



MedSend®

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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Open your eyes and look at the fields,
because they are ready for harvest.

OUR MISSION

In partnership with key Christian ministries, our mission is to strategically fund qualified healthcare professionals to serve the physical and spiritual needs of people around the world.

Dear Friend,

It feels to me like we are in transition, and 2022 was the inflection point. Our lives are different from the pre-pandemic of 2019, but we have not entirely settled into, or absorbed, the changes that are happening to create a new normal.

At MedSend we are experiencing change at what feels like an accelerating rate. Some of these changes are clearly God ordained and exciting. Some are more challenging and uncertain. On the positive side, MedSend celebrated our Lord's blessing over thirty years of ministry. After thirty years MedSend continues to be healthy, vibrant, and relevant. Wise decisions that were made at its founding continue to have a positive impact. Today the Medsend Board is strong and united, the staff is committed and thriving, and our donors are faithful and reliable.



Together in 2022 we supported a record number of 35 MedSend National Scholars. After nine years of offering these scholarships, we are seeing the impact of the program. Graduates are moving on to full-time employment. I had anticipated that many in the years ahead would move into leadership rolls. In several cases it has already happened! When we

measure the success of the National Scholars program, we consider it a success if an individual stays in an area of high need—be it a mission hospital or clinic, a government hospital, or work for a country's Ministry of Health.

We believe that if the right individuals are chosen and well trained, they will carry the light and love of Jesus into all situations. What we want to avoid is individuals leaving high need areas and moving to the west. Thus far, all our graduates have remained in areas of high need and are in a position to develop disciples. If you attend the 30th anniversary event at the Museum of the Bible, you will have the opportunity to meet one of these Scholars and hear an amazing story directly related to our National Scholars program.

One of the burdens I have carried for several years is the professional, spiritual, and relational condition of many returning healthcare missionaries. Most of our grant recipients live and deliver medicine in low resource environments, sometimes to the extreme. As the world continues to be more uncertain, difficult, and dangerous we see these challenges in the lives of those returning. I have begun to fully realize the tremendous stress a cross cultural healthcare missionary faces. I learned that delivering healthcare in the US is a highly stressful

profession, with significant burnout. When you layer-on the challenges of delivering healthcare in a cross cultural, low resource environment, it is a situation which tends to create a negative impact on the heart, mind, and soul.

The
Longevity
Project

I believe we owe the healthcare missionary the best we can do to help make their time serving our Lord productive and fulfilling. We can do better. In 2022, we accelerated the use of MedSend's influence, partnerships, and

resources to have a positive impact on a missionary's service. To this end MedSend will be introducing the "Longevity Project" in 2023. Our two goals are improving the experience of healthcare missionaries as they serve our Lord and extending their time of service so they can have an even greater impact.

MedSend to the World, which is our educational debt repayment grant program, has also been in transition. Covid slowed down the number of applications we are receiving. There is also a slight increase in the number of people coming off the field. You are likely to have heard about programs to help accelerate repayment of educational debt through the federal government. We are watching those programs carefully.

One of the MedSend founding principles is our commitment to be good stewards. We, I and the MedSend board, will be prayerfully considering every opportunity and challenge in 2023 to make decisions that honor our Lord and respect the resources you generously provide to make global healthcare in Christ's name a reality.

With a grateful heart,



Rick Allen

Rick Allen
President & CEO

YOUR GIVING

AND HOW IT IS MAKING A GLOBAL IMPACT

“While the year 2022 brought both transition and uncertainty, because of the faithful support of MedSend donors, we were able to fund every grant approved for US healthcare missionaries and celebrated the largest year for the MedSend National Scholars Program. As you review the following pages, I hope you find joy in the impact that your faithful support has brought about by God’s grace.

As we enter 2023, I pray you will continue to engage with us to make disciples of all nations through healthcare missions.”



Morgan Boardman,
Chief Development Officer

MedSend National Scholars by the Numbers



31
graduates



100%
continue serving
in their region of the world
in areas of high need



16%
of graduates

are now in a top leadership position (CEO or Head of Department)

47%
of graduates

are in director level leadership, working to teach and disciple others



16%
of graduates
have entered cross-cultural missions

Committed to Financial Stewardship & Transparency



30 YEARS OF IMPACT

more than 
\$22 MILLION

in grants offered for MedSend to
the World grant recipients

\$3 MILLION

given to equip and
train nationals

 **172**

educational
loans fully paid

**MORE THAN
5 MILLION**

provided with healthcare*



more than
684

grants approved



31

National Scholar
graduates



91

National Grant
recipients supported

EIGHTY-TWO

mission
hospitals &
clinics staffed



95

countries
served

**Estimation based on information provided in the last 25 years*

MEDSEND MILESTONES



Dan Fountain's CMDA Board Presentation

Left: Dr. Dan Fountain and family in 1953

A Bold Idea

Although Fountain didn't receive buy-in for the Fund at the Board meeting, the meeting minutes were delivered to Dr. David Topazian, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon and CMDA Board member who had missed the in-person meeting. The urgent plea that Fountain made found a listening ear in Topazian (then serving on mission) who urged CMDA to take up the issue.

CMDA soon formed an ad hoc committee, which later determined the cause urgent enough to merit an organization dedicated to the purpose of addressing educational debt.

MedSend was born.

1987

A New Mission

A 25 year veteran of the mission field, Dr. Daniel Fountain encountered a startling reality in the 70s and 80s: there weren't more missionary doctors coming to replace his generation on the mission field. The #1 reason he heard? Healthcare professional graduates owed too much in education loans and could not answer God's call. He went to CMDA in 1987 to ask for a \$10M fund to help pay off the educational debt of healthcare professionals who were willing to serve.

He was told "no."

1992

"Project MedSend" incorporated as a nonprofit

Right: Dr. Dave Topazian and the first Associates (sending agencies)



1993

Dr. David and Mrs. Deidre Topazian spend two months driving cross country to share the Medsend concept.

1994

1st MedSend Board meeting: Dave Topazian is named MedSend president.



Exceeding Expectations

100+ grant recipients

The first board meeting resulted in a business plan to provide 5 new grants each year to reach a total of 30 by the year 2000.

\$1 Million+ in grants given

God's faithfulness was shown in the generosity of donors, who made it possible for the organization to exceed \$1M in grants given.



MedSend grants provided surpass \$1M

Left: Dr. Martha Carlough, MedSend's first grant recipient, served in Nepal from 1995-2005.

2001

Global Impact

Partnering with International Associates, MedSend expanded its grant program to include citizens of developing countries who are called to serve people in need in their own countries through healthcare ministry. The International Associates recruit, train and oversee men and women who possess the requisite intellectual ability, a deep and abiding faith in Jesus Christ and desire to share it, and the moral character and spiritual commitment to serve in areas of great need in their own countries.

Training nationals lets International grant recipients multiply their efforts with the potential to reach millions, as more countries are restricting access for Christian missionaries and evangelists from North America.

2008



Grantee numbers exceed 350; Rick Allen is named new President & CEO.

2013

MedSend Nationals pilot program launches

Right: Dr. Derek Webber trains MedSend Nationals in Kenya.



MedSend celebrates 25 years & says a fond farewell

Left: MedSend Founder Dave Topazian: 1931-2017

2017

God's Abiding Love

A landmark year for the ministry, MedSend celebrated 25 years of extending God's love around the world through the vehicle of global health care missions. While celebrating a quarter century of witnessing the Lord's faithfulness, 2017 was also the year a tremendous transition occurred with the passing of MedSend founder, Dr. David Topazian, on December 29.

With more than 600 grants approved and funded, more than 95 countries served, and \$16M+ in educational debt paid, the legacy of Dr. Topazian is a testament to God's faithfulness to a tireless servant who was committed to following His call.



First Graduating class of family medicine residents from Kabarak Christian University, Kenya

Left: Kabarak University graduates

2019

MedSend grant recipients battle COVID along with other challenges during global pandemic.

2020

MedSend announces expansion of national scholars family medicine program to Liberia.

2021



2023

MedSend launches the Longevity Project after hosting a retreat in Orlando for grant recipients in country on home assignment

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Longevity Project



MEDSEND BY THE NUMBERS

2022 Impact

35

new grants awarded to US grant recipients in 2022



35

new grants awarded to National Scholars in 2022

1st Time in MedSend history

Grants to nationals equal to those leaving the US to serve



35%

of grant recipients serve in fragile and difficult areas, many in closed countries



19

grant renewals have been awarded in 2022



The grants offered to National Scholars makes this the largest class of nationals as the family medicine residency program expands into Liberia (ELWA Hospital)



87 missionary families & their children

were cared for and participated in MedRefresh retreats to reenergize and receive tools for thriving in their mission

ENGAGE WITH MEDSEND



GO

- Attend the MedSend 30th Anniversary Celebration at the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. on April 14-15, 2023
- Join a Meet the Missionary World Tour Zoom Event to hear firsthand what God is doing on the mission field
- Host a MedSend event in your area



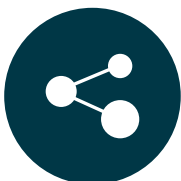
PRAY

- Join the MedSend Global Prayer Team
- Pray for the MedSend ministry, missionaries, and patients daily



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