Congratulations, Johnson & Johnson!

You probably know Johnson & Johnson from the first aid kit in your home or one of the many products in your medicine cabinet. But you may not know that the company is also one of the most generous donors of medicines and medical supplies to people in need.

This year, the company was ranked #2 on the Access to Medicines index, a list of the largest pharmaceutical companies ranked by how they make medicines affordable, accessible, available, and acceptable to those living in low and middle-income countries.

Each year, Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies partners with MAP International to provide a wide range of products from bandages to sutures for doctors working in resource-poor countries. These life-saving medicines and health products are highly valued by doctors who often praise the Johnson & Johnson products they use on medical missions.

“As a long-time partner of MAP International, Johnson & Johnson has helped save the lives of countless people around the world,” said Steve Stirling, president and CEO. “We couldn’t ask for a better partner and we congratulate them on being recognized for their contributions to world health.”

MAP International was founded 63 years ago with a simple purpose: provide medicines to those in need, especially in resource-poor countries. It all started as boxes of donated medicine stacked up in the medical office of MAP founder Dr. Ray Knighton. Over the years, the donations of medicines and medical supplies grew and grew.

In January, MAP International sent its $6 billionth shipment of medicines to help those in need. This momentous shipment was given to some of the most desperate people in the world: Syrian and Iraqi refugees in Jordan.

Working with the partner agency SAMS (Syrian American Medical Society), MAP delivered antibiotics, oral rehydration solutions, cold and pain medicines, and anti-fungal creams, along with other medicines. The volunteer doctors from SAMS used the supplies as they treated more than 4,000 patients in refugee camps and community health centers.

“Without the medicines provided by MAP, we couldn’t do our job as doctors,” said Sidra Husayshi, an internist from the UK.

MAP also provided 150 personal hygiene kits, each containing soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, washcloth, and other supplies in a small backpack. These kits primarily went to Iraqi refugees, most of them Christians fleeing ISIS in Mosul and other Christian cities and taking refuge in Jordanian churches.

“The refugees were so grateful for the medicine provided,” said Dale Hanson Bourke, a former MAP board member who helped deliver some of the medicine. “One woman threw her arms around me and said ‘thank you’ over and over again when she learned the medicine to treat her and her children was being given to her for free.”

In the 63 years of MAP International’s existence, millions of people in more than 120 countries have received desperately needed medicines and medical supplies, most donated by pharmaceutical companies. Placeing these medicines in the hands of doctors and nurses overseas can only be accomplished because MAP’s donors provide the funding to meet the needs.

To learn more, go to www.map.org/refugees.

The ABCs of QCDs

Once you reach 70-1/2 years old, you are required to withdraw an amount from your IRA or other retirement account and receive it as taxable income. But by making a Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD) payable directly to a charity, you avoid taxes and are able to give the greatest benefit to your charity.

To learn more, talk to your investment advisor and ask how you can make a QCD to MAP International.

Then call MAP International at 800. 225.8550.

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Wish you could make a difference this year? Want to make sure your charitable giving does the most good possible? Then consider becoming a monthly donor to MAP.

When you set up your monthly donation, MAP receives a regular amount that helps meet the ongoing needs of those living without access to medicine. You set up an automatic deduction from your checking or charge account that can be changed at any time.

To learn more, go to www.map.org/mapmovers.
Monrovia, Liberia—It’s been to a number of countries in Africa over the past 15 years, but this was my first visit to Liberia. Liberians are resilient and gracious people. They have prevailed against more than 12 years of civil war which tore apart the country, including the health systems. In 2005, Liberians elected their first woman president, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. She has dedicated herself to rebuild the country.

On this trip I traveled with one of MAP’s board members, Cynthia Lynn Blandford, The Honorary Counsel General of Liberia and Charles Redding, MAP’s board members, Cynthia Lynn Blandford, The Honorary Counsel General of Liberia and Charles Redding, president of Atlanta-based MedShare, a partner organization.

The rebuilding process of President Sirleaf was underway when the horrific Ebola virus hit the nation of 3.3 million people in 2014. The health system was in ruins after the civil war and the nation was rebuilding the infrastructure. MAP International’s Liberia staff of seven people was ready to respond in March of 2014. MAP provided more than 30,000 personal protective equipment suits (PPEs) by April, 2014 to health workers in Monrovia. The protective equipment was quickly followed by containers of medicines (antibiotics, oral rehydration solutions, analgesics) and medical supplies to help save lives.

Everywhere we traveled on this trip there were signs and reminders that Liberia is now Ebola free. About four hours from Monrovia, Liberia’s capital, is Ganta, home to the Ganta Rehabilitation Center. MAP provides the rehab center with training, medicines and medical supplies to treat people afflicted with leprosy, buruli ulcer (BU) and tuberculosis. On the day we visited the center, there were 30 patients (many in wheelchairs or on crutches) waiting to be treated by the dedicated healthcare workers, doctors and nurses. The rehab center houses about 150 patients who are recovering from the devastating diseases. Against all odds the healthcare workers are providing excellent care to these patients in a loving and gracious way. The patients who might have been depressed from their ailments were singing songs of thanksgiving with joy to our Lord while waiting to be treated.

Our next stop was at the Phebe Hospital in Bong County. Dr. G. Gorbee Logan, The General, The Republic of Liberia President & CEO Steve Stirling visiting MAP Liberia staff and programs in Monrovia

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There is much hope in Liberia as people of this nation have prevailed through much. They pray fervently to God for help and they have the resolve to work towards a better future for all Liberians.

Meet MAP’s Medical Director

Each year, MAP International receives millions of dollars worth of medicines and medical supplies from dozens of pharmaceutical companies. And each year hundreds of doctors, nurses and health workers use these supplies to treat patients in resource-poor countries.

So how does MAP ensure that the right medicines are received and properly distributed to those in need? The matching of donations is one of the most important aspects of MAP’s ministry, a challenge welcomed by Dr. Karen Munford, who recently joined MAP as Senior Director of MAP’s Medical Program. With degrees in medicine and business, Munford is uniquely qualified to deal with the many challenges and opportunities presented daily.

“I loved being a physician but I felt there were ways I could contribute besides seeing patients,” said Munford, who pursued her MBA after practicing medicine for several years.

“I also wanted to work in a place where my faith was an important part of each day. Working for MAP is my dream job,” she said.

Munford appreciates both the commitment of MAP employees to the mission as well as their desire to serve God in all they do. Since she took the position in December, she has overseen the donation of several container shipments of medicines and supplies and has worked with ministry partners in a dozen countries to place these life-saving supplies with health-care providers.

“Making sure we place the right medicine into the hands of those treating patients in need is a wonderful challenge. I’m so glad that my medical and business training prepared me to do this job,” said Munford.

President & CEO Steve Stirling visiting MAP Liberia staff and programs in Monrovia

President & CEO Steve Stirling with hospital staff

FY16 Impact in Liberia:
- $2,024,498.97 in medicines and supplies shipped in 2016
- 750,000 people impacted through our long-term health development programs
- 279,764 people impacted through MAP’s global programs

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