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*Matthew 6:33*

## Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.

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### GIVING

#### Multiplication of the Loaves:

<sup>1</sup>After this, Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee (of Tiberias). <sup>2</sup>A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>The Jewish feast of Passover was near. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little (bit)." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." <sup>13</sup>So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. (*Jn 6:1-13*)

This parable about the multiplication of the loaves is a beautiful reminder of God's love for us, His generosity, and a wonderful example of divine providence.

Divine providence, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church is part of God's design. **"By his providence God protects and governs all things which he has made, "reaching mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and ordering all things well". For "all are open and laid bare to his eyes", even those things which are yet to come into existence through the free action of creatures."** (*CCC 302b*)

We, the creatures, by our free actions (the free will that God gave us) can choose to participate in the divine plan—the plan of perfection that God has for us. Just as Jesus blessed the food and multiplied it to feed the thousands, we are called as His disciples to bless and multiply as well.

It is the vision of ***Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.***, that as a result of assistance received, individuals and groups are, in turn, better able to also carry out Christ's mission of serving others as well. I call this the loaves and fishes principle! **We thank you for your participation in this endeavor to be a blessing to others and to allow God to multiply our efforts!**

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## Requesting Your Assistance

1) \$25,000 is needed to begin groundbreaking for a full size medical clinic for [\*Our Lady of Fatima Rehab Center\*](#) in Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa. This clinic will have rehab rooms, maternity rooms, a laboratory, and pharmacy to provide for the medical and rehab needs of the nearly 1,000 disabled and abandoned children at the rehab center and the medical and maternity needs of the many families in the surrounding refugee camps in this war-torn country. To date we have collected \$16,849.61.

**We still need to collect \$8,150.39 Will you help us reach this goal?**



2) Gently used clothing, shoes, blankets, vitamins, powdered milk, Tylenol, bandages, and other first aid items have been collected for children ages 5 to 14 in Andhra Pradesh, India. We thank you for your assistance on this project!

**We now need your help in shipping these items to India. It is much to expensive to ship them by USPS. Do you know anyone who will be going to Andhra Pradesh this summer that would be willing to take these items with them to *Helping Hands Welfare Society*? If so, please contact Margie Sweeney at 502-419-5732 to arrange the details of shipment.**



3) We are in need of \$7,929 to make repairs to various buildings of **Tawa Primary School** in Tawa, in the diocese of Morogoro in Tanzania, a mountainous community serving 300 indigent children. These buildings are currently unsafe for use and are in desperate need of repair so that these children can continue their educations.

**We have already collected \$2,226 toward this goal. Please help us with the balance of \$5,703 for this project to help these families become self-sufficient through education.**

**Thanking you for your generosity!**

## List of Donors

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## Frequently Asked Questions

From time to time, questions about *Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.* will be addressed. Those answers are posted on the Internet at <http://hhhm.net/HelpingHandsHealingMinistries/faqs.html>. Most recently I was contacted by Michael Combs who has started a blog called "All Out." Below are the answers to his questions. These answers can also be found at Michael's blog at [http://wirelesstrainer.typepad.com/all\\_out/charities/index.html](http://wirelesstrainer.typepad.com/all_out/charities/index.html).

1. What would be the best way people can help your organization?

Answer: Prayer is primary. After that, spreading the word about the work that we are doing and supporting that work through your monetary donations which are tax deductible.

2. How important is it to your organization to share the gospel while helping people with their practical needs?

Answer: Sharing the Gospel, is of the utmost importance to us at HHHM. In the words of St. Francis of Assisi, "Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words." In other words, our actions speak louder than our words. We are showing God's love by our care and concern for the least in His Kingdom. This is how we spread the Gospel. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (Jn 13:35)

3. What are some of the projects you have lined up for 2006?

Answer: We are currently working on three projects: repairing a primary school in Tawa, Tanzania; sending supplies to an impoverished area in Andhra Pradesh, India; and building a medical clinic at a rehab center in Monrovia, Liberia. For more information on these projects, please visit <http://hhhm.net/HelpingHandsHealingMinistries/currentneeds.html>.

4. If someone wanted to get involved in your organization, how would they go about doing that?

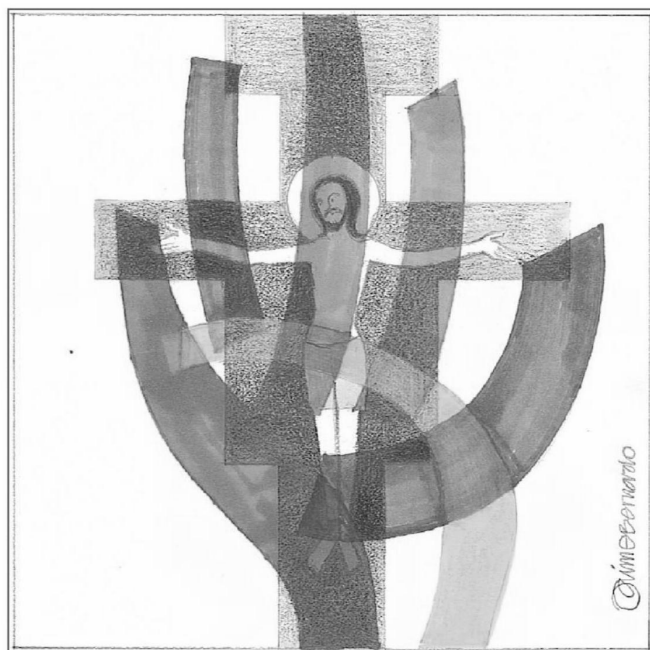
Answer: They might first wish to visit our web site at <http://hhhm.net> to learn more about the work that we are doing. If they feel that our work is worthy of their consideration, then they can contact me, Margie Sweeney, directly at 502-419-5732 or e-mail me at [drmargie@hhhm.net](mailto:drmargie@hhhm.net) to discuss their interests in HHHM and how they might be able to assist us.

5. Any advice for young people?

Answer: Yes. You can explore your gifts and talents by volunteering for a variety of events, functions, and organizations. If you are prayerful and listen to the desires of your heart, the Holy Spirit will enlighten you and send opportunities your way in which your gifts and talents can be used for the sake of the Kingdom. Do not fear failures. They can be our best teachers. Do not seek glory. Only God deserves the glory. In all things, submit to the will of God and you will be richly rewarded!

## What does the Quinquennial Congress Banner say to me?

By Margie C. Sweeney, M.D., SFO



By Jamie Bernardo, SFO

The 17th Quinquennial Congress Banner quickly becomes a womb and the resurrected Jesus rises up from it. He is calling us to new life in Him.

I see flames. These represent baptism, purification, and the Holy Spirit. I see these flames turn into wings and the Holy Spirit pours forth. Come Holy Spirit!

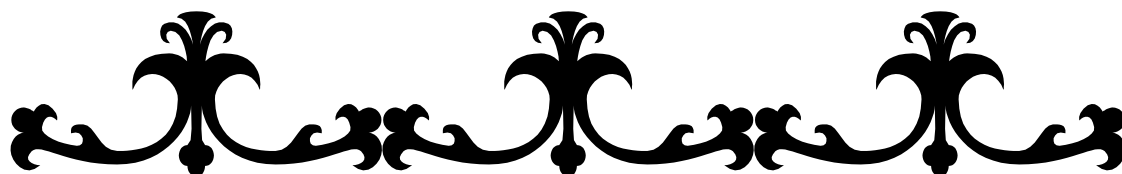
I see a chalice – the cup of salvation. Taste and see how good the Lord is!

I see the crucifix in the center which is the appropriate place to find it because Jesus is at the center of Christianity and the center of our hearts. He is our hope.

In the ribbons, I also see many paths to Christ. These paths represent our spiritual journeys toward the Holy Trinity. These paths also represent our Protestant brothers and sisters coming back into the fold. I see Jesus' prayer for us, ["so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us" (Jn 17:21)] being fulfilled in our midst.

This banner is inspirational and prophetic. It gives us much to contemplate. It brings us joy, hope, and peace as it brings us into an attitude of gratitude for the faith that is a gift from God!

The picture of the Quinquennial Congress Banner above was copied, with permission, from the TAU-USA Newsletter of the National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order in the United States—Summer 2006, Issue 51.



# *Trash for Cash Campaign*



**Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.**

**Web site: <http://hhhmm.net>**

**NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

We are collecting empty aluminum cans (including pull tabs) for recycling. Proceeds will be used to build a medical clinic for Our Lady of Fatima Rehab Center in Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa and to restore school buildings at Tawa Primary School in Tawa, Tanzania, East Africa. This will be an ongoing fundraiser, so keep saving your cans for this work!

**Please call Margie Sweeney at 419-5732 to arrange for pick-up of your cans. (Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted.)**

**Thank you for your generosity!**



## DO YOU BELIEVE?

Do you believe that I love you?  
Do you believe?  
I love you.  
Do you believe the Lord—your God?  
If you believe, then you must allow my love to flow over you,  
and through you -  
even into the marrow of your bones.  
If you really believe that I love you, you must open your  
wounds to my gaze -  
and then let me have those wounds.  
Beyond your anger, beyond your hatred, beyond your grief,  
your turmoil, beyond your tears -  
all expressions of your woundedness -  
I have seen each and every hurt -  
you have received.  
When you were rejected, I was there.  
When you were insulted, I was there.  
When your love was shattered, I was there.  
When you were betrayed, I was there.  
When you were lonely, dying in your solitude, I was there.  
And when you were dead, unloved and suffering, I was there,  
loving you, giving you new life, my life.  
For it has all been done before you, you know -  
I died in order that you might live.  
So please, accept my life, the life I have given you,  
the life I have given for you.  
When I died, I took with me your wounds.  
They entered the grave with me.  
And when I rose from the dead, I left your wounds behind.  
I have conquered death, and with it,  
each and every one of your wounds.  
Forgive those who have hurt you, and then I will heal you.  
Do you believe me? Do you believe I love you?  
Where love is, there am I.  
Where love is, there can be no wounds unhealed.  
Where love is, I am healing.  
(I am...) I AM

To Brennan Mullaney + Thanksgiving, 1984

# God Bless You

## **President's Corner**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is by divine providence that we can make a difference in the lives of others. See **Giving** on page one of this newsletter for more on divine providence. God, in His love and mercy, continues to bless us as we bless others. We are thankful for your continued support of this work.

It is with sadness that I report that **Therese Brennan** has resigned from the Board of Directors of **Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.** From all of us at **HHHM**, we thank you, **Therese**, for all your efforts and support of this ministry over the past three and a half years! Your enthusiasm will be missed! We offer you our love, blessings, and prayers as you pursue future endeavors. **THANK YOU THERESE!**

I am excited to announce that **Simmi Harding** will be helping us with marketing and fundraising. She has over ten years of experience in this area with an NGO in India. **THANK YOU SIMMI!**

Speaking of fundraising—see our **Trash for Cash Campaign** flyer on page 5. Please remember that we can also recycle your empty printer cartridges and old cell phones for cash for the ministry work, so give me a call!

On another note, I hope you enjoy the reflections on pages 4 and 6. The question was posed in the TAU-USA Newsletter about what the banner, pictured on page 4, means on a personal level. Study it yourself and see what it speaks to you. I want to thank **Brennan Mullaney** for sharing his personal revelation on page 6. It is profound and beautiful! May it bring you blessings as you ponder it!

Don't forget that this newsletter is now available in PDF format for those who would prefer receiving an e-mail newsletter instead of a paper newsletter. Just send an e-mail request to [drmargie@hhhm.net](mailto:drmargie@hhhm.net) to begin receiving your e-mail newsletter! You can continue to receive a paper version of the newsletter as well if you wish. Just specify in your e-mail request which format(s) you wish to receive.

Let us continue to pray for one another. May God bless you abundantly!

Yours in Christ,

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