

ATLANTA, GA, October 05, 2013 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- MAP International's sound fiscal management practices and commitment to accountability and transparency have again earned it a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator.

Since 2002, using data-driven analysis, Charity Navigator has awarded only the most fiscally responsible organizations a 4-star rating. In 2011, Charity Navigator added a second dimension of Accountability and Transparency (A&T) to its rating methodology, and now reviews 17 governance and ethical practices as well as measures of openness, providing information on its web site for each of the charities it evaluates. The A&T metrics, which account for 50 percent of a charity's overall rating, reveal which charities have "best practices" that minimize the chance of unethical activities and whether they freely share basic information about their organization with their donors and other stakeholders.

"In the current economic environment, it's important that our donors trust that we are using their gifts wisely to create real hope and lasting change throughout the developing world", said Michael J. Nyenhuis, MAP President and CEO. "Our 4-star Charity Navigator rating demonstrates to our supporters that we take our fiduciary and governance responsibilities very seriously."

MAP International's coveted 4-star rating puts it in a very select group of high-performing charities," according to Ken Berger, President and CEO, Charity Navigator. "Out of the thousands of nonprofits Charity Navigator evaluates, only one out of the four earns 4 stars - a rating that, now, with our new Accountability and Transparency metrics, demands even greater rigor, responsibility and commitment to openness. MAP International's supporters should feel much more confident that their hard-earned dollars are being used efficiently and responsibly when it acquires such a high rating."

MAP International's rating and other information about charitable giving are available free of charge on <http://www.charitynavigator.org> and <http://www.map.org>.

MAP International is a global Christian health organization that partners with people living in conditions of poverty to save lives and develop healthier families and communities. With 99% of donated resources going directly to our programs, we respond to the needs of those we serve by: Providing medicines, preventing disease, and promoting health to create real hope and lasting change.