



International Children's Fund

ICF Partners Help Ship Over \$25 Million in Life-Saving Relief Aid During 2008

Thanks to the contributions of our generous partners, the International Children's Fund shipped \$25 million in life-saving relief aid to outreach missions in five different African nations during the fiscal year that ended September 31, 2008.

"We are grateful to those who made this year one of the most fruitful and effective in ICF's 30-year history," said Dr. David Bruenning, founder of the Neenah, WI based charity. "Throughout our years of outreach to those in need all over the world, we have always relied on a broad base of generous donors and volunteers. We thank God for each and every one who did his and her part to make this possible."

The nearly 368 tons of relief aid—which was packed and shipped in a total of 21 forty-foot ocean shipping containers—was sent to orphanages, schools, churches, and other outreach agencies in Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Cameroon, and Sudan.

That aid included approximately 126,000 pounds of food, along with clothing, shoes, building materials, educational resources, and medical equipment. The aid was donated by individuals, families, schools, churches, businesses, and organizations with a heart to help desperately needy children and families.

In addition, through the financial contributions of our partners, ICF purchased millions of dollars in crucial medicines and pharmaceuticals which our clinics and hospitals throughout Africa are using to treat malaria, yellow fever, cholera, AIDS, and many other deadly diseases.

Dr. Bruenning explained that each of the 21 containers, that hold as much as 40,000 pounds of relief aid, required an additional \$8,000 and \$10,000 to ship to its destination. "Yes, the costs are significant," he said. "When all is said and done we can have upwards of \$15,000 invested in getting a container to those who desperately need its contents," he explained. "And if that container is filled with medicines and costly pharmaceuticals, the costs are tens of thousands of dollars more."

The key to ICF's success has been the ongoing support from those who partner with us with regular financial contributions. "ICF has always considered each dollar we receive as a mandate for good stewardship," said Dr. Bruenning. He noted that ICF has consistently been awarded a four-star approval rating by Charity Navigator, America's premier charity watch-dog group, meaning that 96 cents of every dollar our partners donate to ICF goes directly to the point of need. "We realize that every time our partners give us make a financial contribution, they are entrusting us to help them fulfill an awesome mission of mercy. We take that trust very seriously."

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Children in Liberia who have received some of the aid you helped ICF ship during 2008. Thanks to you we are effectively reaching out to those in need throughout Africa.