

Planting Hope International – 2015 Annual Report

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

Rev. Gerald Martin
1928-2015



Executive Summary

Sadly, this year we saw one of our most faithful supporters, Rev. Gerald Martin, go on to personally meet our Lord and Savior after he passed away in November. Gerald was a personal friend and mentor and we are honored that his family designated this charity as the recipient of gifts made in his honor. Also shown in this picture is Fred Karlin who passed away several years ago. Because of the tireless devotion of people like this, we have been able to impact thousands of lives in many countries.

We continue to provide agricultural, medical, and educational support to the poor in Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Laos, Kenya, Ghana, Pakistan, India, and elsewhere. Our activities this year included sending containers with medical and agricultural equipment to Zimbabwe and Laos, and we are now paying tuition for 46 kids in various countries. Our overhead costs remain low, 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 continue to see people saved, spiritually and physically, through this ministry.



Fred Karlin (left) and Rev. Gerald Martin (right).

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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 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).



Countries where we work.

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 2015 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.
- 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, PrairieStone, Inc, Riley, Kansas.
- Tyndol (Brundage) Turkovic, KSU Student, Solomon, KS



Floyd, Gayle, Kayla and Christine Dowell



Derrek Marteney



Tyndol Turkovic



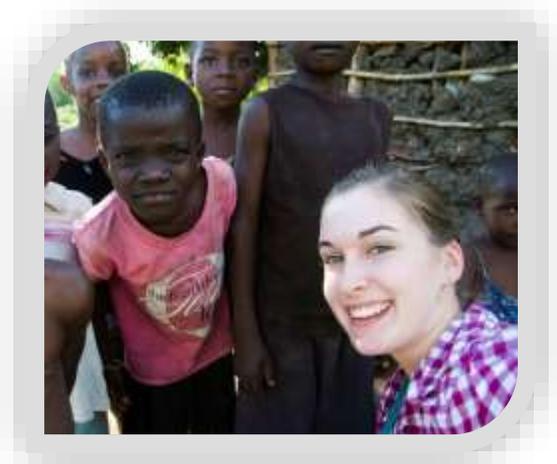
Pam Warren



Donn Leach

Advisory Board

- Rusty Thornley, Manhattan, KS. Associate Professor, Cross-cultural Ministries, Manhattan Christian College.
- Kayla Naughton, Indian Head, MD. Nursing 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.



Kayla Naughton



Emily and Jordy Nelson



Rusty Thornley

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 paid 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, Nepal, Laos, Ghana, and India. Current projects are discussed by country below.

Laos. One of our biggest efforts this year has been to support “Business as Mission” projects in Laos. We shipped our second 40 ft container that included grain bins and grain handling equipment in October. I (Floyd) also visited this work in December to set up an aflatoxin testing lab. I met with many of the local people, and saw how the church is growing in this communist country. Livelihoods are being improved and churches are thriving. The “Business as Missions” concept being implemented there is having significant spiritual and material impact on this region. The work includes contracting



Sharing a meal with friends in Laos.



Grain storage equipment we sent to Laos

with local farmers to provide grain that is then dried, stored, made into feed, and sold to pork and poultry producers. This significantly impacts income, and all is done while spreading the Gospel amount workers and customers. In addition, we also funded the formatting and printing of Bibles that have parallel texts in Lao and English. This allows the Gospel to be shared more effectively.

Kenya. We continue to help Barbara O’Donohue with a bakery at her orphanage COPE in Pokot, Kenya, as they strive to be self-sufficient.

Zimbabwe. We purchased a 40ft container and paid part of the shipping cost for this container of supplies that left Indiana for Eden Children's Village in Zimbabwe. We sent a year supply of medications in this container, along with wheel chairs and bicycles. We also sent funds to finish their medical clinic that sees hundreds of people a week.

Two of our Board members, Tyndol Turkovic and David Brundage, traveled to Zimbabwe this summer to help with an eye clinic. We also enjoyed a visit from Rory and Jude Ervine. Rory manages the farm and Jude is the nurse that runs the clinic. They are good friends and our family has supported them for many years.



Tyndol Turkovic and David Brundage in Zimbabwe

We continue to work with the Valenova Foundation in Ifakara, Tanzania, and between this group and others we are paying tuition for about 45 primary, secondary, and college kids. We maintain close contact with some of these kids and try to provide them moral and spiritual support.

Good friends of ours from England started a bakery in Tanzania many years ago. The Nuns that run the bakery needed help with repairs, and we helped them with the upgrades so they could continue to provide needed food to a local hospital, orphanage, and leprosy home.

Clean water continues to be a major contributor to health problems in this area, so we funded our 3rd water well through MSABI. This is a charity that provide clean water and sanitation solutions to people in Tanzania.



Medical clinic we funded

Tanzania. We helped the Baobab orphanage in Bagamoyo, Tanzania with some basic repairs to their livestock building and their house. 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.



One of our college graduates!



Food being distributed in Nepal after the earthquake

Pakistan. We paid for the rent for a 2nd year for a sewing center that reaches out to Muslim women and Christians. We agreed to this for 2 years as we hope the sewing center is now self-sufficient. We enjoyed having Sam and Brittany Gill and Sam's parents from Pakistan stay with us a few days this year. It is always good to have missionaries visit us!

Vanuatu. I was able to visit Dan and Shawn Thompson who work with Pioneer Bible Translators in Vanuatu. While there, they had a request from a church for a solar power system for their church that had no electricity. We were able to fund the system and we got a nice "thank you" video from the church!



Sam and Brittany Gill, Missionaries to Pakistan with their parents

Finances

Our funding remains pretty consistent, with an increase this year largely due to gifts from Rev. Gerald Martin's memorial fund. We never run a deficit, and we have no recurring expenses other than a small amount for website hosting. We remain committed to having very little overhead, and we do not commit to projects unless we are certain funds will be available.

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	\$37,860	\$37,795
Total Assets	\$37,860 + \$37,795 = \$75,655			

Table 2. 2015 Income Statement

Revenue	
Total Contributions	\$121,014
Expenses	
Program Expenses	\$114,614
Administrative Expenses	\$1,073 (0.8%)
Fundraising Expenses	0
Total Expenses	\$115,687
Excess (or Deficit) for the year	+\$5,327



Bagging corn in Laos

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)	\$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
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
Pallet jack	\$85
Total	\$37,795

*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 110 donors in 2015. About half of these were new donors through Rev. Gerald Martin's memorial. Churches make up about 12% of our budget. Many donors have been supporters for over 10 years as they supported this work when we worked with the group Tractors for Our Daily Bread.

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



Volunteers loading a container in Manhattan, KS

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.



Floyd and Gayle Dowell in Zimbabwe

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 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. We only commit to projects if we have funds on-hand, or a commitment from trusted donors.

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