

# Planting Hope International – 2012 Annual Report

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



## Executive Summary

The first year of Planting Hope International has been amazing, and God has richly blessed this ministry. As a result of generous donations, we were able to provide agricultural, medical, and educational support to the poor in Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Uganda, Laos, Kenya, and India. 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 over 60 different people helping on various workdays. We took trips to India, Kenya, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe to check on current and proposed projects. Most of these trips were covered by other sources. Our overhead costs are less than 1% of our budget. We hired the services of Arthur-Green LLP to establish our By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation. An 18-member 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 have seen people saved, spiritually and physically, through this ministry.



A college student being supported in Tanzania

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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.

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)



Zimbabwe orphans

## 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 2012 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.
- Dr. Russell Hart, Secretary, Manhattan, KS. Optometrist, Irwin Army Community Hospital.
- Pam Warren, Treasurer, Manhattan, KS. Worship Coordinator, University Christian Church.
- Dr. Donn Leach, Manhattan, KS. Adjunct Faculty, Manhattan Christian College.
- Greg Wilson, Manhattan, KS. Owner, Howies Recycling.
- 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.
- Emily 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.
- Dan Thompson, Wichita, KS. Independent Contractor. In training with Pioneer Bible Translators, Vanuatu.
- Terry Cole, Manhattan, KS. Store Manager, T-Mobile.
- Rusty Thornley, Manhattan, KS. Associate Professor, Cross-cultural Ministries, Manhattan Christian College.
- Kirk Farley, Manhattan, KS. Owner, FarCo Construction.
- David Brundage, Solomon, KS. Executive Director, King Solomon Christian Camp.
- Gayle Dowell, Manhattan, KS. Business owner. Homeschool teacher. Founding Board Member.
- Kayla Dowell, Manhattan, KS. Student, Kansas State University. Founding Board Member.



Loading a container in Manhattan, KS

## Accomplishments

We have worked in Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Kenya, and India. These projects will be 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 is the Parish priest in Ifakara. Both Sebald and Fr. Salutaris have oversight from friends we have in the area.

We traveled to Tanzania in November, 2011, as part of a trip funded by the Centers for Disease Control. During this trip, we checked on current and potential projects at an orphanage, Nazareti leprosy home, hospital, school study house that we had built, and water drilling mission. I also had the opportunity to distribute Bibles to various students.

Specific projects we support in Tanzania include paying half of the tuition for 30 children whose parents have leprosy, paying tuition for 3 college students including one attending seminary, paying for the plowing of land of Divine Mercy Orphanage so they can produce their own food, provided English and Swahili Bibles for a school study house we had built prior to starting PHI, and purchased rear tires for the Catholic Parish tractor that is used to provide basic tillage to many people in the Ifakara community where most farming is done by hand.



Children of Lepers supported by PHI

**Kenya.** When the famine hit the Horn of Africa, a plea went out to send food aid to refugees arriving at the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya. PHI coordinated the shipping of about 800,000 meals from Kids Against Hunger groups in Lincoln and Omaha, NE, and Cherokee, OK, and Numana meals from Eldorado, KS. We coordinated shipping to Ohio where the remaining shipping costs were covered by other charities.

Floyd Dowell and Kayla Dowell visited Kisumu, Kenya, as part of a malaria research project funded by the Centers for Disease Control. Travel costs were covered by the CDC. While in Kenya, we visited an orphanage, church planting ministry, and conducted tests to reduce grain storage losses. We have no ongoing projects in Kenya, but several leads for future work.



Evaluating grain losses in Kenya

**India.** Floyd Dowell and Kayla Dowell visited India on a trip funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to participate in a developing country food security conference. After the conference we visited a missionary in the Himalaya foothills and saw his efforts to share the Gospel through meeting physical needs of Indians that can be reached only by foot in very remote areas. We provided funds to repair the car for the missionary that hosted us, and we purchased goats for a family.

**Laos.** We shipped 8 grain bins donated by KSU and a tractor to Laos. They use the bins to establish “Harvest Centers” where they buy wet grain and dry it to add value. This helps them to build relationships with local farmers.

**Zimbabwe.** We shipped a 40 ft container of agricultural equipment, medical supplies, orphan gifts, a large generator, and 150,000 Kids-Against-Hunger meals to Eden Children’s Village (ECV). We sent funds to ECV to purchase farming inputs. We also traveled to ECV to work in their medical clinic and to set up grain storage to reduce post-harvest losses. Our efforts with this orphanage over the past few years have resulted in their losses to insects and rodents being reduced from over 20% to about 0%. This helps the orphanage be more self-sustaining. ECV supports over 100 orphans and employs over 100 people in the local area. They have baptized over 20 people in the past year.

We also sent a 20 ft container of church furnishings and agricultural equipment to Mutare, Zimbabwe. The furnishings and all shipping costs were donated by two Methodist churches that closed down in the U.S. but wanted to send their pew, pulpit, tables, etc. to churches in Zimbabwe. We were able to ship these items so that the Gospel can be spread in this developing country.

**Other projects.** We sent tractors to the Uganda American Partnership Organization and to Mexico. We also donated meals to the local Breadbasket in Manhattan. 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 from or serving in Zimbabwe, Ghana, and Mexico. We also distribute Bibles on all trips as our main goal is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Tibetan monument in India with missionary kids



Performing a malaria test in Zimbabwe

## 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	Current Checking Balance	Equipment Assets
2011	\$22,805	\$2,839		\$9,645
2012	\$82,004	\$70,295	\$31,675	\$16,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$31,675 + \$9645 + \$16,000 = \$57,320</b>			

Table 2. 2012 Income Statement

<b>Revenue</b>	
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$82,004</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Program Expenses	\$68,079
Administrative Expenses <sup>1</sup>	\$2216
Fundraising Expenses	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$70,295</b>
<b>Excess (or Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>\$11,709</b>
<b>Equipment Assets donated in 2012</b>	<b>\$16,000</b>

<sup>1</sup>Administrative expenses w/ incorporation fees=\$2215.80 (2%). Administrative expenses w/o incorporation fees=\$69.95. (<0.1%)

Table 2. In-kind asset donations.

Year	Item	Value
2011	18 ft box trailer	\$1,500
	Forklift	\$1,060
	Portable Ramp	\$2,400
	18 ft goosneck trailer	\$4,600
	Pallet jack	\$85
2012	Bobcat skidsteer	\$16,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$25,645</b>



Table 3. Assets.

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## Compensation of Leaders.

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

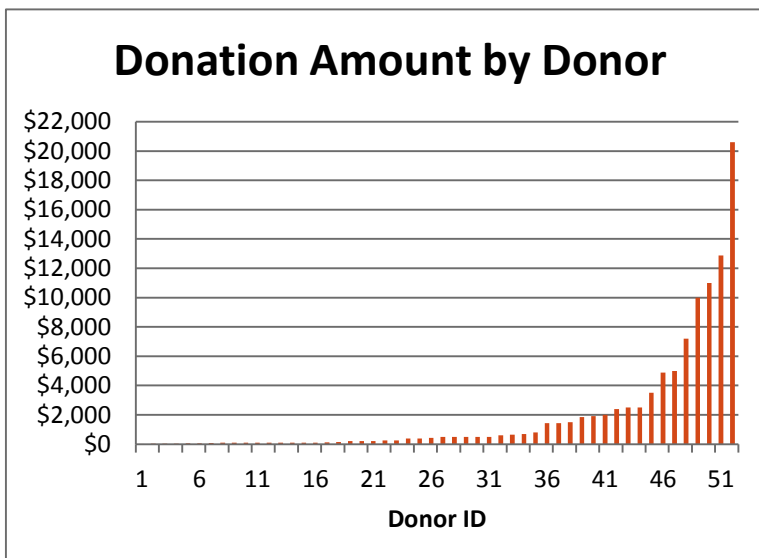
## Donor Summary

We have had 52 donors. 40 donors were individuals, and 12 were institutions (churches or businesses). 16 donors gave at least \$1000.

The average donation was \$1956, with the minimum=\$20 and maximum=\$20,600.

Administrative expenses which included the one-time incorporation fees=\$2215.80 (2%).

Administrative expenses excluding the incorporation fees=\$69.95 (<0.1%).



## Timeline

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

Board meetings were held on 11/27/11, 12/13/11, 3/22/12, 9/5/12, and 12/11/12 (Annual Meeting).

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 developing countries. We will be helping to send a 40 ft container of medical supplies and food aid to Eden Children's Village in Zimbabwe probably in January. We also plan to send a 40ft container with a large tractor, no-till planter, wheelchairs donated by Wheels for the World, food aid, and other supplies later in 2013. 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.

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