



# Planting Hope International 2021 Annual Report

Providing agricultural, educational, and medical support in developing countries.





## Executive Summary

Providing tuition support to bright young students continues to be a significant part of our work, and we have supported over 180 students. Many graduates are now becoming leaders in their communities and nations. All schools where we support students have reopened despite the continuing COVID pandemic. We provided several breathing machines to clinics that are helping patients battle COVID, and funded several other medical needs. We also provided agricultural inputs for a farming program and funded several agricultural interns. Our overhead costs remain about 1% of our budget, and we have worked in 24 countries. In everything we do, we are transparent in our activities and respectful of donor wishes as we seek to minister to the needs of our brothers and sisters worldwide.





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## Mission Statement

We seek to meet the needs of the poor 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 guiding Scripture verses are James 1:27 which commands us to minister to the orphans and widows, and James 2:18 which challenges us to show our faith through our works.





## Board of Directors

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

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



Pam Warren

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

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



Karla Fisher



Floyd and Gayle Dowell

- Secretary: Gayle Dowell, Manhattan, KS. Jewelry Designer.



- Dr. Danny Rogers, Professor Emeritus, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
- Dr. Donn Leach, Manhattan, KS. Adjunct Faculty, Manhattan Christian College.
- Stan Grecian, Farmer, Retired, Palco, KS.

**Danny Rogers**

- Jeremy Houser, Field Technology Specialist at Wilbur-Ellis, Leoti, KS.
- David Brundage, Solomon, KS. Executive Director, King Solomon Christian Camp.
- Christine Dowell, Starkville, MS. Park Ranger, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



**David Brundage**



**Jeremy Houser**



**Stan Grecian**



**Christine Dowell**



**Donn Leach**



### Advisory Board

- Kayla Naughton, Vista, CA. Registered Nurse, U.S. Navy. Founding Board Member
- Emily and Jordy Nelson, Riley, KS. Farmers, basketball coach. Formerly with the Oakland Raiders and Green Bay Packers.
- Terry Cole, Manhattan, KS. Director, KSU Helping International Students.



**Emily and Jordy Nelson**



**Kayla Naughton**



**Terry Cole**





## Accomplishments

Our previous work included sending containers of agricultural and medical supplies to Zimbabwe, Kyrgyzstan, and Laos. We have also provided food aid to millions of people in Kenya, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Pakistan, Nepal, Uganda, and India. We have funded the drilling of water wells in Tanzania and Zimbabwe, and we have built school buildings in several villages in Tanzania, a library in Kenya, and paid primary, secondary, college, and trade school tuition for over 180 kids in various countries. We have helped people in Belize, Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, India, Iraq, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Liberia, Malawi, Mexico, Nepal, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Syria, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, Vanuatu, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

### 2021 Projects:

**Agricultural Support.** We've had fewer requests for agricultural support in recent years, but we did provide funds to buy fertilizer for the farm at Eden Children's Village in Zimbabwe and to buy sprayers for The Baobab Home in Tanzania that includes a farm and orphanage. The Baobab home is always looking for ways to be more productive in their organic farming methods and the sprayers are used to spray a Neem mixture to control insects.



Planting soybeans in Zimbabwe

The picture shows a tractor and planter we sent to Zimbabwe several years ago. This is a recent picture and it is always good to see past donations are still being used.

**Medical Support.** COVID continues to be a challenge worldwide. We have now purchased 4 breathing machines, including 2 that are being used at the clinic at Eden Children's Village in Zimbabwe.

The clinic in Zimbabwe also asked us to fund a roof for the clinic they had recently made from shipping containers. The doors and windows that were installed in the containers were leaking and water was damaging equipment and supplies. We are always happy to help protect their resources so they can be more responsive and productive in their work. We are also paying some monthly support for a nutritionist and nurse working at the clinic.



One of the clinic staff demonstrating the breathing machine we purchased for COVID patients





**New roof being built over the clinic in Zimbabwe**

A container is being loaded out of Indiana to ship to Eden Children's Village and we are sending many medications, supplies, wheelchairs, walkers, and crutches for the clinic. Hopefully that container will arrive soon and with no shipping hassles!

**Education.** We have supported over 180 students in countries such as Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Zambia, South Africa, Botswana, Liberia, Kenya, Nepal, 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. We feel this is an effective way to

have a long-term impact in developing countries since these students will likely become leaders in their countries where many are not able to complete school. We require 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 the most vulnerable and helpless in many of these locations.



**A former student (on left) that is now Chairman of the Town Council**



**ECHO Intern**



We also continue to fund indigenous interns with the Christian agricultural group, ECHO, whose mission is to reduce world hunger through agricultural training for people working in tropical areas. They have training centers in Florida, Tanzania, and Thailand.

We partner with groups like Africa University in Zimbabwe, Stephen Tito Academy in Tanzania, and Children in the Wilderness to fund students. 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 monitor the progress of each student.

## Finances

Our funding remains consistent and our five-year summary is shown below. Our administrative expenses remain about 1%, so essentially all contributions go to projects we support. Administrative expenses consist of website annual fees, stamps for newsletters, and liability insurance. We never operate with a deficit, and no funds are used for salaries or personal expenses. In past years we attempted to allocate our budget evenly to agricultural, medical, and educational projects, but the past few years we have focused more on paying tuition for bright young students.

Table 1. Recent Annual Income and Expenses

Year	Income	Expenses	Checking Balance	Equipment Assets
2017	\$138,034	\$151,420		
2018	\$115,815	\$111,729		
2019	\$116,819	\$95,346		
2020	\$115,603	\$138,097		
2021	\$95,016	\$76,750	\$35,648	\$9,850
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$35,648 + \$9,850 = \$45,498</b>			

Table 2. Income Statement

<b>Revenue</b>	
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$95,016</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Program Expenses	\$76,008
Administrative Expenses (Overhead)	\$742 (1%)
Fundraising Expenses	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$76,750</b>
<b>Excess (or Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>\$18,266</b>



Table 3. Assets.

Item	Value
Portable Ramp (for loading 40ft containers)	\$500
Bobcat skidsteer (for loading containers)	\$8,000
Ford 8N tractor – overhauled	\$1000
Ford 8N tractor – repairable	\$250
Laptop computer for keeping books and generating reports	\$100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,850</b>

## Compensation of Leaders.

Compensation	% of Expenses	Paid to	Title
\$0	0%	Floyd Dowell	President
\$0	0%	Pam Warren	Vice President
\$0	0%	Gayle Dowell	Secretary
\$0	0%	Karla Fisher	Treasurer

We continue to hold 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](http://www.guidestar.org)) is an organization that provides information to help donors make informed decisions about charitable giving.



## Donor Summary

We had 16 donors in 2021, including 3 churches. Some donors have been supporters for over 20 years.

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.





## Background

Floyd and Gayle have felt called to meet the needs of the poor and elderly since the 1980's. They began doing agricultural charity work in about 1995 with a charity that did developing country agricultural work. That charity focused exclusively on agricultural work, but they began to see the need to include educational and medical work. They realized the importance of educating the next generation as a way of having a long-term impact on communities. They were also confronted with many medical needs that they could not ignore in the impoverished countries where they were working. Thus, their family started Planting Hope International. They 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, and retired after 31 years as a scientist with the US Department of Agriculture, 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 (Park Ranger, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers), and Kayla Naughton (Registered Nurse, U.S. Navy).

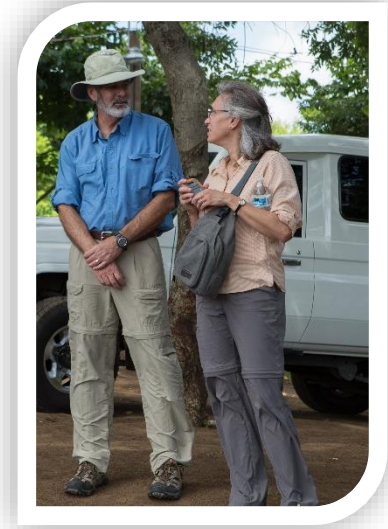
They established this charity with the concept of having very low overhead costs. They donate their time, in keeping with Paul's teaching in Acts 20: 33-35: "You know that with these hands of mine I have worked to provide everything my companions and I needed. I have given you an example that by working 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 trips or for personal expenses.

## Future work

We plan to continue similar projects as we provide agricultural, medical, and educational support to promote sustainability in developing countries. We may 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 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