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Matthew 6:33

Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.

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Quarterly Newsletter

December, 2003

President's Corner

Greetings to all in the name of Our Lord, Jesus Christ!

By the time you receive this newsletter you will have already counted your Thanksgiving and Christmas Day blessings. May the New Year be even better to you and your loved ones!

The first year of this ministry has been very blessed. The financial particulars are given on page three of this newsletter.

We are in the process of establishing a web site compliments of **Family Medical Care** of Louisville, PLLC.

You might also notice that the font of this newsletter has gotten a little smaller. We are trying to fit more information in the same space to save on the cost of printing and mailing. We continue to be cost-conscious. Our ultimate goal is to see at least 95% of donations go to their intended destinations. A cost that we would like to eliminate is that of printing. If you know of someone who can print our newsletter at no charge, please contact me!

As always, we are grateful for your support of this ministry and what we are accomplishing together in building up the Kingdom here on earth.

May the love, peace, and joy of Our Lord be with you always!

Sincerely,

Margie C. Sweeney, M.D.

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¹⁹Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. (Matthew 6:19-21)

"You can't take it with you." ---- I can't tell you how many times I heard this phrase as a child, usually when I wasn't willing to share with my sisters or brother. Jesus preached on the message of helping those in need and this message continues to be applicable today. "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." (Luke 12:48) So today give because much is required of you but also because you will be amassing treasures in heaven!

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Current Outreach Needs

The following requests were received in May, September, and December.

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 there are some 150 orphans, 250 persons with HIV/AIDS,

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and 160 destitute elderly that suffer from protein malnutrition. This dairy farm will consist of 10 cows, one bull, and material needed for fencing and a shed. We were not able to acquire the needed funds by August, so this project is on hold until May, 2004 awaiting funding. (Requested in May, 2003)

- 2. \$2,387.40 are needed for a one-year supply of medicines to stock the dispensary (clinic) of a seminary in Morogoro, Tanzania. The rector of the seminary is also looking for someone who can be an ongoing sponsor for this dispensary. Please contact Margie Sweeney if you would like additional information about this ministry opportunity. (Requested in September, 2003.)
- 3. The attending physician at Bishop Kioko Catholic Hospital is looking for volunteer physicians who might be interested in providing medical and/or surgical services at this hospital. Please contact Margie Sweeney for additional information. (Requested in September, 2003.)
- 4. \$150 are needed for the educational needs, food, and AIDs medicines for some orphaned students and AIDs patients in Lusaka, Zambia. (Requested in December, 2003.)

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Projects Completed in December

A prayer/retreat center in Chipata, Zambia was given \$1,500 for various supplies that they needed (mattresses, blankets, etc.).

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<u>Corporate Donors and Sponsors</u> Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.

is looking for corporate sponsors! There are two levels of giving: Corporate Angels - \$2,500 or more; Corporate Archangels - \$5,000 or more. We are also looking for companies that can make regular monthly donations of any amount to help us keep a more even cash flow throughout the year for the work of this ministry.

Some companies also provide matching funds for donations that their employees make. You might want to check with your employer to see if they are interested in this type of program. We look forward to hearing from you!

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If you live in MI, IN, OH, KY, or IL please call 502-419-5732 or e-mail drmargie@hhhm.net if you are interested in supporting Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc. through a rebate program at your local department store. This store donates an amount to Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc. based on a percentage of your purchases. This is an easy way for you to support this ministry without any out-of-pocket expenses to you! Thanks in advance for your support!

Fundraising Opportunity!

Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc. needs your used inkjet and toner cartridges for recycling. Through this program, the ministry receives a donation for each cartridge that is recycled. For more information on how you can help please call 502-419-5732 or email drmargie@hhhm.net. Thanks in advance for your support!

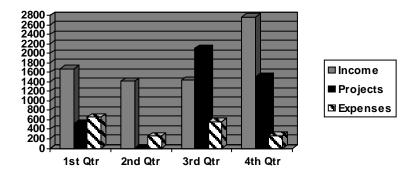
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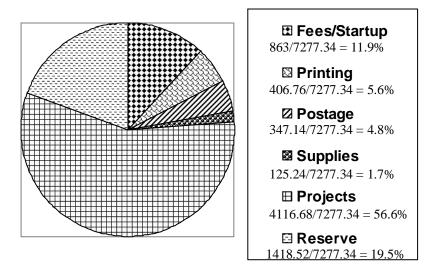
If you live in KY, OH, IN, IL, or CT you have the opportunity to support **Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.** through a purchase program, where the ministry receives a 5% rebate for your purchases. For more information on how you can help please call 502-419-5732 or send e-mail to drmargie@hhhm.net.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

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I. Quarterly Income/Projects/Expenses for 2003



II. 2003 Year-End Distribution of Revenue



The first graph shows the quarterly breakdown of revenue for **Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.** for the year 2003. *Income* includes cash donations from all sources (individual, corporate, and various fund raisers). It does not include any in-kind donations. *Projects* includes all the money spent directly in charitable works. *Expenses* includes all the money spent on startup costs, various fees, printing, postage, and supplies. *Reserve* is the amount not yet spent on projects or expenses.

The second graph shows a breakdown of the revenues for 2003 by category. In future years the *fees/startup* category will be smaller because there will not be any further *startup* expenses. The remainder of the expense categories (*printing*, *postage*, *and supplies*) will decrease relative to the total income because it is expected that total revenue will increase due to the growth of the ministry, thereby allowing for a greater percentage of the income being used for specific *projects*. The overhead in 2003 was 1742.14/7277.34 = 23.9%. The goal is that within three years at least 95% of revenue will be spent on specific *projects* and only 5% or less will go toward overhead or *expenses*. Please feel free to contact us should you have any additional questions.





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Your participation in this ministry is a blessing to many!

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To save on postage, statements for receipt of donations made in 2003 will be mailed out in early January, 2004. If you require a receipt prior to that time, please let us know.