As we look back on the MedSend ministry in 2018, it is with great joy that we were able to view God’s “transformational hope” at work in the lives of so many across our world. He has continued to bless those who come to us for our grants with both the means to arrive at their God-chosen destination of service. And, has allowed our grant recipients to utilize the gifts and talents He has poured into them. They have become His hands and feet to a desperate world in need of His love and redemption. Their acts of compassionate healthcare have transformed multitudes of lives both physically and spiritually.

Truly, as reflected in this report, it has been a year of Hope in Action!

Despite times of constant change and turmoil on the world stage, we were blessed to witness the continued flow of healthcare professionals who are willing to act and follow their call to medical missions. And, for many, they willingly chose to go to some of the world’s most difficult and dangerous places, with the goal of bringing Christ’s hope to the most vulnerable and needy amongst us.

In 2018, MedSend grant recipients provided significant care to an estimate of over a million people. With each encounter, MedSend healthcare professionals not only acted out the love of Christ through their compassionate work, they were able to open doors to spiritual conversations that are otherwise off limits in many of the environments in which they serve.

We are thankful for the opportunity we had to celebrate 25 years of God’s guidance and goodness on this ministry and are excited about the directions He is leading us in the future. In order to meet growing ministry demands, we are also in the process of establishing a base of operations in Fort Mill, South Carolina.

In this report, we want to provide a picture of God’s amazing provision for the MedSend ministry. We pray that in reading it, you are able to get a sense of the hope that is being provided to so many people around the world.

Rick Allen
President & CEO
And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

Luke 9:6 (ESV)

In 2018, MedSend Grant Recipients served in more than 11 regions around the world. Through their long-term commitment to missions, they also provided a stable, constant Christian influence amongst their neighbors in these communities.

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.

AN ESTIMATED 1M RECEIVED CARE

IN 75 COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD

WITH 10 DIFFERENT PREDOMINANT BELIEFS ENCOUNTERED

Our Mission
HOW HEALING OPENS THE DOOR

Healthcare, or healing work, provides an open door for spiritual conversations. This is a sentiment often shared by MedSend grant recipients on the mission field. In this story from Dr. Mike Ganey, he depicts how the emergency treatment of one person can change a community.

Our general surgery team helped an elderly man with an emergency, and he survived. He also decided to follow Jesus while at Tenwek Hospital. He went home (an unreached area with the gospel) and shared with neighbors and family. A young woman decided she too would follow Jesus.

His daughter had a cleft lip, and so the village had ostracized them as being cursed. A national missionary met them at a meeting where the mom was trying to learn more about Jesus. He brought them to Tenwek (two-day journey) and I was able to repair the child’s congenital malformation. My wife Julie came and spent time with the mom (18 years old), and gave her a Bible in the closest language to her own - which is yet to be fully translated. Two months later, we went and visited them in their home with the trainee who helped me do the operation. We were able to share the gospel with her family and neighbors (maybe 20 plus adults, not counting the children). While there, we spent time encouraging the local pastor along with the national missionary. It was a wonderful series of good connections and hopeful interactions filled with opportunities to spread the message of Jesus.

Dr. Mike Ganey is a MedSend pediatric surgeon who has served in Kenya since 2015. In the photo, Dr. Ganey (right, foreground) is pictured during morning prayer in the surgical theater.

Photo Credit: Julie Ganey

The Open Door

MedSend healthcare professionals, including Dr. Ganey, cared for more than an estimated 1 Million people. This resulted in a vast number of people being given the opportunity to hear the Gospel.
Through the generosity of our supporters, God has done amazing things!

In 2018, MedSend:

- Supported 224 total Grant Recipients
- Renewed 33 U.S. Grant Recipients*
  *to serve another four-year term
- Approved 23 new grants
- Grew Nationals Program to support 28 nationals

COMMITTED TO FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

We could not share the hope of Christ without the financial resources provided by MedSend supporters. Not only are MedSend healthcare professionals the hands and feet of Christ where they serve, but every person who gives to make this possible also serves in this way. Thank you for being His hands and feet with your generous giving in 2018! Our commitment to you is to be good stewards of the resources the Lord provides through the generous giving of His people.

"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:19 (ESV)

Morgan D. Boardman, CFRE
Chief Development Officer
There was a patient with acute abdominal pain who came to the casualty department. We did all investigations but there was no sure diagnosis. Yet, he was hypotensive and had severe abdominal pain. We took him to theater for a diagnostic laparotomy. When we opened the abdomen, we found a huge retroperitoneal blood clot. This was pointing towards either an aneurysm or an injury to a vein running to his heart. The surgeon said that we could not touch it, because he could bleed to death. We, therefore, closed the abdomen and took him to the ICU. We then explained to the relatives what we did and that we did not do anything about the actual problem. We also told them that the prognosis was poor. However, we encouraged them, and told them there is a healer in heaven. We prayed together.

The following morning, I was scared to go to the ICU because I was afraid I would not find the patient alive. When I got into ICU, I found the patient awake and talking. We gathered and praised God together. Two days later the patient was well and was discharged from the hospital. It was a testimony to all of us.
According to Open Doors World Watch List, 215 million Christians experience high levels of persecution in many countries. Other sources tell us that 50% of the world will not issue missionary visas. Yet in 2018, 43% of MedSend healthcare professionals served in closed or dangerous countries where other types of Christian missionaries have no access. At MedSend, we are seeing record numbers of healthcare professionals who are raising their hands, and are willing to go to these countries. And today, healthcare is still an open door to provide hope in these difficult regions of the world.

According to Open Doors USA, “Christians remain one of the most persecuted religious groups in the world. While Christian persecution takes many forms, it is defined as any hostility experienced as a result of identification with Christ. Trends show that countries in Africa, Asia and the Middle East are intensifying persecution against Christians, and perhaps the most vulnerable are Christian women, who often face double persecution for faith and gender.”
HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

GOD IS CALLING
NEW HEALTHCARE
PROFESSIONALS
EVERY YEAR

HUNDREDS
ANSWERED
THE CALL AT
GMHC 2018
(many will be applying for grants)

"We cannot wait to arrive in Ethiopia and begin the long-awaited work of caring for the sick, training African surgeons, and sharing the hope of the gospel. We are so grateful for MedSend’s assistance, which is absolutely vital to our ability to follow the Lord’s calling on our lives. Thank you for the part you play in sending so many medical missionaries to the field, and we look forward with great anticipation to partnering with you in God’s work!" Dr. Timothy Love, General Surgeon and 2018 MedSend grant recipient.

Dr. Love (right) and wife Laura will head to Ethiopia in 2019, with their (soon-to-be) three children. Dr. Love will serve at Soddo Christian Hospital, where he will treat surgery patients and serve as Assistant Director for a surgical residency program.

CONTINUED GROWTH IS ANTIQUATED FOR 2019
$3.2 M will be needed to fund MedSend grant recipients in coming year.

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ENGAGE:
• Remain up-to-date on what’s happening with the ministry.
  • Join the MedSend Global Prayer Team.
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