



Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.

Matthew 6:33

Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.

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President's Corner

Welcome to the first quarterly newsletter for **Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.** This is a nonprofit ministry which will serve primarily the medical needs of the underprivileged in our world. Our organization will also be available to serve other social needs as they pertain to our primary ministry and as funding is available.

For additional information about **Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.**, please refer to our brochure or call us at 502-419-5732 with your questions, concerns, or suggestions or just to be supportive.

Finally, our ministry is always looking for sources of funding to continue our work. Checks can be made out to: **Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.** and can be mailed to the address at the bottom of this page.

We are very excited about this new ministry and look forward to being of service to our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

May God bless you abundantly and keep you in the light of His love and peace.

Sincerely,

Margie C. Sweeney, M.D.



Not another nonprofit!

You might be wondering why we started this corporation. There are already so many nonprofit organizations in existence, yet the fact remains that we have only touched the tip of the iceberg!

I received first hand experience of this reality while visiting Kenya, Tanzania, and Zambia in September, 2001. Our other board members, Sandra Bismeyer, Therese Brennan, and Michael Sweeney have also seen similar needs in other countries such as Nicaragua and Ukraine. We all agree that there are many untouched areas in this world.

Consider the following statistics:

- ✚ Top ten major disease burdens of high mortality in developing countries in 2000: HIV/AIDS, lower respiratory infections, diarrheal diseases, childhood cluster diseases, low birth weight, malaria, depression, ischemic heart disease, TB, road traffic injuries.
- ✚ Half the world -- nearly three billion people -- live on less than two dollars a day.
- ✚ The GDP (Gross Domestic Product) of the poorest 48 nations (i.e. a quarter of the world's countries) is less than the wealth of the world's three richest people combined.
- ✚ Less than one per cent of what the world spent every year on weapons was needed

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to put every child into school by the year 2000 and yet it didn't happen.

- ✠ Nearly a billion people entered the 21st century unable to read a book or sign their names.

These statistics alone are enough reason to continue our quest to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters. **Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.** hopes to be part of this quest. We will strive to make the most of the monies donated by using volunteers for all aspects of our ministry. We have no paid staff and minimal overhead. We do not use fundraising organizations to solicit funds, thereby, most of the monies received are used directly in the charitable works of the ministry. Future newsletters will keep you updated on our fundraising efforts and the results that your dollars produce.



Our First Outreach Effort

Our first project was helping the St. Francis Community School for orphans and vulnerable children in Itimpi, Zambia. They were in need of money for installation of electricity in their school for education, security, and night classes. We were able to provide them with \$516.68 for this project. This school serves over 900 children during the day and with the electrification of the school will also be able to offer night classes for preventative health and adult education classes, thereby serving the community as well.

In December, because they did not have a security system in place, due to lack of electricity, they had a robbery in which many things including approximately \$700 worth

of medications were stolen. With the installation of electricity, they will now be able to get a security system also installed. A future project for **Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.** will be to replace the medications that were stolen. Your donations will help us in this endeavor.

We will keep you posted in future newsletters on other projects that will need funding. If you would like periodic e-mail updates on the needs of this ministry, please send your request to: drmargie@hhhm.net.



Florence - a student at St. Francis Community School in Itimpi, Zambia



In Closing

Again, we are most excited about the potential outreach of this ministry and invite you to participate in this work!

Many blessings,

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