



## Planting Hope International – Manhattan, KS

*“Improving agriculture, education, and health in developing countries”*

Fall 2019 Newsletter – Hello from Floyd and Gayle Dowell!



Getting together with old friends in Nepal.

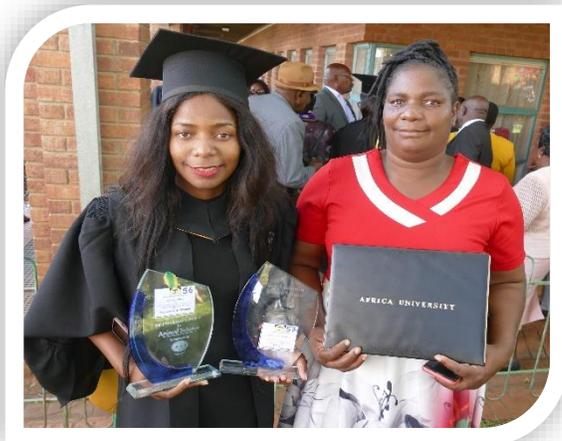
We’ve had an exciting and busy year! We continue to fund agricultural projects, students, and medical work in developing countries, and we are excited about the impact we see. We have worked in 24 countries, and we try to visit a few projects each year.

Recently, we went to Nepal where we helped fund a Bible Training Center for indigenous church workers several years ago, and where we have supported several orphans. Four generations of my (Floyd’s) family have been to Nepal, so it was exciting for me to return to the country where I was born.

**Agricultural Support.** One of our biggest recent efforts is helping Business as Mission grain storage projects in Laos and Kyrgyzstan. It has been encouraging to see how the Laos “Harvest Centers” continue to impact many communities through their work to establish grain drying, storage, and feed-making centers. The bins we sent to Kyrgyzstan last year for a large grain storage and milling facility have been assembled and that work continues to grow. We are also providing analytical testing of their soybeans to help them improve their crops. It was also great to see a tractor we donated to a project in Zimbabwe arrive last month. That was no small feat considering the tough import regulations in that challenging country.



Some of the beneficiaries of the grain storage and feed milling work in Laos.



A recent graduate and her proud mother!

**Student Support.** We’ve had several outstanding students graduate from college recently. One has become the Assistant Administrator at a hospital, another received an internship in Israel to further his education, and a young lady is starting her own business selling horticultural crops. These are very good examples of how we are having a long-term impact in these countries. That is, we are helping to raise up educated indigenous leaders. It is exciting to see students we have supported graduate from college and assume leadership positions in various businesses and government positions, and some are starting businesses of their own. We now have 150 students from over 10 countries that have benefitted from your donations.

In another exciting project, we agreed 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 Ft. Meyers, Florida, Tanzania, and Thailand.



Mobile medical clinic in Zimbabwe.

**Medical Support.** We continue to help with various medical needs, including sending medications and funds to the clinic at Eden Children's Village in Zimbabwe. In October, we received an urgent email from the nurse, Judy Ervine, saying that a young man had been attacked by a crocodile in the lake beside the orphanage. He needed immediate and extensive surgeries, and she asked if we could cover the initial costs. Thanks to your faithful donations, we could immediately agree to do this! We also provided funding to help with their routine costs and their mobile clinic.

Some of our current opportunities include:

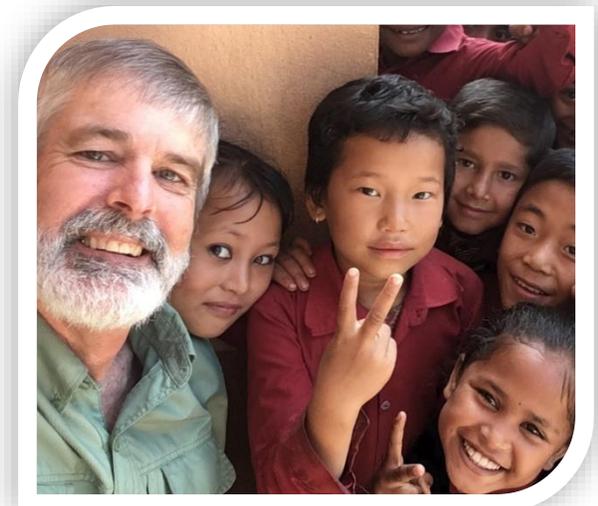
- **Agricultural needs:** We need grain bins that are 8000 bushels in capacity or larger and funds to ship them to Kyrgyzstan. Since we are a non-profit, farmers or businesses that donate bins can use this as a tax deduction. We hope to end up with total capacity of about 150,000 bushels for this Business as Missions project.
- **Educational needs:** We continue to get requests for tuition help from kids of all ages as this part of our ministry continues to grow. Depending on their school and age, the cost is from \$50 to \$6,000/yr.
- **Medical needs:** We continue to help with specific medical issues, and we spend about \$10,000/yr on medical needs. Most of our effort is to support the clinic that serves Eden Children's Village and surrounding communities in Zimbabwe.

We welcome your tax deductible contributions as we continue Planting Hope in lives around the world. We continue to operate on less than 1% overhead cost so that all your donations go directly to projects we support. As always, no donations are used for our travel or personal expenses. You can see our annual reports and past newsletters on our website. We hold the highest rating issued by GuideStar for our commitment to transparency.

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New Nepalese friends!

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