

Planting Hope International

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

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God did great things last year through your donations to Planting Hope International! We sent several 40ft containers of items to Africa and Asia, paid tuition for many kids, helped start a school lunch program, funded water wells, sent wheelchairs, funded another sewing center, and many other things. Whenever possible, we continue to build sustainability in all groups we work with. Our overhead costs remain around 1%, we check out each group before we provide support, and we follow up on all projects we have supported.

SE Asia. One of our favorite projects this year was helping to build "Harvest Centers" in SE Asia. This "Business as Missions" approach means that we help provide agricultural technology that helps farmers and local businesses improve their income and self-sufficiency. We sent several grain bins and a tractor to help establish a drying center so farmers can add value to their crops. We also provided funding for a "Micro-harvest Center" to help smaller farmers add value to their crops. All this is done while spreading the Gospel through these businesses. This concept is already being replicated in the region. We can use donations of more grain bins, especially larger ones!



A tractor we sent with grain bins to SE Asia.

Zimbabwe. Our 40 ft container of farm equipment and medical supplies left for Eden Children's Village in September and arrived the first week of January 2014. We anticipate continuing to help their farming program and medical clinic. We are currently collecting items to help with their beekeeping program, and to help them manufacture their own tablets for their herbal medicine program.



Grain bins being disassembled for shipment.

Tanzania. We provided funds to repair an orphanage and funds for agricultural training. We also continue to fund many kids in primary and secondary education. In almost all cases, we require the parents or relatives to pay a portion of the school fees. We also helped fund a school lunch program since many kids arrive at school without having breakfast and with no provisions for lunch.



Students that benefit from a school lunch program we helped fund.

Pakistan. We purchased sewing machines for 10 women and elderly men who had little opportunity to earn an income. At another location in Pakistan, we also committed to paying the rent for a sewing center until they become self-sufficient. Both these ministries are run by indigenous missionaries.

Future Needs. We have many opportunities for 2014 and trips planned to check on current and proposed projects. Some likely projects include the following:

- **Educational needs:** We have several college kids, children from poor families, and children whose parents have leprosy that we pay part, or all, of their tuition. Depending on their school and age, cost is from \$50 to \$1500/yr.
- **Agricultural needs:** The ministry through which we fund the "Micro Harvest Centers" in SE Asia are quickly gaining momentum, and we would like to fund additional Centers at \$8000 each. We also have a request from an orphanage in Kenya to help equip a bakery that will be used to train kids how to bake bread, and to raise income for the bakery. The cost for this is about \$8000. We will also be working with a post-harvest food security program in Zambia to reduce grain losses. This project is funded separately, but we anticipate that it will open the door to many other projects in Zambia.
- **Medical needs:** We want to continue providing support to a clinic in Zimbabwe and providing funds for emergency medical needs.

We welcome contributions of any amount as we reach the lost, feed the hungry, heal the hurting, and educate the next generation so their countries can be self-sufficient. 100% of donations are used for these projects.

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



A woman in Pakistan who received one of our sewing machines.

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