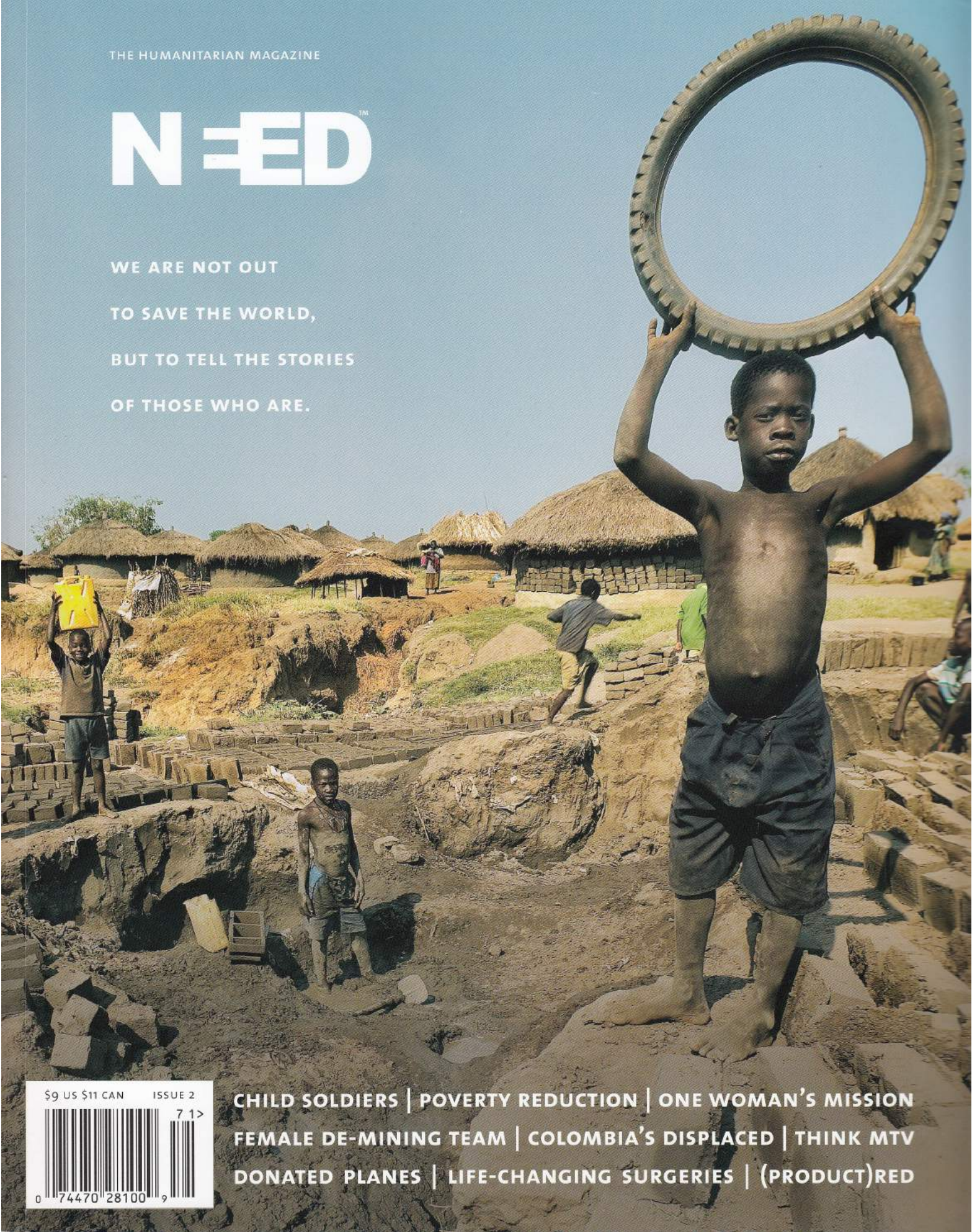


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WINGS OF HOPE PARTNER ORGANIZATION, FLYING MEDICAL SERVICE, MAKES BI-MONTHLY ROUNDS THROUGHOUT REMOTE REGIONS OF TANZANIA PROVIDING HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

Based in St. Louis, Missouri, Wings of Hope (WOH) has volunteers across the globe devoted to “fostering self-sufficiency and accomplishment” among the world’s poor. This goal is achieved through their domestic operations, air bases abroad and partnerships with humanitarian organizations worldwide. WOH strives to find innovative and effective strategies to combat poverty wherever it exists.

*“The goal of [Wings of Hope] is to alter the course of the world ... to take a region that we’re serving and alter the course of that environmental, socio-economic, political or cultural situation, so the people there can have the opportunities that they need.”*

—DOUG CLEMENTS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
WINGS OF HOPE

*“We pledge all our humanitarian efforts and resources to answer a simple question, ‘How can we improve the lives of the poor and change the future of [our] world?’”*

—MARY JEAN RUSSELL, PH.D.  
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT  
WINGS OF HOPE

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ALL IMAGES WERE TAKEN IN NORTHERN TANZANIA WITH WOH PARTNER FLYING MEDICAL SERVICE (FMS). SINCE 1985, WOH HAS PROVIDED FMS WITH FOUR AIRCRAFT EQUIPPED FOR LONG RANGE FLIGHT AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION, IN ADDITION TO OTHER RESOURCES.



FMS VOLUNTEERS, ALL OF WHOM ARE PILOTS AND PARAMEDICS, BRING MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS AND SUPPLIES TO 25 AIRSTRIPS IN CENTRALIZED LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT NORTHERN TANZANIA. PEOPLE GATHER IN THESE AREAS ONCE EVERY TWO WEEKS TO RECEIVE BOTH PREVENTIVE AND CURATIVE MEDICAL TREATMENT.



FMS VOLUNTEER REBECCA MORAN AND VOLUNTEER MEDICAL STUDENT ANNE DRABKIN EN ROUTE TO A CLINIC.



FMS VOLUNTEER DAVID "EZRA" JAY, SENT TO FMS BY WOH, HELPS A PATIENT OFF THE PLANE.

## VOLUNTEERS

WOH runs almost entirely on the time and effort of dedicated volunteers. Worldwide, WOH has more than 3,000 volunteers. At their international headquarters in St. Louis alone, over 500 volunteers log more than 250,000 humanitarian hours a year. Without these individuals, none of this work would be possible.

*"[An] airplane can't save anybody's life [and] neither can a bottle of medicine ... It takes a human being with a kind heart and a strong back to get out there, deliver these materials, monitor their usage and try to make changes so that five or 10 years down the road, they don't need that [support]."*

—DOUG CLEMENTS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
WINGS OF HOPE

*"I believe that everyone on earth should be entitled to health, and my goal is to help provide and improve health care."*

—DAVID "EZRA" JAY, VOLUNTEER PILOT/PARAMEDIC  
FLYING MEDICAL SERVICE

*"I have had the privilege of meeting some of the truly dedicated and remarkable people who put the Wings of Hope aircraft to use in remote areas under difficult conditions. Being able to service aircraft that are put to such admirable use and meet[ing] such impressive individuals gives me a great deal of satisfaction."*

—JERRY HOOGERWERF, VOLUNTEER MECHANIC  
WINGS OF HOPE



EZRA AND A VOLUNTEER CLINICAL OFFICER FROM A LOCAL HOSPITAL PROVIDE TREATMENT TO MEMBERS OF THE MAASAI TRIBE.

*"I have never witnessed a more profound work ethic, dedication or contribution of time and effort by people anywhere before. They are all to be commended."*

—KEITH BARBERO, BOARD MEMBER  
WINGS OF HOPE

*"The [volunteers'] impact on poverty is a pleasure to see. They give hope to so many young people."*

—BRIG. GEN. CHUCK YEAGER, USAF (RET.)  
HONORARY COUNCIL MEMBER  
WINGS OF HOPE

*"My greatest gain is what I have learned from the other volunteers ... they are the people one can only try to emulate in some small way. WOH provides a great lesson in how to be a better person."*

—JOHN PAVESE, VOLUNTEER PILOT  
WINGS OF HOPE

## OVERSEAS OPERATIONS

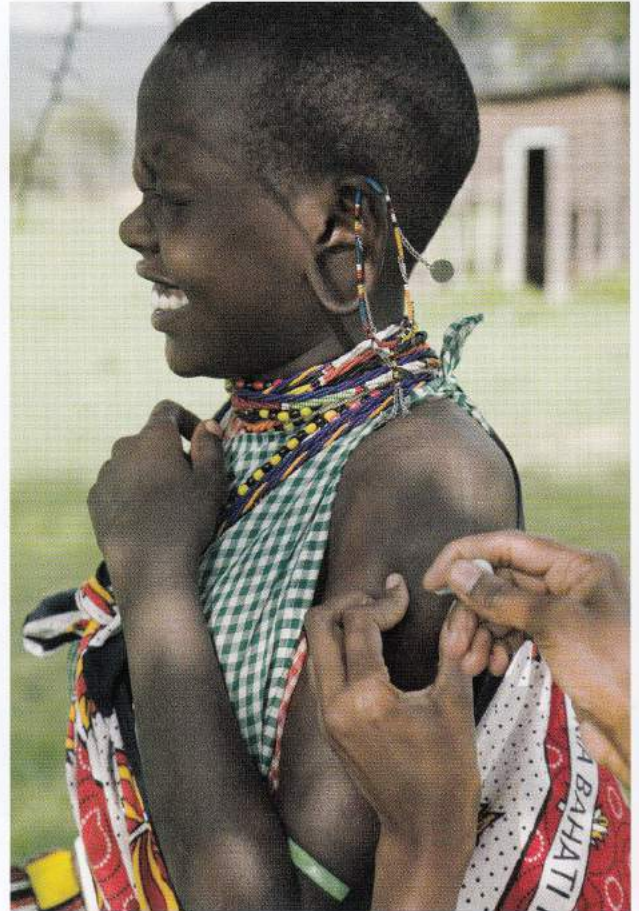
With over 150 bases operating in 40 countries across the globe, Wings of Hope is helping some of the most isolated communities in the world to realize their own goals of self-sufficiency. Every one of these bases is customized for the people it serves, and adapted for the geographic and environmental demands of the surrounding area.

Health care is the first issue addressed. The aircraft are vital in providing remote regions with medical facilities, supplies and personnel. However, these bases provide much more than air ambulance services. WOH field workers operate directly within existing social structures to help people identify and address their own needs. Whether that means development of resources, education programs or facilitating peace negotiations, WOH is there to offer assistance.

When developing a new program or base, WOH is mindful of the surrounding community. According to Mary Jean Russell, "almost all supplies and materials are purchased locally, rather than shipped from the United States." In order to stimulate the local economies, and foster sustainable community development.

*"Wings of Hope has been a blessing to so many patients in need of reaching necessary medical care."*

—CARDINAL JUSTIN RIGALI, ARCHBISHOP OF PHILADELPHIA  
HONORARY COUNCIL MEMBER  
WINGS OF HOPE



TO DATE, FMS HAS ADMINISTERED 160,780 VACCINATIONS.



FMS PROVIDES VACCINATIONS AGAINST POLIO, TUBERCULOSIS, DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH, TETANUS AND MEASLES. THEY ALSO DISTRIBUTE VITAMINS TO PREVENT BLINDNESS.

*"Programs developed at our bases are comprehensive and are built over time to serve an entire region. In this process, we require our personnel to live with, listen to and learn from the indigenous [people], and, when asked, provide guidance to the poor in managing their needs through their own discovery and actions."*

—MARY JEAN RUSSELL, PH.D.  
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT  
WINGS OF HOPE

*"I think that it goes almost without saying that such a well established organization providing a valuable voluntary service has to be playing a very important role in the spectrum of worldwide charitable causes."*

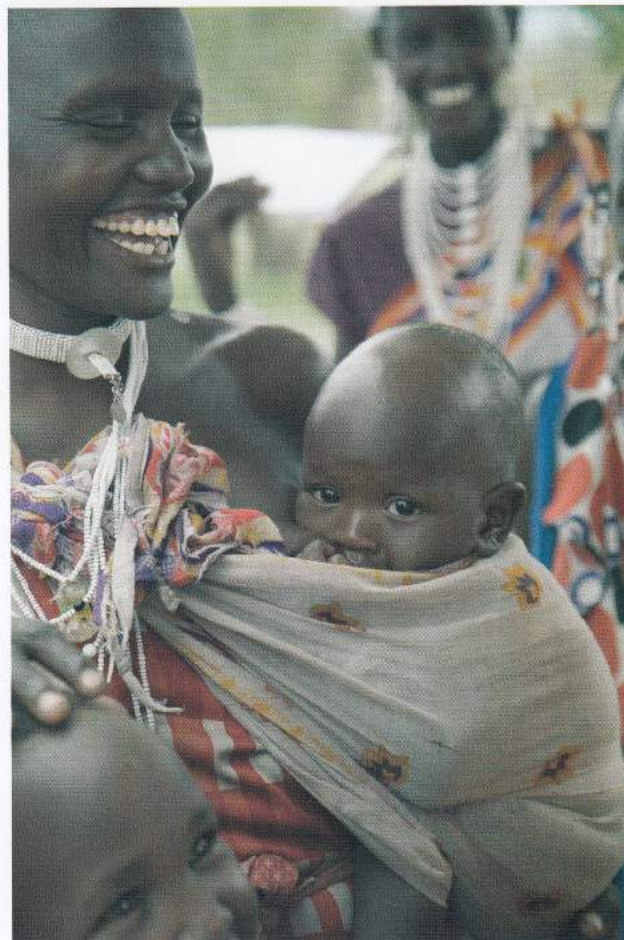
—ARNOLD PALMER  
HONORARY COUNCIL MEMBER  
WINGS OF HOPE



FMS OFFERS A COMPLETE CHILDHOOD VACCINATION PROGRAM.



A MAN WITH A BROKEN LEG WAITS TO SEE THE DOCTOR.



A MAASAI WOMAN AND HER CHILDREN, HAPPY TO SEE FMS.

## DONATIONS

WOH is funded entirely by donations. There are only five paid positions at WOH, which means nearly every donation, whether monetary or material, is used to assist the poor, with strict attention to accountability. Great care is taken to avoid any affiliations that might hinder their ability to help those in need, wherever they might be.

*“WOH has enlarged my heart; [it has] put me in contact with generous, thoughtful, imaginative, courageous and natural humanitarians.”*

—CELESTE OAKLAND, DONOR  
WINGS OF HOPE

*“Give us a check, that’s fine, but tell us what you want to do in your heart. You want to feed children? You want to take care of women’s health issues? ... Tell us what you want to accomplish, so that we can go accomplish that and change that woman’s future and change that child’s future forever.”*

—DOUG CLEMENTS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
WINGS OF HOPE

*“The excellent work of Wings of Hope has touched our hearts and inspired our entire law firm.”*

—GENE AND SUSAN MCNARY, DONORS  
WINGS OF HOPE





INFANTS ARE WEIGHED TO MONITOR MALNUTRITION AS PART OF THE FMS PREVENTIVE CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE PROGRAM.

## GLOBAL PARTNERS

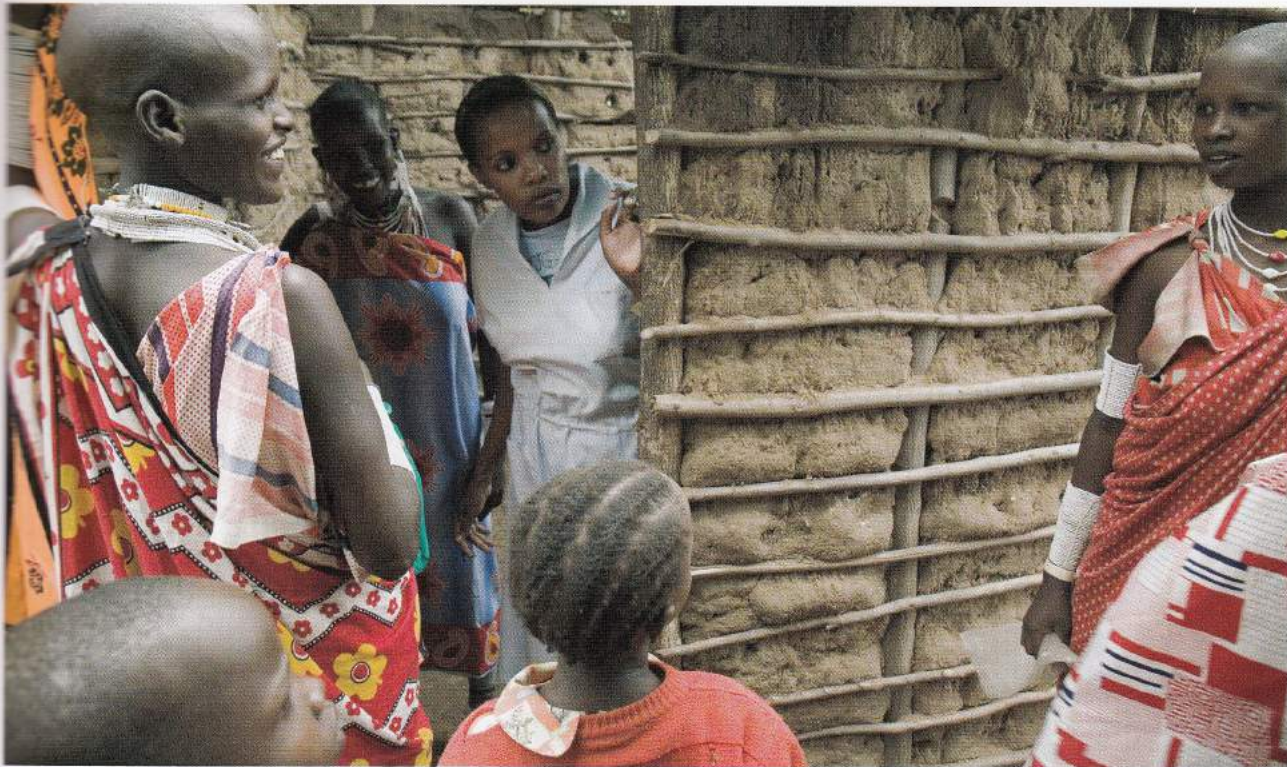
Wings of Hope works with dozens of partner organizations worldwide to address the needs of the poor, supporting these organizations through donations of aircraft, supplies, funds and/or volunteer services. In addition, they are constantly in search of new and innovative research and the development of resources with practical applications in the area of humanitarian aid. These newfound strategies are then brought to the field where WOH and their partners can put them to use in the fight against malnutrition, disease and harsh living conditions.

*“Our partnerships succeed because we pioneer alliances with global stakeholders who share our philosophy of ethics and freedom, to produce an effective change in the lives of the poor.”*

—MARY JEAN RUSSELL PH.D.  
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT  
WINGS OF HOPE



PEOPLE GATHER AT ONE OF THE CLINICS VISITED REGULARLY BY FMS.



A GROUP OF PEOPLE WAITING TO SEE THE DOCTOR.

*"Wings of Hope helped to provide the aircraft we used in the Ixcán [region in Guatemala]. ... Using that aircraft, over a two-year period, we provided air transport for: 326 emergency medical evacuations, 323 volunteer transports (doctors, teachers, etc.), 339 Christian mission workers flights (teachers mostly) and 186 aid agency worker flights ([from] NGO organizations). We transported over 60,000 pounds of cargo to help build schools, clinics, support missions and village medical programs such as vaccinations and fluoride treatments. Without Wings of Hope and many dozens of other contributors and volunteers and lots of divine guidance, we could not have done that work."*

—ROBERT RICE, PRESIDENT  
GREAT COMMISSION AIR

*"The emergence of Remote Area Medical's relationship with Wings of Hope and the beneficial effect that it has had on RAM's airborne operations is very extensive ... thousands of patients have benefited as a result. We hope this relationship will continue for years to come."*

—STAN BROCK, VOLUNTEER CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
REMOTE AREA MEDICAL

*"Although I get my basic needs for survival from FMS, Wings of Hope is still supporting me by providing ... a means to see [my sister] and the rest of my family once a year. They have also provided a feeling of safety by sending us a volunteer mechanic for major maintenance."*

—DAVID "EZRA" JAY, VOLUNTEER PILOT/PARAMEDIC  
FLYING MEDICAL SERVICE

## MEDICAL AIR TRANSPORT PROGRAM

Based in the WOH headquarters at the Chesterfield airport outside of St. Louis, the Medical Air Transport [MAT] program makes life-changing health care accessible to those in the Midwest who would otherwise find it out of reach.

*“Domestically, we have evolved into a major provider of specialized services for the underserved in the Midwest. The [MAT] is a free treatment identification, referral and air ambulance service that operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Staffed by professional volunteer doctors, nurses and pilots, the MAT is equipped to serve non-ambulatory patients, and is the only service of this type in the United States.”*

—MARY JEAN RUSSELL, PH.D.  
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT  
WINGS OF HOPE

*“Imagine having a child who has very profound birth defects. They’re the kind of birth defects that are going to require you or your [spouse] to stay home and take care of this child until the child dies. ... [Say] you live in the Ozarks, Louisiana on a swamp or you live in Kansas out on the prairie. You find out there’s a way to cure this birth defect, but you can’t get to [a major city where there are] big hospitals that can cure this child’s disease. There’s a lot of birth defects that take a dozen surgeries or more, and you’ve got to make that trek in your old beat up jalopy to and from the big city ... for [all] those surgeries, and then of course [there is] follow up care and therapy. ... You’re poor, you’re working ... and you probably don’t have the health insurance that’ll pay for it anyway because they don’t pay for that kind of transportation. So you’re stuck; you can’t solve that problem. Wings of Hope steps in and solves that problem.*

*“The Medical Relief and Air Transport, which we refer to as the MAT, [operates in this way] right here out of St. Louis. We actually find health care for those [patients]. The child never pays ... the parents don’t pay, and we don’t go to the taxpayer. We go to hospitals and [talk with] them until they agree to treat this person free of charge. Once we’ve got that secured, then we start shuttling [the family] back and forth until that [treatment] is all taken care of. It may take [several years] but then this child will [be able to] go out and run, jump and play... and the parents can go out and pursue better careers. ... That’s what the MAT program accomplishes, right here in the Midwest.”*

—DOUG CLEMENTS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
WINGS OF HOPE



VOLUNTEER ANNE DRABKIN CONDUCTS A PRENATAL CHECKUP.



A VOLUNTEER DOCTOR FROM A LOCAL HOSPITAL PROVIDES ROUTINE CHECKUPS AS A PART OF THE FMS CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM.



SINCE 1983, FMS HAS FACILITATED THE TREATMENT OF OVER 100,000 PATIENTS.





FMS VOLUNTEER REBECCA MORAN TENDS TO A PATIENT.

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

*"Entering the new millennium, our vision remains clear, our mission remains global and our dedication remains steadfast. We are proud of our heritage and will continue working to achieve peace and hope for all human beings. We extend the hand of human kindness to those who are suffering, simply because it is the right thing to do. We strive to define what genuine humanitarian aid should be. For more than four decades, our legacy continues to grow. When we look into the eyes of a healthy child and observe the exuberance of people who are experiencing peace and hope ... we know the seeds we have planted are blooming."*

—MARY JEAN RUSSELL, PH.D., DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT  
WINGS OF HOPE

*"We have looked to the future in terms of finding new and different ways to help the poor and needy in this world. I look forward to Wings of Hope serving more and more people around the world. We can and do provide hope and work for peace in the world."*

—LARRY LEMKE, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
WINGS OF HOPE

"WHATEVER IT IS THAT YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO SHARE, THAT'S YOUR HUMANITY; THAT'S WHAT YOU CAN SHARE AND THAT'S WHAT GENEROSITY MEANS TO US."



FMS PRESENTLY PROVIDES CARE FOR APPROXIMATELY 21,000 PATIENTS EACH YEAR.