

# Planting Hope International

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

Summer 2016

We had the pleasure of hosting missionaries this spring from several countries that are mostly closed to the Gospel. It is a good reminder for me (Floyd) to hear first-hand the difficulties they have in sharing about Jesus Christ where others have never heard the Gospel or have rejected it for other religions. We are fortunate to live in a nation where we can openly share our faith.

We continue to get regular requests for help, and thanks to your contributions, we continue to meet many needs. Some recent projects are described below.



**Kids at the Baobab Home in Tanzania**

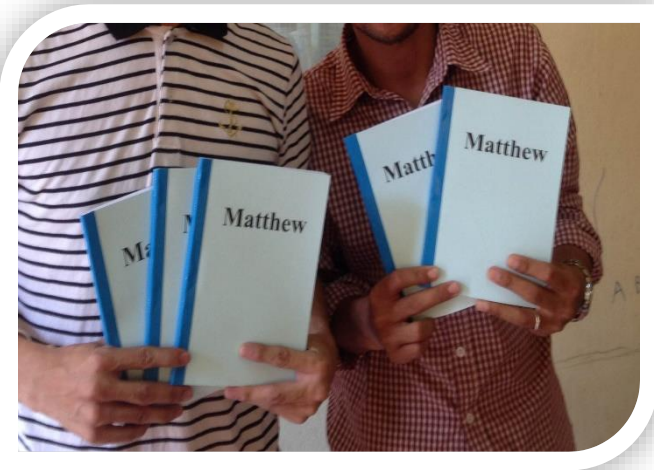
**Tanzania visit.** I was able to visit Tanzania through my job with the USDA and took the opportunity to visit The Baobab Home, their school, and some of the students we support. It was a great time to meet some bright young people and also some of their parents. I also spent time with the leaders of some of the groups we work with so we can strengthen accountability with those groups. We continue to scrutinize every expenditure to make sure your donations are going to worthy causes. We continue to believe that educating the next generation is one of the best ways to have a long term impact in developing countries. We have supported over 60 young people in the past few years, and they range from kids in primary school to students in trade schools and colleges.

We support kids in other countries, but Tanzania remains our largest effort with education.

**Water wells.** We were contacted by Eden Children's Village in Zimbabwe to help with a water well. Due to the continued drought and electricity shortages, they lacked adequate water at the orphanage. Thus, we funded a solar powered water well for the Village. We have worked with this group for about 20 years, mostly providing support to their clinic and farm.



**Solar powered water well in Zimbabwe**



**Bibles printed in SE Asia**

**Bible Printing and Distribution.** One project we funded was the formatting and printing of Bibles that displayed parallel columns of English and the local language on the same page. These were then distributed in SE Asia and are a great tool for witnessing. They are popular with the locals since they can learn English while studying the Bible, and Americans can use them to learn the local language while sharing the Gospel.

**South Africa/Botswana/Zimbabwe education fundraiser.** A few years ago I (Floyd) learned of the group “Children in the Wilderness” that seeks to educate young kids in developing countries. We support a student in medical school in Zambia through this group, and he is the first person from his village to attend college. One of their major fundraisers is a 4 day, 180 mile mountain bike ride through South Africa, Botswana, and Zimbabwe. I have had it on my bucket list to do this ride, and this is the year! All riders are to solicit donations. If you want to donate specifically for this ride, then designated it on your donation. As with any of our travels, no donations are used to cover my expenses for this event. We will transfer all donations for this ride to Children in the Wilderness, and your donation is tax-deductible.

### Current Needs.

- **Agricultural needs:** We continue to collect grain storage and handling equipment for work in Laos, and we are also starting to support a similar project in Kyrgyzstan. We hope to ship a container of grain handling and storage equipment to each country later this year. Cost per shipment is about \$20,000 including contents. We are always looking for augers of any length and diameter, so let us know if you have any of those.
- **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. We spend a lot of time with each student making sure their request is legitimate and discipling them whenever possible.
- **Medical needs:** We continue to help specific medical emergencies, and those needs run from \$100 to \$1,000 depending on the medical situation.

We welcome your contributions 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"*



**South Africa/Botswana/Zimbabwe Tour de Tuli education fundraiser! (photo courtesy of CITW)**

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