

Planting Hope International – 2014 Annual Report

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



Executive Summary

As we enter our 4th year as Planting Hope International we feel God continues to bless this work. Funding remains solid, and we are seeing lives changed. We continue to provide agricultural, medical, and educational support to the poor in Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Laos, Kenya, Ghana, Pakistan, and elsewhere. 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 seek to honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We continue to see people saved, spiritually and physically, through this ministry.



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Mission Statement

We seek 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).



Grain bins in Laos

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 2014 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. Director, KSU Helping International Students.
- Gayle Dowell, Manhattan, KS. Owner, Kit and Caboodle Shop. Founding Board Member.
- Derrek Marteney, Howe Landscape, Inc, Riley, Kansas.
- Tyndol Brundage, Solomon, KS



Floyd, Gayle, Kayla and Christine Dowell.

Advisory Board

- Rusty Thornley, Manhattan, KS. Associate Professor, Cross-cultural Ministries, Manhattan Christian College.
- Kayla Naughton, Manhattan, KS. Student. 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.

Laos. We shipped a 40 ft container than included grain bins, a 50hp diesel tractor, and a grain mill to Laos. A ministry there establishes businesses to build relationships with local farmers. Thus, while helping farmers raise their standard of living they also share the Gospel. This “Business as Missions” concept is having significant spiritual and material impact on this region.



One of the tractors we shipped to Laos

Zimbabwe. We paid part of the shipping cost for a container of supplies that left Indiana for Eden Children’s Village in Zimbabwe. We sent irrigation equipment and medical supplies in this shipment. We also sent funds to rebuild a chicken broiler house as a wildfire caused significant damage to the orphanage. ECV supports



Irrigation system sent to Eden Children’s Village

over 100 orphans and employs over 100 people in the local area. We have worked with this orphanage since they started over 15 years ago, and visited there several times. We are among their main supporters for their agricultural and medical work.



Wildfire that destroyed buildings at ECV

Tanzania. We have worked with Baobab orphanage in Bagamoyo, Tanzania for several years, and I was able to visit them this year. This orphanage not only provides a home for orphaned and abandoned kids, but also has a program to help kids with HIV in addition to running a preschool. We sent funds to help with some repairs for their buildings, and for them to buy a solar refrigerator so they now have a place to store food and their medications.



Kids at Baobab in Tanzania

We continue to work with the Valenova Foundation in Ifakara, Tanzania, and we fund about 20 primary, secondary, and college kids through this group. We maintain close contact with some of these kids and try to provide them moral and spiritual support. The projects are administered through Sebald Mteleteka, the founder of the Valenova Foundation. This foundation is a good example of local people trying to help their own local people. We also fund some medical needs and a school lunch program through this Foundation. We also started maintaining their website so they can continue building their own donor base. You can see their site at www.valenovafoundation.com.

Kenya. We continue to support IcFEM (Interchristian Fellowships' Evangelical Mission) which is a mission started and run by Kenyans. 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. This year we funded a training program for ex-prisoners. Through this program 10 men and women were taught trades such as mechanics,



Training class in Kenya

tailoring, and carpentry. The Gospel was also shared with them and 7 of them became Christians!

We are also helping Barbara O'Donohue start a bakery at her orphanage COPE in Pokot, Kenya, as they strive to be self-sufficient.



COPE orphanage in Kenya

Nepal. We continue to pay tuition for 3 orphaned boys in Nepal. These boys live with a Nepalese pastor.

Ghana. We shipped 3 crates of books to Anette Thieme at Faith School of Theology in Ghana. Anette raised most of the funds and collected the books, and we made the crates and handled the shipping details for her. This was a neat example of how we were able to help a missionary because of our experience in shipping to developing countries, at little cost to our donors.



Loading books for a shipment to Ghana

Pakistan. We met Sam and Brittany Gill at the International Council on Missions last year and were impressed with their work in Pakistan. Sam is from Pakistan, and Brittany is from the U.S. They had started a sewing center to reach out to Muslim women and poor Christians. We agreed to pay rent for this center for a year until it can become self-sufficient.



Young Nepalese boy that we are putting through school



Sam and Brittany Gill, Missionaries to Pakistan

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 Laos.



Loading grain bins that were shipped to Laos



Josiah Swihart working on a tractor that will go to Laos

Finances

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	\$32,533	\$44,618
Total Assets	\$32,533 + \$44,618 = \$77,151			

Table 2. 2014 Income Statement

Revenue	
Total Contributions	\$84,490
Expenses	
Program Expenses	\$68,278
Administrative Expenses	\$1485 (1.8%)
Fundraising Expenses	0
Total Expenses	\$69,763
Excess (or Deficit) for the year	+\$14,726

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

Item*	Value
18 ft box trailer (for storing items to be shipped)	\$1,500
Portable Ramp (for loading 40ft containers)	\$2,400
18 ft gooseneck trailer (for collecting large items such as tractors and bins)	\$4,600
Carport (for storing items to be shipped)	\$1,820
12 ft enclosed trailer (for moving items such as food donations)	\$1,210
Bobcat skidsteer (for loading containers)	\$16,000
Ford 8N tractors – overhauled (1)	\$4000
Ford 8N tractors – repairable (4)	\$1000
Ford 3000 tractor - overhauled	\$7000
Kubota tractor - repairable	\$5000
Pallet jack	\$85
Total	\$44,615

*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

We have earned the “Guide Star Exchange Silver Participant”, which 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.

You can also check us, or any other charitable group, out through the IRS Exempt Organizations Select Check at <http://www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Exempt-Organizations-Select-Check>. This IRS website lets you check for information about an organization’s federal tax status and filings.

Donor Summary

We had about 35 donors in 2014. Churches make up about 20% of our budget.

Donations ranged from \$10 to \$16,000. Many donors are long-time supporters of this work when we worked under the group Tractors for Our Daily Bread.

Administrative expenses remain about ~1-2% of our total budget. We continue to rely on volunteers to do this work as we have no paid staff.

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 Tractors for Our Daily Bread. Through that 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 we expanded our Bylaws and reformed as Planting Hope International. We incorporated on October 31, 2011, using Arthur-Green LLP Attorneys at Law. Our EIN is 45-3746722.

Future work

We plan to continue similar projects to spread God 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 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 of these projects.

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