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*Matthew 6:33*

## **Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.**

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### **President's Corner**

We have passed the halfway mark in the first year of this ministry. Fundraising is going well and we have exceeded our expectations for the year but we have not yet reached the level that will support all the requests for funds that we have received. These requests have been much greater than initially anticipated for the first year so we have the opportunity and challenge to increase our fundraising efforts!

We welcome your suggestions for ways to expand this ministry's capacity to meet the needs presented to us. The easiest way to do this is with an e-mail to me at [drmargie@hhhm.net](mailto:drmargie@hhhm.net).

We gratefully appreciate that you continue to participate in ministering to others through your generous contributions and prayers!

May you be richly blessed in Christ!

Sincerely,

*Margie C. Sweeney, M.D.*



# Love one another!

### **GIVING**

*Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you. (Luke 6:38)*

Generosity is a virtue, a gift from God. We must ask God for a generous heart, seek ways to be generous, and knock at the door of opportunity to serve others. Then stand on the faith that we will find ourselves richly rewarded. "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." (Matthew 7:7-8).



### **Current Outreach Needs**

The following requests were received in June and September.

1. \$6,600 are needed to start a dairy farm in Mgeta, Tanzania to supply milk for the needy of this community of 7,000. In this parish

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3. \$2,387.40 are needed for a one-year supply of medicines to stock the dispensary (clinic) of a seminary in Morogoro, Tanzania.



If you live in KY, OH, IN, IL, or CT you have the opportunity to support **Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.** through a purchase program, where the ministry receives a 5% rebate for your purchases. For more information on how you can help please call 502-419-5732 or e-mail [drmargie@hhhm.net](mailto:drmargie@hhhm.net). Thanks in advance for your support!

### Frequently Asked Questions

**1. Can you explain what kind of organization this is?**

**Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. All donations/contributions made to this charitable organization are tax deductible.

**2. If this organization is faith based, what religion is it?**

This organization has no specific religious affiliation. It is faith based in the sense that we follow Christian principles.

**3. How do you control how the money is spent?**

The Board of Directors makes the decisions on how the money is disbursed based on various factors such as urgency of need, type of need (Does it fit the mission and vision of the organization?), and availability of funds.

**4. What part do you (Margie Sweeney) play in this organization?**

I am the founding member and president of **Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.** Additional board members include: Sandra Bissmeyer, Therese Brennan, and Michael Sweeney. I started this organization in response to a trip I took to Kenya, Tanzania, and Zambia in September, 2001. The disease, poverty, and devastation that I saw were calling to my heart for relief.

**5. Please help me understand how you can direct this project in Kenya when you are here in Louisville. How do you get the money to the right people? Who is your contact and how does your board know that the money is not being squandered by the people there? Do you exchange the money at the bank here and send it to Kenya? Do you have an office set up there? Are Americans running it?**

*Thanks for helping me understand.*

You have very good questions! The requests listed here are from personal contacts that I made while in East Africa in 2001, so I know where the money is going. I have many pictures of the plight of these peoples from that visit (poor sanitation, TB, HIV/AIDS, protein malnutrition, parasites, etc.) One additional board member has also been to Zambia in April, 2002 and August, 2003. I also made another trip out to East Africa this September. I keep in communication with various churches and clergy in those countries that I visited (Kenya, Tanzania, and Zambia) on a regular basis. When they request funds, we scrutinize how they will use the money and require proof of how it is being used (receipts, pictures, etc.). We as a board find things manageable because we are careful to only accept requests from persons whom we have gotten to know. We look to assist especially when that assistance leads to improved living conditions and self-sufficiency. Regarding how the money is managed - it depends on the destination. For some, it is most efficient to wire U.S. dollars to a location where they can get the best exchange rate. Each situation is unique. I truly appreciate your interest and concern for how charitable dollars are spent. We feel fortunate that we can help others in need without a burdensome level of overhead.

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**Mulungu aku dalise!**

(God bless you!)



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