



Planting Hope International –Annual Report

Spreading the Gospel through providing agricultural, educational, and medical support in developing countries.





Executive Summary

We had another very active year that included visiting projects in Tanzania and officially partnering with several groups to pay tuition for kids in several African countries. Regretfully, Joan Leach went to be with her Lord and Savior this year. Donn and Joan served on our Board and Joan was always quick to send me a note of encouragement, and always interested in our family. I will miss her smile.

We continue to provide agricultural, medical, and educational support to the poor in Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Laos, Kenya, Ghana, Pakistan, India, and elsewhere. Our biggest efforts this year has been paying tuition for about 50 young people as we continue to see this as a way to have a long term impact in these countries. Our overhead costs remain low, at less than 1% of our budget. In everything we do, we are transparent in our activities, respectful of donor wishes, and above all seek to honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We continue to see people saved, spiritually and physically, through this ministry.



Water from a solar pump we funded in Zimbabwe.



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Mission Statement

We seek to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through improving agriculture, education, and health in developing countries.

Most of our efforts focus on promoting sustainability, so that those we now support can support themselves.

We continue to be guided by James 1:27 that commands us to minister to orphans and widows, and James 2:18 that tells us to show our faith through our works (James 2:18).



Countries where we work.





Board of Directors

Our Board consists of Christians who are passionate about reaching the lost for Christ, and meeting the needs of the poor. Our 2016 Board includes:

Dr. Floyd Dowell, President, Manhattan, KS.
Agricultural Engineer, U.S. Dept. Agriculture.



Derrek Marteney

Derrek Marteney,
Vice-President,
PrairieStone, Inc,
Riley, Kansas.

Karla Fisher,
Treasurer,
Manhattan, KS.
Retired teacher and
farm manager.



Floyd, Gayle, Kayla and Christine Dowell

David Brundage, Secretary, Solomon, KS. Executive Director, King Solomon Christian Camp.



David Brundage

Pam Warren, Manhattan, KS. Worship Coordinator,
University Christian Church.



Pam Warren

Dr. Donn Leach, Manhattan, KS. Adjunct Faculty,
Manhattan Christian College.

Kendall McFall, Manhattan, KS. Senior Vice President,
EnGrain.

Terry Cole, Manhattan, KS. Director, KSU Helping
International Students.



Donn Leach



**Patty and Stan
Grecian**

Gayle Dowell, Manhattan, KS.
Owner, Kit and Caboodle Shop.
Founding Board Member.

Tyndol Turkovic, KSU Student,
Solomon, KS.

Patty and Stan Grecian, Farmers,
Palco, KS.



Tyndol Turkovic

Jeremy Houser, Crop Consultant, Abilene, KS.



Jeremy Houser



Advisory Board

- Rusty Thornley, Manhattan, KS. Associate Professor, Cross-cultural Ministries, Manhattan Christian College.
- Kayla Naughton, Indian Head, MD. Nursing Student. Founding Board Member
- Emily and Jordy Nelson, Suamico, WI. Elementary school teacher. Runs a mentoring program at Fort Howard Elementary School, Green Bay. Active supporter of Young Life Green Bay. Wife of Jordy Nelson, Green Bay Packers.
- Greg Wilson, Manhattan, KS. Owner, Howies Recycling.



Kayla Naughton



Emily and Jordy Nelson



Rusty Thornley



Accomplishments

Past work. In prior years we have sent containers of agricultural and medical supplies to Zimbabwe and Laos. We sent about 1 million meals to the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya at the height of the famine in neighboring countries. Several water wells have been funded in Tanzania. We built a school study house and a classroom building in Tanzania, and paid primary, secondary, college, and trade school tuition for over 90 kids in various countries. We have worked in Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Uganda, Kenya, Pakistan, Nepal, Laos, Kyrgyzstan, Ghana, and India. Current projects are discussed below.

Gerald Martin Memorial. You may recall that Rev. Gerald Martin passed away in 2015. He was on our Board of Directors and my friend and mentor. We were honored that his family named our charity as the beneficiary of donations made in his memory. Many people gave generously to honor Gerald, and we are pleased to report that we purchased a 75 hp John Deere tractor at Africa University in Zimbabwe with those funds. Gerald had spent some time at Africa University. This tractor will continue to impact lives as it will be used in their teaching and agricultural production programs. We also funded a scholarship at this University.



Tractor purchased for Africa University, Zimbabwe



Grain drying and milling center in Laos

Laos. We continue supporting Business as Mission projects in Laos where we fund grain drying, storage and feed milling projects. The gospel is shared through these projects, and many churches have been planted.



Bibles distributed in Laos

We also funded the formatting and printing of Bibles that displayed parallel columns of English and the local language on the same page. These were then distributed 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.



Bike ride through southern Africa.

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! It was an amazing experience, and they raised a record amount of funds. As a result of contacts I made through the ride, we are now officially partnering with Children in the Wilderness to fund bright young students in Zambia, South Africa, and Botswana.

Zimbabwe. We

purchased over \$10,000 in medications for the clinic at Eden Children’s Village in Zimbabwe, and they arrived there in January, 2016. This is about a year’s supply of medication for this clinic that serves not only the kids at the orphanage but many people from the surrounding communities. We purchased additional medications that were purchased in Zimbabwe in 2016. The Gospel is boldly being proclaimed to all that come for treatment. We also 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.



Medications we purchased in Zimbabwe.



Water from solar pumps we purchased.

Tanzania. I (Floyd) visited 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 some of their parents. I also spent time with the leaders of some of the other 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 90 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.



Student updates. In the past few years we have paid tuition for over 90 students. Many are orphans or from single-parent families who live on less than \$100/month. We continue to believe this is an effective way to have a long-term impact in developing countries. We continue to require students send receipts from the school when tuition is paid and to send us transcripts so we can make sure they are making C's or better.

We are excited to report that we are partnering with Help to Help (<https://helptohelp.se/en>) and Children in the Wilderness (<http://www.childreninthewilderness.com/>) to fund students through those organizations. Help to Help is based in Sweden and funds college students in Tanzania. They also coordinate technical training to teach young people a skill such as computer literacy. Children in the Wilderness is based in South Africa and funds students of all ages in South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, and Zambia. Each group meets personally with students to encourage and mentor them.



One of our favorite students in Tanzania!



A recent college graduate.

Each student has a story that includes feelings of hopelessness in their request. Several students have now graduated and gotten jobs, and we are slowly but steadily having an impact in these countries. Please read below for some unedited quotes from emails we have received. English is not their first language, and there is a certain innocence conveyed when reading their broken English.

- “In a special way I am thanking my God that I have completed my National examinations last week, but I should also thank you for supporting me in the whole journey of my studies, you accepted the call of God to support the people who are in need. I am extremely happy for the support you did for me, may God bless you forever. Please i still ask you to pray for me that my dream becomes true of becoming a special person in my life and be able to help others.”
- “actually sir i do not know how to thank you for what you have been doing to me it is only our almighty God who knows how kind your to me by the all time you have been raising fund to me be blessed.”
- “I am really happy and thankful for your support, I request your prayers for me that I continue to be a good student and love my Lord Jesus Christ.”
- “I thank God i have received the money for my College. May God bless you and still wondering the grace of God that is within us and always say my God is great.”
- “How great it is that I have received the fund for my last year of University, I can't believe but remaining grateful to my Lord Jesus through you servant of God. I am really happy in this weekend to be supported, my family thanks you so much and praying for you. Your work is very valuable to God to help Tanzanians who are in need.”



- “I am extremely happy to have your message and showing a willingness to help me, thank you very much. I will pray so that you have fund for students as we know you are doing a great job for the people in need in Tanzania.”
- “Thank you very much now my kids have received the money for school fees. You are doing a wonderful ministry of making change to the families in need in education. I and my kids will pray for you.”
- “I am happy today to say thank you so much that i have received my second tuition fees from you, i am extremely thankful and I pray for your ministry of preaching the word of God.”
- “How should i be grateful for your help? my God knows on how i thank you. Thank you very much and it gives me a good start in this Monday with many hopes in the Lord Jesus Christ our Lord.”
- “It is a special day for me to be accepted for the support, i see this like a dream but i have to accept that my God is still showing me a great love to me. Thank you so much, though my mother has passed away but I know that i have someone who can help me in my studies so i consider you as the Gift from God.”
- “Thank you so much and i have hope in my life of studies. It is really that my Easter prayer has been answered and that tells me that i have to be new in Christ. Thank you.”
- “I never seen kind people like you who thinking about trouble of others. I must tell you thank you. Thank you who thought about some people like us in economic trouble, but you helped these people. Thank you my parents.”
- "I am sorry i did not reply early i was very sick from Malaria and Typhoid for many days. I am happy you support my kids. I will stay in God's love forever. I request you to pray for me and my family."

We also check with schools and people from the surrounding community to make sure students are doing well. We maintain email contact with all students or their relatives, and we have met many of them personally. We share the love of Christ with them whenever we can, and have online Bible studies with some.



Finances

Our funding remains consistent, with an increase in late 2015 and early 2016 due to contributions to Gerald Martin's memorial. Our overhead remains below 1%, so essentially all contributions go to projects we support. Overhead costs consist of website annual fee, stamps for newsletters, and tags for equipment trailers. 2016 expenses exceeded our income mainly due to receiving funds in late 2015 that were used to buy a tractor in Gerald Martin's memory in 2016.

Table 1. Income and expenses since inception.

Year	Income	Expenses	Checking Balance	Equipment Assets
2011	\$22,805	\$2,839		
2012	\$82,004	\$70,295		
2013	\$87,624	\$101,492		
2014	\$84,490	\$69,763		
2015	\$121,014	\$115,687		
2016	\$109,309	\$125,188	\$27,704	\$30,750
Total Assets	\$27,704 + \$30,750 = \$58,454			

Table 2. 2016 Income Statement

Revenue	
Total Contributions	\$109,309
Expenses	
Program Expenses	\$114,614
Administrative Expenses	\$824 (0.7%)
Fundraising Expenses	0
Total Expenses	\$125,188
Excess (or Deficit) for the year	(\$15,879)



Table 3. Assets. (The tractors will all be sent to developing countries. The other assets are used to collect and load items for shipments).

Item*	Value
18 ft box trailer (for storing items to be shipped)	\$500
Portable Ramp (for loading 40ft containers)	\$2,000
18 ft gooseneck trailer (for collecting large items such as tractors and bins)	\$4,000
12 ft enclosed trailer (for moving items such as food donations)	\$5000
Bobcat skidsteer (for loading containers)	\$10,000
Ford 8N tractors – overhauled (1)	\$2000
Ford 8N tractors – repairable (4)	\$1000
Ford 3000 tractor – overhauled	\$2000
International 565 tractor – good condition	\$2000
Pallet jack	\$50
Grain bins and augers	\$2000
Laptop computer for keeping books and generating reports	\$200
Total	\$30,750

*All assets were either donated in-kind, or purchased with designated funds.

Compensation of Leaders.

Compensation	% of Expenses	Paid to	Title
\$0	0%	Floyd Dowell	President
\$0	0%	Derrek Marteney	Vice President
\$0	0%	David Brundage	Secretary
\$0	0%	Karla Fisher	Treasurer

We have earned the “Guide Star Exchange Platinum Participant”, which is their highest designation and means we have demonstrated our commitment to transparency. GuideStar, www.guidestar.org, is an organization that provides information to help donors make informed decisions about charitable giving.

We continue to meet the State of Kansas requirements for a charitable organization, as shown at www.kscharitycheck.org.

You can also check us, or any other charitable group, out through the IRS Exempt Organizations Select Check at <http://www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Exempt-Organizations-Select-Check>. This IRS website lets you check for information about an organization’s federal tax status and filings.



Donor Summary

We had about 70 donors in 2016, including about 5 churches. Many donors have been supporters for over 10 years as they supported this work when we worked with the group Tractors for Our Daily Bread.

Administrative expenses remain less than 1% of our total budget. We continue to rely on volunteers to do this work as we have no paid staff.



Tractor purchased as Africa University



Background

Floyd and Gayle have felt called to serve God through meeting the needs of the poor and elderly since the 1980's. We began doing agricultural charity work in about 1995 with Tractors for Our Daily Bread. Through that work we realized the importance of educating the next generation as a way of having a long term impact on communities. We were also confronted with many medical needs that we could not ignore in the impoverished countries where we were working. Thus we started Planting Hope International. We incorporated on October 31, 2011, using Arthur-Green LLP Attorneys at Law. Our EIN is 45-3746722.

We established this charity with the concept of having very low overhead costs. We donate our time, in keeping with Paul's teaching in Acts 20: 33-35: *You yourselves know that with these hands of mine I have worked to provide everything my companions and I needed. I have given you an example that by working hard like this we must help the weak, remembering the words that the Lord Jesus Himself said, "There is more happiness in giving than in getting."*



Floyd and Gayle Dowell in Zimbabwe

Future work

We plan to continue similar projects to spread God's Word as we provide agricultural, medical, and educational support to promote sustainability in developing countries. We will likely send containers of agricultural equipment and medical supplies to Zimbabwe, Kyrgyzstan, and Laos. We will continue providing tuition for kids that have no source of income, send medical supplies to various missions, and provide agricultural support to improve food security in various countries. All this will be done with the emphasis of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ through ministering to those in need. Whenever possible, we will require recipients to share in the cost of these projects. We only commit to projects if we have funds on-hand.

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