



Planting Hope International

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

Summer 2018 Newsletter – Hello from Floyd and Gayle Dowell!



Kayla and Christine



Kayla and Gunnar

This year has been filled with lots of changes around the Dowell house as both of our daughters have graduated from college (Christine from KSU with a B.S. in Parks Management and Conservation, and Kayla from Chamberlain with a B.S. in Nursing and then from the Navy Officer Development School) and we recently helped both of them move to California. Although we logged lots of road and air miles this spring, we continue to seek out and

support projects in various developing countries, thanks to your continued donations. Below is a summary of our recent projects.

Agricultural projects. Several folks from SE Kansas visited an agricultural project we have been supporting in Kyrgyzstan and came back eager to send grain bins to assist in that work. Kyrgyzstan is a predominately muslim nation and this agricultural project helps local farmers improve their livelihood while promoting Christian values. A group of about 30 folks from Mound City First Baptist Church and Fort Scott Nazarene Church, along with a few of us from Manhattan and Salina met in Kinsley, KS, to take down two 10,000 bu and two 25,000 bu grain bins. We owe a special thanks to Luke Haines, Roofmasters Roofing and Sheet Metal, Hays, KS, and Sandin Slaubaugh, Reif Welding and Construction, Plainville, KS, for use of their cranes. We sure couldn't have done this project without their help. If anyone gets a chance, please send some business their way to thank them for their support! The bins will be shipped to Kyrgyzstan, and maybe one to Laos, whenever shipping funds are raised.

We also recently funded the completion of a water system for a village in southern Tanzania. We are careful about supporting water projects since many water projects soon fail or promote a dependency on western money. However, this village had built much of the system already and only needed about the final 30% of the funds. Besides the obvious benefit of having consistent clean water, kids can spend more time at school since they do not have to carry water, teachers will be more likely to stay at the school since they likewise do not have to carry water to the school, and they can proceed with plans to upgrade the local health clinic. We have a long and trusted relationship with the person making this request and feel this is a good use of your donations.



Using a crane to lift a 25,000 bushel grain bin.



A school for young kids started by one of our recent graduates.

Student Support. 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 continue to fund scholarships with various groups and colleges in developing countries, and also to fund students directly. We now have 136 students from 11 countries that have benefitted from your donations. We continue to get many notes of appreciation from the students and their parents. All come from hopeless backgrounds. We could just give money and food to those in need, but an education will stay with them forever and help them to improve their lives and those of subsequent generations. When done along with a Christian emphasis, we are education tomorrows leaders while instilling in them Christian values.

purchase whatever supplies they can get within the country. They see thousands of patients a year and recently started a mobile clinic. They regularly share the Gospel with their patients.

Some of our current needs include:

- **Agricultural needs:** We hope to send grain bins to the Business as Mission projects in central and southeast Asia, which costs about \$15,000 per shipment. We have requests to help send containers of equipment to agricultural projects in Zimbabwe, Uganda, and South Sudan.
- **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 specific medical emergencies, and we spend about \$10,000/yr on medical needs.

We welcome your 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 funds are used for our personal expenses. You can contribute through our website or send a check to the address below. You can see our annual reports and past newsletters on our website. Donations are tax deductible. We hold the highest rating issued by GuideStar for our commitment to transparency.

Medical Support. We continue to support the clinic at Eden Children's Village in Zimbabwe. As it becomes more difficult to ship medical supplies there, we send funds directly to them to



One of our college graduates with her friends!

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