

Planting Hope International – 2013 Annual Report

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



Executive Summary

God continues to bless this ministry. As a result of generous donations, we were able to provide agricultural, medical, and educational support to the poor in Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Laos, Kenya, and Pakistan. Our donor base is expanding, and we have received many in-kind donations. We have a good pool of volunteers that help prepare and load containers, with many people from various churches helping on several workdays. Our overhead costs remain low, and are about 1% of our budget. In most projects we require the recipients to share in the costs. Our Board of Directors provides oversight of our activities. In everything we do, we are transparent in our activities, respectful of donor wishes, and above all seeking to honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We continue to see people saved, spiritually and physically, through this ministry.



Nepalese kids being supported

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Mission Statement

All of our efforts are focused on our mission statement that is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through improving agriculture, education, and health in developing countries.

Most of our efforts focus on promoting sustainability, so that those we now support can soon support themselves.

We continue to be guided by James 1:27 that commands us to minister to orphans and widows, and James 2:18 that tells us to show our faith through our works (James 2:18).



Mother Dorthea, who was given funds so she could be treated for kidney disease

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 2013 Board includes:

- Dr. Floyd Dowell, President, Manhattan, KS. Agricultural Engineer, U.S. Dept. Agriculture.
- Rev. Gerald Martin, Vice President, Clay Center, KS. 67432. Retired Methodist Minister.
- Pam Warren, Treasurer, Manhattan, KS. Worship Coordinator, University Christian Church.
- David Brundage, Secretary, Solomon, KS. Executive Director, King Solomon Christian Camp.
- Dr. Donn Leach, Manhattan, KS. Adjunct Faculty, Manhattan Christian College.
- Mike Beam, St. George, KS. Teacher and Football Coach, Rock Creek Schools.
- Karla Fisher, Manhattan, KS. Retired teacher and farm manager.
- Paul Fleener, Manhattan, KS. Former senior vice president and chief operating officer for the Food and Grain Bank.
- Kendall McFall, Manhattan, KS. Senior Vice President, EnGrain.
- Terry Cole, Manhattan, KS.
- Gayle Dowell, Manhattan, KS. Business owner. Homeschool teacher. Founding Board Member.
- Derrek Marteney, Howe Landscape, Inc, Riley, Kansas.
- Tyndol Brundage, Solomon, KS



The Dowell's, founding board members.

Advisory Board

- Rusty Thornley, Manhattan, KS. Associate Professor, Cross-cultural Ministries, Manhattan Christian College.
- Kayla Dowell, Manhattan, KS. Student, Kansas State University. Founding Board Member
- Emily and Jordy Nelson, Suamico, WI. Elementary school teacher. Runs a mentoring program at Fort Howard Elementary School, Green Bay. Active supporter of Young Life Green Bay. Wife of Jordy Nelson, Green Bay Packers.
- Greg Wilson, Manhattan, KS. Owner, Howies Recycling.

Accomplishments

Past work includes sending containers of agricultural and medical supplies to Zimbabwe and Laos (2011 to present). We sent about 1 million meals to the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya at the height of the famine in neighboring countries (2011). Several water wells have been funded in Tanzania (2011 to present). We built a school study house in Tanzania, and pay primary, secondary, and college tuition for many kids there. For most kids, we require relatives to pay a portion of their tuition. We have worked in Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Kenya, Pakistan, and India. Current projects are discussed by country below.

Tanzania. Most of our efforts in Tanzania are overseen by Sebald Mteteleka and Fr. Salutaris Mpinge. Sebald manages finances for projects at the Ifaraka Health Institute and started the Valenova Foundation several years ago. Fr. Salutaris teaches at a University in Dar es Salaam. Both Sebald and Fr. Salutaris have oversight from friends we have in the area.

We continue to pay college tuition for 3 students, and primary and secondary school tuition for about 50 kids. This includes paying tuition for children whose parents have leprosy.



Ponsian, a college student we support



Water well provide to Baobab orphanage

We also started working with an orphanage in Bagamoyo, and funded a water well so they didn't have to carry water each day for their basic needs.



MSABI water well provided to a village

We funded the drilling of another water well in the Tanzania area through MSABI. This group requires the village to supply labor to drill the well, and uses hand pumps manufactured locally using local materials.



School lunch program

We provided funds support to buy a man an artificial leg who had been attached by a hippopotamus. We also provided funds for a lady to receive treatment for kidney problems.

A soap and candle-making training class was also funded by us. This training helped young people learn a trade to help them be self-sufficient.

Kiyongwile school requested help to fund a school program since the kids often have very little to eat at home, and nothing at school. We shared the expenses of this program with friends in England.



Providing sewing machines to widows in Pakistan

Pakistan. We began a project in southern Pakistan to provide sewing machines to 10 widows or elderly people so they can earn a living in this impoverished country where Christians lack many basic freedoms. We will pay rent for 1-2 years for a building for another sewing center until they can generate income to pay rent on their own as they become self-sufficient.

Nepal. We met a young man at KSU whose father is a minister in Nepal. Through that connection, we now pay tuition for 3 Nepal boys to attend boarding school.

Kenya. We support a village in Kenya through IcFEM (Interchristian Fellowships' Evangelical Mission). This indigenous group works through community leaders to affect change in their village. Their motto is "Holy Living and Hard Work". We visited this mission several years ago, and were impressed with their approach to missions.



Comforting a lady with AIDS in Kenya

Laos. We shipped a load of grain bins to Laos, and obtained more bins from Nebraska and Geneseo, KS, that will shipped to establish “Harvest Centers”. A ministry there established business to build relationships with local farmers. We hosted two Laotians this summer and gave them training in grain storage techniques. We also took them to various agricultural enterprises including equipment manufacturers in Clay Center. We hope to continue supporting this “Business as Missions” concept.



Tractor and bins sent to Laos



Disassembling bins that will go to Laos



Tractor and planter sent to Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe. We shipped a 40 ft container of agricultural equipment, medical supplies, orphan gifts, a large 60hp Ford Tractor, John Deere No-Till planter, wheelchairs, and year supply of Kids Against Hunger meals (80,000) to Eden Children’s Village (ECV). We continue to help this orphanage be more self-sustaining through. ECV supports over 100 orphans and employs over 100 people in the local area. Kevin and Susan Fry, who started and oversee ECV, visited

here for a few days in November. We had about 100 wheelchairs donated by Joni Erikson Tada’s Wheels for the World for the clinic that serves this orphanage and the surrounding community.

Syria. We sent funds to support refugees from the Syria conflict.

Other projects. We frequently provide consulting services to other missions seeking advice on shipping items to developing countries, and we answer many questions on how to improve production and reduce losses for subsistence farmers. We have also met with or hosted missionaries serving in Zimbabwe and Mexico. We also distribute Bibles on all trips as our main goal is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Tractor overhauled by Dallas Mercer



Tractor overhauled by North Central Kansas Technical College, Beloit

Finances

In order to provide a record of our finances and assets since inception, we report here also our 2011 finances since we incorporated October 31, 2011.

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	\$17,807	\$43,115
Total Assets	\$17,807 + \$43,115 = \$60,922			

Table 2. 2013 Income Statement

Revenue	
Total Contributions	\$87,624
Expenses	
Program Expenses	\$100,410
Administrative Expenses ¹	\$1082 (1%)
Fundraising Expenses	0
Total Expenses	\$101,492
Excess (or Deficit) for the year	(\$13,868)

Table 3. Assets.

Item*	Value
18 ft box trailer	\$1,500
Portable Ramp	\$2,400
18 ft gooseneck trailer	\$4,600
Carport	\$1,820
12 ft enclosed trailer	\$1,210
Bobcat skidsteer	\$16,000
Ford 8N tractors – overhauled (2)	\$8000
Ford 8N tractors – repairable (2)	\$500
Ford 3000 tractor - overhauled	\$7000
Pallet jack	\$85
Total	\$43,115

*All assets were either donated in-kind, or purchased with designated funds.

Compensation of Leaders.

Compensation	% of Expenses	Paid to	Title
\$0	0%	Dr. Floyd Dowell	President
\$0	0%	Rev. Gerald Martin	Vice President
\$0	0%	David Brundage	Secretary
\$0	0%	Pam Warren	Treasurer

Donor Summary

We have had about 56 donors in 2013. 18% of our donors gave 84% of the total budget. Our donors include 5 churches.

The average donation was \$774, with the minimum=\$10 and maximum=\$20,000.

Administrative expenses = \$1082 (~1%).

Timeline

Planting Hope International incorporated October 31, 2011, using Arthur-Green LLP Attorneys at Law

Board meetings have been held quarterly, with annual meetings in December.

12/2012, Guidestar seal of approval for transparency received.

11/2012, Liability insurance obtained.

Future work

We plan to continue similar projects to 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 and Laos. We likely will continue providing tuition for kids that have 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 these projects.

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