



He defended the cause of the poor and needy, and so all went well. Jer. 22:16 NIV

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### Medical supplies save lives in Philippines and Sierra Leone



#### Note from the Director



*"Action springs not from thought, but from a readiness for responsibility."* — Dietrich Bonhoeffer

This month we saw the necessity of being ready for action. When the call went out for protective gear for the Ebola virus, our team sprang into action to prepare two pallets of masks, gloves, and hooded coveralls. Emails were flying for two days between the ministry in Oklahoma that put together a shipment, the shipping company, and us. Because of people like you who believe in this ministry, we were ready to respond. If you missed seeing the coverage on four local TV stations, you can go to our website and click on the links.

Then last week I received a call from a man who has contacts with senior officials in Sierra Leone. He said that the situation is worsening and that hospitals are closing for lack of supplies. I would love to be able to send a full shipment to Sierra Leone, but we don't have the supplies or funds for shipping right now. If you would like to help, please designate your gifts "Ebola" or bring supplies to the ministry center. Five Mile Church of the Nazarene has also agreed to be a collection point. Their address is 2701 S. Five Mile Rd., Boise. Together we can save lives in Western Africa.

*Debbie Wheeler*

#### Maternity help for Filipina Women

Three birthing centers in the Philippines are anxiously awaiting the container sent by Hands of Hope NW on July 24 and due to arrive on September 8. One of the centers was destroyed in the huge typhoon that occurred in 2013. Besides the medical equipment, which is so badly needed for treatments, mothers and babies will receive a bag containing baby clothes, a cloth diaper, a receiving blanket, and a hat. Please pray for this shipment as it travels the ocean and makes its way through customs. KTVB Channel 7 came on site to film the volunteers loading equipment and supplies. And five Fred Meyer volunteers helped out again. Those guys are great! This shipment is the result of our May 1 Open House and Idaho Gives Day. Visit "In the News" on our web site to learn more about these stories.

#### Fighting Ebola in Sierra Leone

On July 31 we received a request to send protective supplies for a shipment to Sierra Leone to help with the Ebola virus outbreak. On August 5 we sent two pallets of 17,280 N95 masks, 1,325 surgical gloves, and 21 hooded coveralls. The masks alone are worth \$31,662. Local TV stations focused on how we were helping in a crisis.



Todd loads 2 pallets of protective equipment

#### Budget vs. Actual—Jan-Jul, 2014

Budget	Actual	Need
\$117,350	\$116,784	\$566

94 containers to 32 countries since 1992

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# Medical supplies save lives—locally and globally!



## Volunteer Spotlight



Jeff Mortimer

Jeff Mortimer has been a valuable member of our loading crew since 2002. It is hard work, especially in the summertime when temperatures soar inside the container. We have two hours to fill the container as full as possible and Jeff is great at stuffing those empty spots. Our motto is “Ship no air!” Jeff has two daughters, ages 9 and 3. He works at Fred Meyer and frequently brings his co-workers to help. His hobbies are mountain biking, backpacking, hiking, and camping. Thanks, Jeff, for all your hard work loading those containers!

## Annual Yard Sale—Great Turnout! Great Sales!

Our yard sale last month was a big success! The **\$3,508** that was raised is such a great help right now. Plus, many people got to learn about this ministry and how we are here to help when they have a need for medical equipment.

## Fred Meyer Community Rewards Donation—Let’s double it next Quarter!

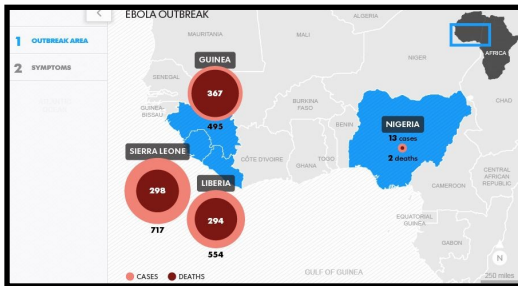
Eleven households shopped at Fred Meyer last quarter using their Rewards card linked to Hands of Hope NW—a total donation of **\$62.90**. That’s twice as much as the first quarter. It would be great if we could keep doubling each quarter. Interested? Sign up at Fred Meyer.

## GoFundMe—Fight Ebola Campaign

Help us send a full container shipment of protective supplies to Sierra Leone. The cost is **\$16,200**. Visit “Hands of Hope, Northwest, Inc.” on Facebook or our web site to donate to the “GoFundMe” Fight Ebola Campaign. The quicker we reach our goal, the

sooner we can help save lives. Ask your friends to give \$1 and share the link with their friends.

Thank you for your support.



## Medical Team to Nicaragua



We received a thank-you from a medical team that took supplies to Nicaragua. *“I just wanted to touch base and say thank you again for the donations from Hands of Hope Northwest. In 6 days, we were able to serve over 550 people with medical services. Attached are some photos from our recent medical trip, to Piedra Quemada, Nicaragua, using some of the items donated from Hands of Hope! Thank you for assisting us in blessing the village there! Blessings”*—Crystal Taylor

Local Loan Borrower on returning equipment: *“You don’t know how many people in this community you have helped.”*

Vincent Kituku took supplies on his recent trip to Kenya. He said the girls had tears in their eyes as they walked away with their bag of feminine products. They were so happy not only to get them, but to think that someone in the US cared enough to send them. This will allow them to attend school every day of the month.

## Ministry Summary—Jan-Jul, 2014

Ministry Area	Value
40’ Container Shipments	\$1,123,567
Small shipments/Mission trips	\$184,306
Local equipment loans	\$360,502
Shelter/church/school donations	\$43,370
<b>Total Ministry Value (Jan-Jul)</b>	<b>\$1,711,745</b>

## Yes, I would like to join the Hands of Hope NW team of supporters.

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$25       Monthly       Direct Deposit (Include voided check)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$50       One Time       Credit Card (Call office)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$100       Check
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other       I would like to make a Legacy Gift

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*Plus more than 200 fantastic volunteers!*