

# Ministry Milestones 1992-2023



## 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.



### 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."



## "Project MedSend" incorporated as a nonprofit

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



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



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.



### 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.



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



## 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



### 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



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



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



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



# Longevity Project

