

Planting Hope International

"Spreading the Gospel through improving agriculture, education, and health in developing countries"

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God continues to bless this ministry and to bring opportunities to serve others as we provide agricultural, educational, and medical support in countries such as Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Laos, Kenya, Ghana, Pakistan, and Nepal. We are supporting over 40 students now as we continue to see this as a way to have a long term impact in these countries. The students range from primary school to college. Our overhead costs remain very low and are paid by designated funds so that your donations go directly to those in need. Please read below to see some of our recent projects.



A Nepalese pastor distributing food to victims after the earthquake

Nepal. Not long after we sent our Spring newsletter, Nepal was hit by a devastating earthquake that killed thousands and left many more homeless. Since we were already working in Kathmandu through a Nepalese pastor, we were able to get much needed funds there very quickly to buy food and cooking utensils for people that had lost everything. This pastor could then spread the Gospel of Christ as he ministered to the hungry and hurting in this country with very few Christians.

Tanzania. We recently funded our 3rd water well through MSABI, a mission that drills wells by hand and requires communities to provide labor and some of the funding. We also continue to pay tuition for many kids in Tanzania. We continue to require all students to provide a transcript of a prior semester so we can track their performance, and whenever possible we require their family to provide some funding. We are also helping an orphanage with some much needed repairs.

Zimbabwe. We continue to provide support to Eden Children's Village and recently sent funds to finish their new medical clinic. We provided the remaining funds to do things such as provide water and solar energy to the clinic. This clinic was used recently to host an eye



Medical clinic built in Zimbabwe



Some of our board members helping with an eye clinic

clinic that saw about 190 people per day! Two of our board members, David and Tyndol Brundage, helped with the clinic. We helped purchase a 40ft container that will be shipped this fall. We hope to include a year-supply of medications for the clinic in that container.

Pakistan. We continue to pay rent for a sewing center that was started by Sam and Brittany Gill, who serve as missionaries in Pakistan. They use the sewing center to teach non-Christians that come there to learn a trade. They also preach and plant churches in this country where there are few Christians.

Laos. We continue to support Kirby Rogers' work in Laos. His Laotian business partner was recently in Manhattan, KS. It was good to hear about their work to establish agricultural businesses from his perspective. This is a very effective way to spread the Gospel in a mostly closed country. A project we funded to publish Bibles with both English and Lao will hopefully be completed soon. Lao and English speakers can then use this as they study God's Word together. We will send one container, and maybe two, of grain storage equipment to Laos later this year.

Current Needs.

- **Agricultural needs:** We have 3 containers possibly leaving for Laos and Zimbabwe this year. Shipping costs will be \$10,000-\$20,000 per container. We also need grain augers and feed milling equipment for work in Laos.
- **Educational needs:** We continue to get requests for tuition help from kids of all ages, including some in college. Depending on their school and age, cost is from \$50 to \$3000/yr. We continue to believe that this is a good way to have a long term impact in these countries. Over 40 kids have received help with tuition.
- **Medical needs:** We hope to send a year's supply of medications to a clinic in Zimbabwe. This will cost about \$10,000. We also continue to help specific medical emergencies, and those needs run from \$100 to \$1000 depending on the medical situation.

We welcome your contributions as we reach the lost, feed the hungry, heal the hurting, and educate the next generation so their countries can be self-sufficient. 100% of donations are used for these projects.

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James 1:27, 2:18 "care for the orphans and widows . . . show your faith through your works"



Taking down grain bins to ship to Laos

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