
When our partners heard of the situation and the dangers it posed for the children and the community, they began providing food regularly and telling her about Jesus. Now, all three children attend school and have access to nutritious rice and soy meals. Because of caring partners, Edna and her family have been changed forever, and for the first time, they have hope for a better future.

"We are in the habit of communicating to the food recipients about our God, Jehovah Jireh, the One who loves us and cares for our needs."

- David Morrison, Director of Iris Africa, Malawi



Since 1990, the global under-5 mortality rate has dropped 47% (UNICEF)





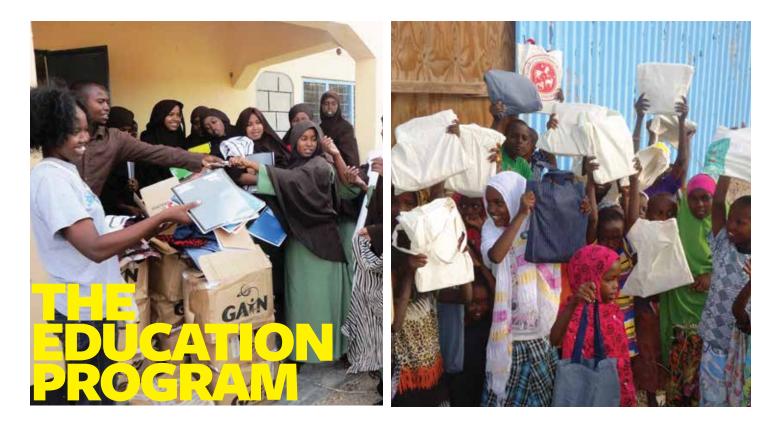
### Harvesting Hope in Honduras

Virgil is a farmer in Piedra Blanca, Honduras. He lives with his wife, mother and three young boys. After a long struggle with alcohol addiction, he heard the gospel for the first time and responded immediately. Not long after, he saw God's love in action as his community started receiving food, seeds, shoes, and clothes from GAiN.

Today he grows his own tomatoes, radishes, and cabbage in a small garden and continues to thank God for the support he receives from GAiN. In fact, Virgil's life has been so powerfully impacted by the gospel and God's provision, he now wants to start a new church in his village as a way to encourage his community to show God's love to others.

Virgil has seen firsthand the amazing things that can happen when the gospel and giving go hand in hand. Please pray for him as he seeks to share the Good News with others in his community, and gives thanks for the way God has used him to provide lasting hope to so many. He truly is a man harvesting





## Supporting Education Outreaches in the Horn of Africa

Because of the shortage of books and supplies at schools in the Horn of Africa, GAiN has committed to providing these items. In one school, head teacher, Ahmed, expressed his gratitude, "We cannot afford to buy the pupils notebooks because they are very expensive. We also have a shortage of textbooks because the parents cannot afford to buy them for their children. Thank you so much for the donations."

Thirteen-year-old Shamim was among those who received books. She is the first born of three children and has consistently been among the top three students in class. Last term, she was number two out of forty-six. "I want to become a doctor when I finish my education," she said. Shamim urges her classmates to work hard in order to excel in their studies.

In her district, there is only one girls' secondary school. While there is a determination to keep them in school, it is difficult due to high poverty levels and the inability to pay school fees. Early marriages are an attractive option to many girls due to the dowry payment that comes from the groom's family. These challenges leave the school running on a shoestring budget.

GAiN distributed CarePacks (school supplies), sewing machines and sewing supplies at the school. During the

distribution process, one teacher said, "The sewing machines and tailoring supplies are timely. We now have a boost to start home classes. We are very grateful for the support you are giving to the girls."

Not only do the school supplies help young women and children stay in school, but they also provide local partners with

the opportunity to show the love of Jesus. In places like the Horn of Africa, many have never heard the name of Jesus Christ. By building relationships through aid distributions, in-country partners are able to share the Good News through means like the JESUS Film.

It is through the provision of aid, like school supplies, that GAiN is able to help improve lives both physically and spiritually. Educating a girl dramatically reduces the chance that her child will die before age five. (childinfo.org)

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### Living Water in Zimbabwe

Chitungwiza is an area near the capital city of Harare, Zimbabwe. The fresh water supply in this area is not dependable and often not functioning. The public water works and sewage systems were intended for a population of approximately 50,000, but the last reported population was 340,000 people. Some sources say the population is closer to one million.

To meet the increased demand for water, wells were dug. Unfortunately, the wells do not go deep enough to supply clean water. The public sewage system is overworked and broken, so raw sewage rises to the surface from broken underground pipes. Consequently, sewage contaminates the shallow wells and water pools, causing outbreaks of typhoid, cholera, and other waterborne diseases.

A GAiN staff member visited Jessica's home in Chitungwiza. The home has three families living in it. Jessica and her two sons, Blessed (age four) and Danelle (age two), live there with Jessica's mother and sister.

The church in Chitungwiza, recognizing the dire situation

of people like Jessica, decided to help. In partnership with Life Ministry Zimbabwe and GAiN, over 1,000 water filters have been distributed. Churches in the area gathered for the distribution, and nine people gave their lives to Christ when the gospel was shared. The various pastors in attendance received the water filters on behalf of their churches. Each church then reached out to its immediate community with the filters.

Aleck Dambudzo with Life Ministry Zimbabwe commented, "Many [are] choosing to drink of the living water that springs forth unto eternal life. This initiative has given the church in Chitungwiza a voice. Great opportunities for ministry have been created as the community recognizes the relevance of the church."

Jessica's family attends the Apostolic Church and was given a water filter. Now they share the clean water source with everyone living in the home and with those living on their street. Speaking through tears, she said, "Your help came at a time when we had nothing - no future and only diseased water to drink. Your help has given us life and the hope to go on."



A child in Moldova smiles after receiving shoes for the first time.





# More than 90% of natural disasterrelated deaths occur in developing countries (worldvision)

## **Relief Around The World**

In developing countries, it can be common for the lame and sick to go without critical care supplies like medicine, crutches, and wheelchairs, which makes providing for basic needs like food and water even more difficult.

Our partners met a man in Zambia named Presley. Presley was pulling himself along the dirt when our partners crossed paths with him. They took him home, and after spending time together, they learned that he makes doormats for a living and crawls along the road to find customers.

Thanks to the aid supplied by GAiN, they were able to return to Presley with necessary supplies, including a wheelchair. Overcome with joy, he listened as our partners shared with him the love of Christ. Soon after, Presley prayed to receive Christ and the entire community began praising God for the kindness shown to him.

"Thanks for the opportunity to show practically that God loves us and wants to meet our needs." - Zambia National Partners

# Helping the Syrian Refugees

Driving through the city up into the mountains, the air is heavy with the smell of car exhaust. Stopping at several security checkpoints along the way, the driver must explain why they are passing through. Looking around, one can see etchings of the violence that continues to scar the northern part of this country burned out apartment homes, shards of glass littering the street, bullet holes sprinkled across buildings, and yet this has become a place of refuge for thousands of Syrians risking their lives to come to this place.

Many are like Farah,\* a soft-spoken mother of three girls under the age of five. She and her husband struggle to care for their children, making the best of scarce resources. They huddle together in their makeshift home, an abandoned store front. As the cold, harsh wind howls outside, she mentions that in two weeks, they might be evicted. They cannot pay for rent. THer husband has a job as a contractor, but the cold, rainy weather and harsh winds have made work difficult to find. When asked if she is worried about their future, she responds, "Yes, I am worried all the time."

Then she begins to tell of her home in Syria. Her face lights up as she recalls sharing a home with her parents and living down the road from her sisters. The pain washes over her as the reality of the present sinks in. Now, she rarely speaks to her family. But, Farah brightens as she explains that her family is supposed to come across the border soon. She isn't sure when they will arrive, but finds solace in her anticipation of sharing space with them and knowing that they will be safe with her.

Farah explained how humiliated she feels as a refugee in another country, but when the Christians show up with food, clothing, and blankets, they treat her like she matters. They treat her with dignity. Before meeting GAiN's partners, Farah says she knew Christians were good people and had good hearts, but when

Women and children make up 3/4 of the Syrian refugee population

(data.unhcr.org)

### Currently there are **2.3 million** Syrian refugees

(data.unhcr.org)



our partners visited her, listened to her and provided physical and emotional support to her family, she was convinced there was something different about them.

Now, Farah says she sees Jesus differently than she did before, and even though the situation seems so hopeless—war, brutal violence, families living in cramped quarters, while sharing space with rats and head lice—there is hope. As the war in Syria grows worse, the number of refugees pouring into neighboring

> countries continues to rise, but like Farah, families are not only receiving life-saving supplies, they have a chance to hear about a hope that transcends all circumstances. They have an opportunity to meet a Savior who, according to God's mercy, has given us a living hope, and that's more than anyone could ever dream of.

> > \*Name changed for security reasons.



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