



Planting Hope International 2022 Annual Report

Providing agricultural, educational, and medical support in developing countries.



In Memory of Carldon Broadbent (3rd from left).



Executive Summary

Providing tuition support to bright young students continues to be a significant part of our work, and we have supported over 200 students. Many graduates are now becoming leaders in their communities and nations. We funded several medical needs including providing funds to help an employee of an orphanage that we support that was attacked by a crocodile. We also provided agricultural inputs for a farming program and funded several agricultural interns. Our overhead costs are less than 1% of our budget, and we have worked in 24 countries.





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Mission Statement

We seek to meet the needs of the poor through improving agriculture, education, and health in developing countries.

Most of our efforts focus on promoting sustainability, so that those we support can sustain themselves and impact their respective countries.

Our guiding Scripture verses are James 1:27 which commands us to minister to the orphans and widows, and James 2:18 which challenges us to show our faith through our works.



Each red dot corresponds to a country where we have worked.



Board of Directors

Our Board consists of Christians who are passionate about reaching the lost and meeting the needs of the poor. Our current Board Members are:

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



PAM WARREN

- Vice President: Pam Warren, Manhattan, KS. Worship Coordinator, University Christian Church.

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



KARLA FISHER



FLOYD AND GAYLE DOWELL

- Secretary: Gayle Dowell, Manhattan, KS. Jewelry Designer.



DANNY ROGERS

- Dr. Danny Rogers, Professor Emeritus, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
- Dr. Donn Leach, Manhattan, KS. Adjunct Faculty, Manhattan Christian College.
- Stan Grecian, Farmer, Retired, Palco, KS.



DAVID BRUNDAGE

- David Brundage, Solomon, KS. Executive Director, King Solomon Christian Camp.
- Christine Dowell, Opelika, AL. Park Ranger, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- Kayla Naughton, Vista, CA. Registered Nurse, U.S. Navy.



DONN LEACH



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CHRISTINE DOWELL



KAYLA NAUGHTON



Advisory Board

- Emily and Jordy Nelson, Riley, KS. Farmers, basketball coach. Formerly with the Oakland Raiders and Green Bay Packers.
- Terry Cole, Manhattan, KS. Director, KSU Helping International Students.



EMILY AND JORDY NELSON



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Accomplishments

In Memory of Carldon Broadbent (1930-2021). We were honored that Carldon Broadbent left a portion of his Estate to our charity, and we honored him by establishing a four-year scholarship at Africa University in Zimbabwe. I first met Mr. Broadbent in about 1995 when we began working with agricultural missions in developing countries. He was a school teacher and farmer in the Beloit area. Mr. Broadbent donated a 8N Ford Tractor that we shipped to Africa University in 1996 and was a faithful donor to our work. He was a quiet man, but gave us valuable guidance when we were forming this charity.

Prior Work. Our previous projects included sending containers of agricultural and medical supplies to Zimbabwe, Kyrgyzstan, and Laos. We have also provided food aid to millions of people in Kenya, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Pakistan, Nepal, Uganda, and India. We have funded the drilling of water wells in Tanzania and Zimbabwe, and we have built school buildings in several villages in Tanzania, a library in Kenya, and paid primary, secondary, college, and trade school tuition for over 200 kids in various countries. We have helped people in Belize, Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, India, Iraq, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Liberia, Malawi, Mexico, Nepal, Nicaragua, Pakistan, South Africa, Syria, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, Vanuatu, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

2022 Projects:

Agricultural Support. We sent funds to help with fertilizer and maize seed expenses at Eden Children's Village as they seek to grow crops to feed their growing population of kids.



GRAFTING TREES AT ECHO IN TANZANIA

We also sent funds to The Boabab Home in Tanzania where they are establishing a seed bank to help out farmers in the surrounding area. Seed banks are essential to help farmers obtain good quality seed to increase their production efforts. Seed banks are a place where seed can be safely stored to prevent damage from insects, moisture, and molds. The seed bank will include seed cleaning equipment and refrigerated storage powered by solar panels.



THIS MAN LOST HIS ARM IN A CROCODILE ATTACK.

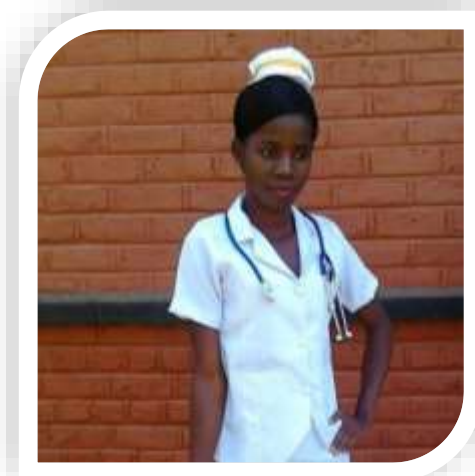
Medical Support. Our main emphasis in health work has been in helping with operating funds for the clinic at Eden Children’s Village in Zimbabwe, and funding emergencies as they arise. One example is this worker from the Children’s Village that was using a cast net to catch fish in a nearby lake when he was attacked by a crocodile. He lost his left arm which will certainly affect his life since he was a builder. We were able to help with his medical expenses.

Education. We have supported over 200 students in countries such as Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Zambia, South Africa, Botswana, Liberia, Kenya, Nepal, and Malawi. Ages range from about 5 years old to college age. We feel this is an effective way to have a long-term impact in developing countries since these students will likely become leaders in their countries where many are not able to complete school. In addition, we have paid tuition for farmers to attend various agricultural short courses. When selecting students, we give preference to females and children of single mothers as they are the most vulnerable and helpless in many of these locations.



A BRIGHT YOUNG GIRL WE ARE SUPPORTING IN KENYA THROUGH SHESHINES MEMORIAL FOUNDATION.

We also continue to fund indigenous interns with the Christian agricultural group, ECHO, whose mission is to reduce world hunger through agricultural training for people working in tropical areas. They have training centers in Florida, Tanzania, and Thailand.



A STUDENT THAT RECENTLY COMPLETED HER NURSING DEGREE IN MALAWI.

We partner with groups like Africa University in Zimbabwe, Stephen Tito Academy in Tanzania, SheShines Memorial Foundation in Kenya, and Children in the Wilderness to fund students. Children in the Wilderness is based in South Africa and funds students of all ages in South Africa,



Malawi, Botswana, Zimbabwe, and Zambia. Each group meets personally with students to encourage and mentor them. We also work through trusted contacts in these countries to make sure money is used wisely and to monitor the progress of each student.



A NEW GRADUATE IN MALAWI THAT WE SUPPORTED THROUGH CHILDREN IN THE WILDERNESS.

The young man in this picture recently received his degree in Environmental Sciences in Malawi. He had been identified through a group we work with in South Africa, Children in the Wilderness, as a bright student when he was about 10 years old. He had no parental support and we began helping him when he started college. One neat thing about his story is that we supported him for a few semesters and he did so well that he got a scholarship for the rest of his education!

We also recently partnered with LivingStone International University in Uganda. We reconnected with friends James and Heidi Morril and we sought James' advice in supporting work there. James is on faculty at LivingStone and was able to help us identify students that needed funding. We really like these connections where someone we know and trust can help us identify students.



Finances

Our funding remains consistent and our five-year summary is shown below. Our administrative expenses remain about 1%, so essentially all contributions go to projects we support. Administrative expenses consist of website annual fees, Zoom subscription, tax filing, and liability insurance. We never operate with a deficit, and no funds are used for salaries or personal expenses. In past years we attempted to allocate our budget evenly to agricultural, medical, and educational projects, but the past few years we have focused more on paying tuition for bright young students.

Table 1. Recent Annual Income and Expenses

Year	Income	Expenses	Checking Balance	Equipment Assets
2018	\$115,815	\$111,729		
2019	\$116,819	\$95,346		
2020	\$115,603	\$138,097		
2021	\$95,016	\$76,750		
2022	\$132,664	\$143,790	\$24,523	\$9350
Total Assets	\$24,523 + \$9,350 = \$33,873			

Table 2. Income Statement

Revenue	
Total Contributions	\$132,664
Expenses	
Program Expenses	\$143,062
Administrative Expenses (Overhead)	\$728 (0.5%)
Fundraising Expenses	0
Total Expenses	\$143,790
Excess (or Deficit) for the year	(\$11,126)



Table 3. Assets.

Item	Value
Bobcat skidsteer (for loading containers)	\$8,000
Ford 8N tractor – overhauled	\$1000
Ford 8N tractor – repairable	\$250
Laptop computer for keeping books and generating reports	\$100
Total	\$9,350

Compensation of Leaders.

Compensation	% of Expenses	Paid to	Title
\$0	0%	Floyd Dowell	President
\$0	0%	Pam Warren	Vice President
\$0	0%	Gayle Dowell	Secretary
\$0	0%	Karla Fisher	Treasurer

We continue to hold the “GuideStar Exchange Platinum Participant” award, which is GuideStar’s 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.



Donor Summary

We had 17 donors in 2022, including 3 churches. Some donors have been supporters for over 20 years.

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



Background

Floyd and Gayle began doing agricultural charity work in about 1995 with a charity that did developing country agricultural work. That charity focused exclusively on agricultural work, but they began to see the need to include educational and medical work. They realized the importance of educating the next generation as a way of having a long-term impact on communities. They were also confronted with many medical needs that they could not ignore in the impoverished countries where they were working. Thus, their family started Planting Hope International. They incorporated on October 31, 2011, using Arthur-Green LLP Attorneys at Law. Our EIN is 45-3746722.

Floyd has a Ph.D. in Agricultural Engineering, and retired after 31 years as a scientist with the US Department of Agriculture, and is an Adjunct Professor at Kansas State University. Gayle has a B.S. in Mechanical Design Technology and runs her business, Designs by Dowell where she sells her nature-inspired jewelry. They homeschooled their two daughters, Christine Dowell (Park Ranger, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers), and Kayla Naughton (Registered Nurse, U.S. Navy).



FLOYD AND GAYLE DOWELL IN NICARAGUA

They established this charity with the concept of having very low overhead costs. They donate their time and no funds are used for trips or for personal expenses.

Future work

We plan to continue similar projects as we provide agricultural, medical, and educational support to promote sustainability in developing countries. We will continue providing tuition for kids that have little or 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 helping 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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