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**\$700K Fundraising Challenge  
MedSend Board approves 18 grants and renewals**

*Stratford, CT – November 18, 2011* - MedSend's Board of Directors recently approved 12 grants and six renewal grants for a group of healthcare professionals that includes physicians, nurses and public health professionals, as well as a veterinarian, a dentist, an optometrist and a physician assistant.

"We are very pleased to present the MedSend Class of October 2011," said MedSend President Richard C. Allen. "Each of these healthcare professionals is trained and eager to serve God on the mission field as soon as the money is raised to fund his or her grant."

The October class will serve in Africa, the Middle East, and the U.S, some in areas that are closed to traditional forms of evangelism.

Each of the class members has expressed a deep sense of being called to career healthcare missions. For example, Dr. Maureen McAlhaney, who plans to serve in Nigeria, said she believes God called her into full-time ministry when she was 15.

"He has kept the fire for missions burning in me in spite of the long years of medical school and residency," she said. More information about the Class of October 2011 is available on MedSend's website at [www.medsend.org](http://www.medsend.org).

MedSend is now engaged in raising the money to fund the educational loan repayment grants, which will release Dr. McAlhaney and the other class members for service. The total cost of the 18 grants is \$700,000.

"Although this is a significant sum of money to raise, we have faith that the Lord will inspire people to give so that these committed professionals can be released to answer His call to the mission field," Allen said.

MedSend enables healthcare professionals to serve spiritually and physically needy people around the world by making their monthly educational loan payments while they serve.

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