Samaritan's Purse Doctor and Ebola Survivor Kent Brantly Joins Franklin Graham in Charlotte for Ebola Relief Airlift

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5: Aid Organization Sends More Critically Needed Supplies to Battle Ebola Outbreak in West Africa

BOONE, N.C., Nov. 3, 2014 - The Ebola outbreak in West Africa has reportedly already killed more than 4,900 people, although many believe the number is actually much higher. The situation is so dire in Liberia that treatment facilities often do not have the space available for people needing help. International Christian relief organization Samaritan's Purse recently airlifted more than 100 tons of Ebola relief to Liberia and this Wednesday will send another 90 tons of desperately needed supplies.

These supplies include suits, gloves, masks and boots to help protect workers at Community Care Centers (CCCs). Samaritan's Purse is constructing up to 15 CCCs in rural areas across Liberia, where care has been scarce. Liberians are being trained to work in these centers. The CCCs provide care that includes food, water and pain medicine, while also helping to reduce the chances that Ebola patients will infect their own families.

Samaritan's Purse is also continuing to expand its community-based care program. When there is no access to other treatment options, this program is designed to train and equip people to care for their loved ones at home, while taking precautions to protect themselves from the deadly disease.

WHAT:

Ebola survivor **Dr. Kent Brantly** joins **Franklin Graham** for Ebola relief airlift

WHEN:

Wednesday, Nov. 5

WHERE:

Charlotte-Douglas Int'l Airport (4062 Yorkmont Road, Charlotte, N.C., Gate 40)

MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES:

10 a.m.
Interview opportunities with Brantly and Graham, who can offer a unique perspective on the Ebola crisis

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- 5:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
 Morning and noon live shot opportunities with 747 and cargo
- 1:00 p.m.

 Departure of cargo jet to Liberia

Samaritan's Purse is an international Christian relief and evangelism organization that has been working in Liberia since 2003. The organization partners with local churches and missions to meet the medical, food, water and education needs of people across the country.

Based in Boone, Samaritan's Purse responds to the physical and spiritual needs of individuals in crisis situations—especially in locations where few others are working. Led by president and CEO Franklin Graham, Samaritan's Purse works in more than 100 countries to provide aid to victims of war, disease, disaster, poverty, famine and persecution. For more information, visit samaritanspurse.org.