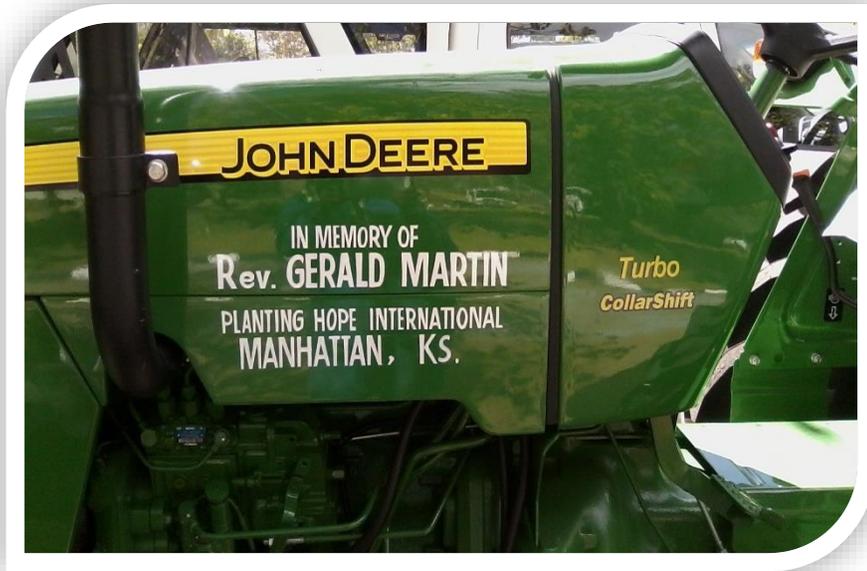


Planting Hope International

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

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Gerald Martin Memorial. You may recall that last November Rev. Gerald Martin passed away. He was on our Board of Directors and my personal friend and mentor. We were honored that his family named our charity as the beneficiary of donations made in his memory. Many people gave generously to honor Gerald, and we are pleased to report that we were able to purchase a 75 hp John Deere tractor at Africa University in Zimbabwe with those funds.

Larry Kies, the farm manager at Africa University, was recently in the U.S. and visited Luella, Gerald's wife, to show her a video of the tractor in action in Zimbabwe.

We had a great time reminiscing about Gerald with two of their daughters, Vonda and Faye.

Gerald had spent some time at Africa University and had often talked fondly of his time and the people there. This tractor will continue to impact lives as it will be used in their teaching and agricultural production programs. We also hope to fund a scholarship at this University.

Student updates. Much of our effort for the past few months has been to pay tuition for young people. Students are of all ages, including those just starting school to some that are in their last year of college or trade school. In the past few years we have paid tuition for over 70 students. Many are orphans or from single-parent families who live on less than \$100/month. We continue to believe this is an effective way to have a long term impact in developing countries. We continue to 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.

We are excited to report that we are partnering with Help to Help (<https://helptohelp.se/en>) and Children in the Wilderness (<http://www.childreninthewilderness.com/>) to fund students through those organizations. Help to Help is based in Sweden and funds college students in Tanzania. They also coordinate technical training to teach young people a skill such as computer literacy. Children in the Wilderness is based in South Africa and funds students of all ages in South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, and Zambia. Each group meets personally with students to encourage and mentor them.



Tractor purchased for Africa University



Rev. Gerald Martin (1928-2015)

- **Prayer needs:** We ask that you pray for two of our Board Members, Donn and Joan Leach. Joan is currently in Hospice Care. They are amazing Christians and former missionaries that have served on our Board since the beginning of this charity. Joan is always quick to send us a note of encouragement.

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Current Needs.

- **Agricultural needs:** We have shipments planned to Zimbabwe, Kyrgyzstan, and Laos in the next 6 months. We are looking for construction equipment such as backhoes and grain equipment such as grain augers and mills.
- **Educational needs:** We continue to get requests for tuition help from kids of all ages. Depending on their school and age, cost is from \$50 to \$3,000/yr.
- **Medical needs:** We continue to help specific medical emergencies, and those needs run from \$100 to \$1,000 depending on the medical situation. We are currently sending funds for medical supplies for a clinic in Zimbabwe.



Vonda McKenna, Gayle Dowell, Luella Martin, Fay Martin, Floyd Dowell, and Larry Kies (left to right)

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

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