

Planting Hope International

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

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One of the highlights this year was to visit Margaret and Eugene Schellenberg at their home in England. They have started many projects in Tanzania, and we have been fortunate to follow in their footsteps on some of their projects. Their tireless energy in raising funds and awareness for education, medicine, and the bakery they started in Tanzania should be an inspiration to us all. The evidence of lives saved and hearts touched in Tanzania can be seen throughout the Ifakara region.

Tanzania. I was able to visit Baobab Children's Home in Bagamoyo, Tanzania, this year. We have been providing support to improve their buildings and water system. I am impressed with the work that they are doing to meet needs of orphans and kids with HIV/AIDS.



Margaret and Eugene Schellenberg, with our daughter Christine.



Meeting the kids at Baobab!

Pakistan. We met Sam and Brittany Gill at a mission's conference and learned of their good work in Pakistan where they are planting churches and starting businesses such as a sewing center. We have agreed to pay the rent for the sewing center as it works to become self-sustaining. Sam is from Pakistan and baptized many new believers during a recent trip there. Please pray for their ministry in this country where sharing the Gospel is difficult. Also pray for their new baby!

Zimbabwe. We continue to support the farming program and clinic at Eden Children's Village. The next container will leave from Goshen, Indiana this summer. We will send medical supplies and irrigation systems in that container. We also recently purchased a tablet maker for their clinic, and heavy-duty meat grinder for the orphanage. They continue to be very effective at ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of many people in that area.

We also continue to provide funds for many kids in Tanzania in primary and secondary education, and several that are in college as we believe education is a key to long term improvements in many of these countries. In almost all cases, we require the parents or relatives to pay a portion of the school fees. We also helped fund again a school lunch program since many kids arrive at school without having breakfast and with no provisions for lunch.



Kids with HIV getting support at Baobab.

Laos. We continue to support work to establish "Business as Missions". Thanks Stan and Patty Grecian from Palco, KS, for donating a feed mill and many other items that will be used to establish hog feeding facilities to complement grain drying "Harvest Centers" that are being used to help improve income for local farmers while spreading the Gospel. Thanks also to the Brock family for helping disassemble the mill. We will send a shipment to Laos this year.

Education. We continue to pay tuition for kids in several countries that have no other source for hope. Please pray for these kids that we are supporting: Athuman, Agness, Surya, Kassim, Ponsian, Emmanuel, Boniphace, Josephine, Privatus, Pius, Shaban, Helen, Jesca, Abhisek, Puskar, and Samir. The hope of the future is in the hands of these young people.

Future Plans.

- **Educational needs:** We continue to get requests for tuition help from kids of all ages, including some in college. Depending on their school and age, cost is from \$50 to \$1500/yr. We continue to believe that this is a good way to have a long term impact in these countries.
- **Agricultural needs:** We continue to support work in Laos and Zimbabwe, and funds are used for items such as irrigation systems and grain storage to reduce food losses.
- **Medical needs:** We hope to continue providing support to a clinic in Zimbabwe and providing funds for emergency medical needs.



Palco work crew after loading a mill and augers.

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"

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