

Planting Hope International

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

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Planting Hope International continues to touch lives around the world, but we will now do so without our most faithful supporter, Rev. Gerald Martin, who went to be with his Lord and Savior in November. I (Floyd) learned more about my personal relationship with Christ from this fine man than from anyone else. He was my good friend and mentor, and I worked with him to help improve lives and spread the Gospel for 20 years. We spent many hours together picking up tractors that we later shipped to countries like Zimbabwe, Ghana, Mexico, Uganda, Belize, and Laos. His family designated this charity as the recipient of donations made at his funeral. We will honor him by funding a project in his memory, possibly donating a tractor to Africa University in Zimbabwe where Gerald spent several months. If you want to donate to this effort, let us know or send a check with Rev. Martin Memorial in the memo line. Any donations are tax-deductible.

Our work to provide agricultural, educational, and medical support to countries in Africa and Asia continues. Below are some of our recent projects.

Educating the Next Generation. One of our biggest efforts continues to be supporting bright young students, and we are now paying tuition for 45 kids in countries such as Zimbabwe, Tanzania, and Nepal. We continue to see this as a way to have a long-term impact in these countries. Ages range from kids just starting school to some that are now graduating from college. College students are majoring in fields such as engineering, medicine, and business. For all students, we require them to send us their receipt when tuition is paid and transcripts from completed semesters. We require students to make C's or better. Also, with few exceptions, we require their family pay some of the costs.



Students being supported

Bakeries. In our efforts to promote sustainability, we are working with bakeries in Kenya and Tanzania. We helped the Children of Pokot ministry in Kenya purchase basic items to increase the production of their bakery. Funds raised by selling bread are used to support that orphanage. In Tanzania, we are working with a bakery run by nuns that provides up to 900 loaves of bread per day to a local hospital, orphanage, and leprosy home. They also sell to the public, and are mostly self-sufficient. They recently were required by the health department to upgrade their facility, and we helped with this cost. This area has more malnutrition than most places we have visited, and this bread significantly impacts lives in that area.

Vanuatu. I was able to visit Dan and Shawn Thompson in Vanuatu recently. They serve with Pioneer Bible Translators and Dan was formerly on our Board of Directors. While there, a church from one of the islands expressed the need for solar lighting. We were able to help them with that need so they can continue to proclaim the Gospel in that small nation.



Loading grain equipment for work in Laos.

from kids of all ages. Depending on their school and age, cost is from \$50 to \$3,000/yr. We continue to believe that this is a good way to have a long term impact in these countries. Our latest request comes from a young man wanting to attend medical school in Ghana.

- **Medical needs:** We hope to continue sending a year's supply of medications to a clinic in Zimbabwe. This will cost about \$10,000. We also 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"

Container shipments. We sent a 40ft container with grain handling and storage equipment to Kirby Rogers' work in Laos in October. The "Harvest Centers" he establishes with his Laotian colleagues are used to help farmers improve their lives. We also sent a year supply of medication to the clinic at Eden Children's Village in Zimbabwe and paid part of the shipping cost for the 40ft container that included the medications and many other items for that orphanage.

Current Needs.

- **Agricultural needs:** We continue to collect grain storage and handling equipment for work in Laos. Other missions are requesting help with irrigation and farming equipment. Costs range from \$1,000 to \$30,000.
- **Educational needs:** We continue to get requests for tuition help



Rev. Gerald Martin (1928-2015)

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