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"Spreading the Gospel through improving agriculture, education, and health in developing countries"

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This year started off with God putting a lot of exciting opportunities in our path. We expanded some current projects, and started some new projects in countries where we had not previously worked.

Tanzania. We continue to work through a Foundation and Parish in village in southern Tanzania. One exciting project for us was to provide funds for this man that lost his leg when attacked by a hippo. Now he can again provide for his family.



The proud recipient of an artificial leg!



Tractors repairs to aid local farmers

We also started a school lunch program in this village as many kids were malnourished and were not able to concentrate on their school.

Funds were provided to purchase tires and engine repairs so that this tractor could be used by the local Catholic Parish to help small farmers till their land. Funds were also provided so local farmers could purchase seed and fertilizer.

provide, after sharing the Gospel. A second borehole will be drilled soon at another location!

A new water borehole was provided for an orphanage on the Tanzania coast. Water is one of the most essential items we can

We also provided funds for uniforms and school supplies for kids attending school in Tanzania. Their parents are too poor to provide these essentials, and they otherwise would not be able to attend school. We also continue to pay college tuition for 3 bright young Tanzanian's.

Nepal. Recently we became acquainted with a Nepalese KSU student whose father is a minister there. Through him we are now paying tuition for 2 abandoned kids in Kathmandu.



School kids displaying their new clothes!

Pakistan. It is difficult for Christians to work in this country due to the strong muslim influence. We have located a Pakistani Christian who is helping us start a sewing project so that poor and abandoned women can earn an income.

Zimbabwe. Eden Children's Village continues to do great work to minister to orphans. We are helping to ship a container of supplies this month and it will contain wheelchairs donated by Joni and Friends, medical supplies and food aid. We have another container planned for later this year that will include a large tractor and corn planter.



Pakistani women who have received sewing machines



Grain bins in Laos that were donated by KSU

Laos. The 8 grain bins donated by KSU have arrived and been assembled in Laos! There are many opportunities to use agriculture-based businesses to spread the Gospel in this closed country. We hope to send many more bins and win many more people for Christ through those efforts.

Syria. The crisis in Syria has left many people homeless and destitute. We provided funds for basic survival needs for refugees.

Future Projects. Planting Hope International continues to touch many lives. With every life we touch, more opportunities arise to show God's love through meeting needs. A partial list includes:

- **Educational needs:** Primary, secondary, and college tuition for kids in Nepal and Tanzania. Library books for study centers and schools in Tanzania. Funds for tutors. Start additional school lunch programs. We feel education is one major key to long term solutions in these developing countries.
- **Agricultural needs:** Shipment of a tractor and planter to Zimbabwe. Purchase of an irrigation system in Zimbabwe and Tanzania. Send additional grain bins and other grain processing equipment to Laos. Convert boreholes to solar power. Start agriculture projects in Rwanda. Conduct training sessions on proper storage techniques to reduce grain losses. Send a tractor to Sierra Leone and South Sudan. Fund a large agricultural project in Tanzania. Provide a large mixer for an infant feeding program in Guinea.
- **Medical needs:** Continue to provide essential medication to a clinic in Zimbabwe. Provide funds for emergency medical needs in Tanzania. Purchase and distribute mosquito nets.

This is an ambitious list, but there is nothing that can't be accomplished this year through the working of God's Mighty Hand. The total cost for all of these projects would be about \$150,000. A very small price to pay for reaching the lost, feeding the hungry, and educating the next generation so their countries can be self-sufficient.

(James 1:27, 2:18 "care for the orphans and widows . . . show your faith through your works")

