



Planting Hope International 2018 Annual Report

Spreading the Gospel through providing agricultural, educational, and medical support in developing countries.



**A recent college graduate that has now
started her own preschool!**



Executive Summary

In 2018, our impact as a charity expanded as we added new countries to our list. We have touched many lives around the world as we now have worked in 20 countries. We sent two containers of grain storage and handling equipment to agricultural projects in Kyrgyzstan, funded Business as Mission projects in Laos, continue to fund a medical clinic in Zimbabwe, and have supported 136 students. We traveled to Kyrgyzstan and Brazil, and participated in conferences with Engineering Ministries International and ECHO, where we interacted with other Christians doing agricultural mission work.

Our biggest effort is paying tuition as this is a way to have a long-term impact in these countries. Our overhead costs remain at less than 1% of our budget. In everything we do, we are transparent in our activities, respectful of donor wishes, and, above all, seek to honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We see people saved, spiritually and physically, through this ministry.





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Mission Statement

We seek to fulfill the Great Commission through improving agriculture, education, and health in developing countries.

Most of our efforts focus on promoting sustainability, so that those we support can sustain themselves and impact their respective countries.

Our two guiding Scripture verses are James 1:27 and 2:18. James 1:27 commands us to minister to the orphans and widows. Much of our work aims to impact the lives of the less fortunate. The other verse, James 2:18, challenges us to show our faith through our works. Planting Hope International exists because of our faith in the Lord and our passion to share the love of Christ with others.



Some of the 20 countries that we have impacted.



Board of Directors

Our Board consists of Christians who are passionate about reaching the lost for Christ and meeting the needs of the poor. Our current eleven Board Members are:

- President: Dr. Floyd Dowell, Manhattan, KS. Agricultural Engineer, U.S. Dept. Agriculture.



Gunnar Naughton, Gayle Dowell, Kayla Naughton, Christine Dowell, and Floyd Dowell

- Vice President: Derrek Marteney, Solid Ground Trucking, Riley, Kansas.



Derrek Marteney

- Treasurer: Karla Fisher, Manhattan, KS. Retired teacher and farm manager.



Karla Fisher

- Secretary: David Brundage, Solomon, KS. Executive Director, King Solomon Christian Camp.



David Brundage

- Pam Warren, Manhattan, KS. Worship Coordinator, University Christian Church.



Pam Warren



- Dr. Donn Leach, Manhattan, KS. Adjunct Faculty, Manhattan Christian College.



Stan Grecian

- Gayle Dowell, Manhattan, KS. Jewelry Designer.

- Tyndol Turkovic, Manhattan, KS.

- Stan Grecian, Farmer, Retired, Palco, KS.



Donn Leach

- Jeremy Houser, Abilene, KS.

- Taylor McFall, Manhattan, KS



Taylor McFall



Tyndol Turkovic



Jeremy Houser



Advisory Board

- Rusty Thornley, Manhattan, KS. Associate Professor, Cross-cultural Ministries, Manhattan Christian College.
- Ensign Kayla Naughton, Vista, CA. Registered Nurse, U.S. Navy. Founding Board Member
- Emily and Jordy Nelson, Oakland, CA. Oakland Raiders.
- Greg Wilson, Manhattan, KS. Owner, Howies Recycling.
- Kendall McFall, Manhattan, KS. Senior Vice President, EnGrain.
- Terry Cole, Manhattan, KS. Director, KSU Helping International Students.
- Christine Dowell, Manhattan, KS, Kansas State University.



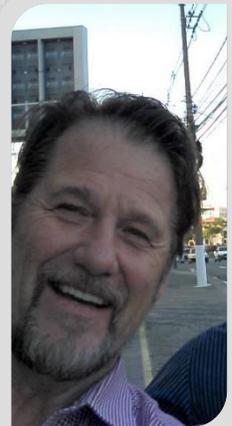
Rusty Thornley



Emily and Jordy Nelson



Greg Wilson



Terry Cole



Kendall McFall





Accomplishments

In prior years, we have sent containers of agricultural and medical supplies to Zimbabwe, Kyrgyzstan, and Laos. Further work comprised of sending about 1 million meals to the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya at the height of the famine in 2011 and funding the construction of water wells in Tanzania. We have built a school study house and a classroom building in Tanzania, and paid primary, secondary, college, and trade school tuition for over 130 kids in various countries. We have worked in Belize, Congo, Ghana, Guinea, India, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Malawi, Mexico, Nepal, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Syria, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, Vanuatu, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

2018 Projects:

Kyrgyzstan. We worked with a Business as Mission project in Kyrgyzstan for several years and sent two more containers of grain bins this past August. Kyrgyzstan is a Muslim country and this mission project uses a grain storage and feed making business to witness to the local population.

I (Floyd) visited Kyrgyzstan in October to see their work and was very impressed with the country, the people, and this Business as Mission work. Lives are being impacted through this for-profit business that primarily employs Muslims. The Christian workers then get to share their faith through their business dealings.



Feed mill and grain storage facility being supported in Kyrgyzstan



Bins being dissembled in Kinsley, KS, to ship to Kyrgyzstan



Grain bins built in Kyrgyzstan that had been sent from Palco, KS



Some of the type of work we support in Laos

Laos. We continue to support the building of “Harvest Centers” in Laos as part of Business as Missions work there. These Harvest Centers accumulate grain from local farmers, dry the grain, grind it into flour, add supplements to make it a high-quality feed, and then sells the feed to local farmers raising hogs, cattle, and chickens. This is a very good business model that allows this Christian group to work in this closed country. At every location a Harvest Center is started, people hear about Jesus, and churches are planted. They are improving lives while saving souls.



Personnel trained at the Eden Children’s Village medical clinic

Zimbabwe. We continue to support the medical clinic at Eden Children’s Village. This picture portrays the medical personnel who were trained through funding we provided. The clinic has expanded their services to include a mobile clinic to help those who live in rural areas or have no means to reach medical aid. We have supported various parts of Eden Children’s Village since they started about 20 years ago.





Student updates. We have supported over 130 students in countries such as Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Zambia, South Africa, Botswana and Malawi. Ages range from about 5 years old to college age. We have done this long enough to see a steady stream of students graduate with degrees in fields that include agriculture, medicine, and business. This is an effective way to have a long-term impact in developing countries since these students have the means to become leaders in their countries where many are not able to complete school. We require that students send receipts from the school when tuition is paid and to send us transcripts so we can make sure they are making C's or better. In addition, we have paid tuition for farmers to attend various agricultural short courses. When selecting students, we give preference to females and children of single mothers as they are most vulnerable in many of these locations.



A Zimbabwean medical student

We partner with Africa University in Zimbabwe, Help to Help (<https://helptohelp.se/en>) and Children in the Wilderness (<http://www.childreninthewilderness.com/>) to fund students through those organizations. Help to Help is based in Sweden and funds college students in Tanzania. Children in the Wilderness is based in South Africa and funds students of all ages in South Africa, Malawi, Botswana, Zimbabwe, and Zambia. Each group meets personally with students to encourage and mentor them. We also work through trusted contacts in these countries to make sure money is used wisely and to follow up the progress of each student. We share the love of Christ with them whenever we can.



A nursing student from Malawi

We also fund a mentor at a village in rural Kenya that seek-out and mentor young girls in that village to encourage them to stay in school and get a good education. This mentor is funded through She Shines Ministry that was started by Dr. Maggy Sikulu-Lord.

We have also arranged internships for college seniors and recent graduates at ECHO in Tanzania.



A young Zimbabwean student



Finances

Our funding remains consistent, with about \$80,000/yr coming from regular donors. One-time gifts from memorials or for special projects account for the additional income. Our overhead remains below 1%, so essentially all contributions go to projects we support. Overhead costs consist of website annual fees, stamps for newsletters, liability insurance, and tags for equipment trailers. We never operate with a deficit, and no funds are used for salaries or personal expenses.

Table 1. Income and expenses since inception.

Year	Income	Expenses	Checking Balance	Equipment Assets
2011	\$22,805	\$2,839		
2012	\$82,004	\$70,295		
2013	\$87,624	\$101,492		
2014	\$84,490	\$69,763		
2015	\$121,014	\$115,687		
2016	\$109,309	\$125,188		
2017	\$138,034	\$151,420		
2018	\$115,815	\$111,729	\$18,404	\$22,950
Total Assets	\$18,404+ \$22,950 = \$41,354			

Table 2. 2018 Income Statement

Revenue	
Total Contributions	\$115,815
Expenses	
Program Expenses	\$111,244
Administrative Expenses	\$485 (0.4%)
Fundraising Expenses	0
Total Expenses	\$111,729
Excess (or Deficit) for the year	\$4,086



Table 3. Assets. (The tractors will all be sent to developing countries. The other assets are used to collect and load items for shipments).

Item*	Value
18 ft box trailer (for storing items to be shipped)	\$500
Portable Ramp (for loading 40ft containers)	\$1,000
18 ft gooseneck trailer (for collecting large items such as tractors and bins)	\$3,000
12 ft enclosed trailer (for moving items such as food donations)	\$1,000
Bobcat skidsteer (for loading containers)	\$8,000
Ford 8N tractors – overhauled (1)	\$2000
Ford 8N tractors – repairable (6)	\$1000
Ford 3000 tractor – overhauled	\$2000
Chevrolet 5 ton dump truck	\$1000
Pallet jack	\$50
Laptop computer for keeping books and generating reports	\$200
Mowers, blades, rear buckets, cultivator	\$200
Case 900	\$1000
Total	\$22,950

*All assets were either donated or purchased with designated funds.

Compensation of Leaders.

Compensation	% of Expenses	Paid to	Title
\$0	0%	Floyd Dowell	President
\$0	0%	Derrek Marteney	Vice President
\$0	0%	David Brundage	Secretary
\$0	0%	Karla Fisher	Treasurer

We have earned the “GuideStar Exchange Platinum Participant” award, which is GuideStar’s highest designation and means we have demonstrated our commitment to transparency. GuideStar (www.guidestar.org) is an organization that provides information to help donors make informed decisions about charitable giving.

We continue to meet the State of Kansas requirements for a charitable organization, as shown at www.kscharitycheck.org.



Donor Summary

We had 29 donors in 2018, including 4 churches. Some donors have been supporters for over 20 years.

Administrative expenses remain less than 1% of our total budget. We continue to rely on volunteers to do this work as we have no paid staff.



A recent graduate from Tanzania that is now an ECHO intern in Arusha.





Background

Floyd and Gayle have felt called to serve God through meeting the needs of the poor and elderly since the 1980's. We began doing agricultural charity work in about 1995 with a charity that did developing country agricultural work. That charity focused exclusively on agricultural work, and we felt called to expand our efforts to include educational and medical work. We realized the importance of educating the next generation as a way of having a long-term impact on communities. We were also confronted with many medical needs that we could not ignore in the impoverished countries where we were working. Thus, our family started Planting Hope International. We incorporated on October 31, 2011, using Arthur-Green LLP Attorneys at Law. Our EIN is 45-3746722.

Floyd has a Ph.D. in Agricultural Engineering, has been a scientist with the US Department of Agriculture for over 30 years, and is an Adjunct Professor at Kansas State University. Gayle has a B.S. in Mechanical Design Technology and runs her business, Designs by Dowell where she sells her nature-inspired jewelry.

They homeschooled their two daughters, Christine Dowell (Kansas State University), and Ensign Kayla Naughton (RN, Navy) who is married to Sergeant Gunnar Naughton (Marines).

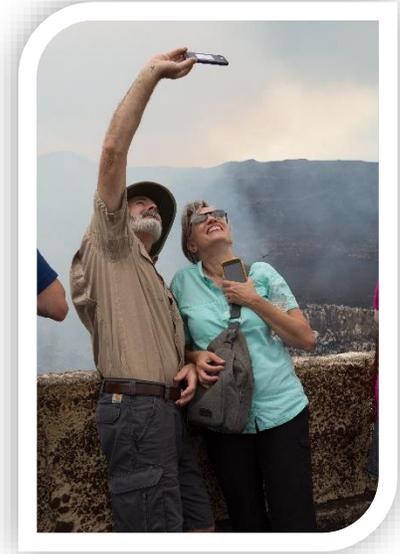
We established this charity with the concept of having very low overhead costs. We donate our time, in keeping with Paul's teaching in Acts 20: 33-35: "You know that with these hands of mine I have worked to provide everything my companions and I needed. I have given you an example that by working hard like this we must help the weak, remembering the words that the Lord Jesus Himself said, 'There is more happiness in giving than in getting.'" No charity funds are used to fund our trips or personal expenses.

Future work

We plan to continue similar projects to spread God's Word as we provide agricultural, medical, and educational support to promote sustainability in developing countries. We will likely send containers of agricultural equipment and medical supplies to Zimbabwe, Kyrgyzstan, and Laos. We will continue providing tuition for kids that have little or no source of income, send medical supplies to various missions, and provide agricultural support to improve food security in various countries. All this will be done with the emphasis of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ through ministering to those in need. Whenever possible, we will require recipients to share in the cost of these projects. We only commit to projects if we have funds on-hand.

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Floyd and Gayle Dowell in Nicaragua