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

I challenged myself to not talk about COVID in my 2021 annual update. But it was impossible. COVID has permeated every aspect of our lives. The ministry of MedSend is no exception. First, the good news for which I am grateful: your generosity and partnership has allowed us to experience a significant increase in the number of donors, the amount given, and the early timing of financial support throughout the year. I understood this to be your desire to protect the ministry of MedSend. In 2021 we had several challenges, but a lack of funding was not one of them. This is directly related to your generosity and care. Thank you.

The pandemic has brought global healthcare to our front door. We are beginning to realize that what happens over “there” impacts us here. Our healthcare infrastructure which is some of the best in the world was overwhelmed. In many of the places where you make it possible for MedSend grant recipients to go, they are overwhelmed every day. The impact on the mental health of US front-line healthcare workers has been challenging. They have experienced a lack of resources at all levels, beds, ventilators, PPE, drugs, and co-workers. Death has been well beyond their expectations or experience. Unfortunately, these are the conditions many MedSend grant recipients work under every day, for years.

MedSend will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2022. For the first time in all those years we are assisting our mission sending partners (a list is available on our website) in the preparation and care of healthcare missionaries. We are seeking to ensure that no matter which sending agency an individual goes with, large or small, they will be cared for at a level that reflects the stress and despair they often face, sometimes for years.

The number of individuals applying for grants in order to go has, as you might imagine, been down last year. But there were some willing to step into a global pandemic and obediently go. Frankly, it is humbling to serve them. We had a large number of renewed grants. MedSend offers grants in four-year increments. Our goal is to transform communities and nations for Christ through healthcare. That objective takes time. A renewal represents a long-term commitment to the local people and community. It is the fruit of the MedSend ministry.

The MedSend National Scholars has exceeded sixty individual national physicians who have or are currently receiving advanced healthcare training in the region of the world where they live. They are being trained as surgeons, pediatricians, OB/GYN’s, orthopedists, family medicine doctors and more. We are already seeing some of them step up to leadership roles in the hospitals where they are working after graduation. I anticipate that these well trained and prepared Christ following physicians will transform local and national healthcare systems.

My prayer for the New Year is that our Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, will move throughout this earth to bring His love, compassion and a saving knowledge of Jesus to a hurting and broken world.

God bless you and all those you love throughout this New Year.

Rick Allen
President & CEO
The year 2021 was another year of God's blessing. Someone recently said that our world is moving so fast that we have stopped using the phrase “New Normal” to describe what is new. Instead it is the “Now Normal”. I am reminded that nothing is a surprise to our Lord. He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow and His faithfulness endures forever!

As I look forward to this year, the key word that God has put on my heart is “Engage.” **To engage means to take an action, to become involved in a world in need.** Thank you for engaging with us in 2021 to bring the hope of Christ through healthcare missions with your generous giving! “Open your eyes…the fields are ready for harvest.”

Morgan Boardman,
Chief Development Officer
16 new grants for US grant recipients were awarded in 2021

22 grant recipient renewals were approved in 2021

A total of 161 Grant Recipients were supported during 2021

An additional 11 have been approved but not yet mobilized

50% of the grant recipients awarded in 2021 are serving in fragile and difficult areas

673 grants have been awarded since MedSend was founded
MEDSEND NATIONAL SCHOLARS

BY THE NUMBERS

8
new National Scholar grants were awarded in 2021

11
new National Scholar grants were awarded in 2021

16
grant recipient renewals were approved in 2021

22
A total of 49 National Scholars were supported during 2021

64
National Scholars have been awarded since the program began*

49
A total of 64 National Scholars were supported during 2021

In addition to the 8 National Scholars awarded in 2021, the MedSend Board has approved the addition of 13 new National Scholars in early 2022 as an expansion of the family medicine residency program into Liberia. (ELWA hospital)

18
Nationals have completed residency and are now alumni

*Includes those that will begin at ELWA in 2022
**ENGAGE**

**GO**
- Attend the MedSend 30th Anniversary Celebration at the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. on May 21, 2022
- 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
- Use MedSend’s prayer guide as a daily tool as you lift up MedSend Grant Recipients and the National Scholars throughout the year: bit.ly/22prayercalendar

**GIVE**
- To give by mail, send donation to: MedSend, 1838 Gold Hill Rd Fort Mill, SC 29708
- Make checks payable to: Project MedSend
- To give online, visit: medsend.org/give
- Consider establishing an online recurring gift to MedSend.

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