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Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.

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President's Corner

Greetings dear brothers and sisters!

We have *Good News* to report since our last newsletter. We thank **Libbey Smith** for helping us find a printer for this newsletter. **Mr. Nicholas Simon**, the owner of **Publishers Press Inc.**, has agreed to help us with the costs of newsletter production, thus helping us to be even better stewards of the treasures God has entrusted to this ministry. **Mr. Simon's** donated printing services are greatly appreciated!

We still have various opportunities for your help in fundraising through our partners in community programs. Please call 502-419-5732 or e-mail me at drmargie@trip.net for more information on these activities that do not require any additional outlay of cash or time on your part beyond the purchases that you make for yourself.

Another goal in our second year of ministry is to have a steadier stream of donations throughout the year so that we can expand the number and variety of projects we undertake.

Thanks to all who are donating their used printer and copier (toner) cartridges. **Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.** receives an average of \$1.50 for printer cartridges and \$6 for the larger toner cartridges through a recycling program with **U.S. Recycling**. Together, we *can* make a difference!

May God's peace and love abide with you always.

Sincerely,

Margie C. Sweeney, M.D.

GIVING

⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" ¹⁰Jesus 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. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. (*John 6:8-11*)

Just as Jesus multiplied five loaves and two fish to feed 5,000, your donations are also multiplied. For example, the exchange rate for one U.S. dollar is 1,000 shillings in Tanzanian money. Donations are also multiplied when you consider that the cost of living in Tanzania is much less than it is in the United States.

The recent dairy farm project in Mgeta Parish in Morogoro, Tanzania only cost \$4,242 U.S. dollars. A similar project in the United States would cost significantly more!

Today follow Jesus' example and multiply your financial resources to feed the multitudes!



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Current Outreach Needs

1. \$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.)
2. 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.)
3. Additional funding requests will appear in the September, 2004 newsletter.



Project Completed in June

In June, \$4242.00 was sent to Mgeta Parish outside of Morogoro, Tanzania to start a dairy farm 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, and 160 destitute elderly that suffer from protein malnutrition. This money sent will be used to purchase 6 cows, one bull, and material needed for fencing and a shed. (This request was received in May, 2003).



Corporate Donors and Sponsors

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!



Children of God

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Little children of the skies,
come on down and shine
your smiles.

Come on play with butterflies
catch the lizards, reach the stars
lightning bugs for your delight.

Your collections, in a jar
keep the memories, safe at heart
give your dreams some wings to fly.

On a swing, you'll reach the sky
from Our Father, who's so kind
glimpse of angels on the clouds.

With His angels, from above
mark your footprints, in the snow
let them melt with futures fun.

At the beach, you'll catch the sun
and the starfish, send them home
with the sand you'll build your own.

Call your angels, in the night
for tomorrow will be bright
an adventure waiting by.

With your laughter, sing His praise
for the joy of all the birds
who'll fly home to their own nests.

At the lake, just skip your stones
in your pockets, keep just love
you will show it with a hug.

With your eyes, you'll fill the skies
at the dancing of the stars
Little children of the skies.

How Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc. Can be Part of Your Life's Purpose

According to Rick Warren in his book, "The Purpose Driven Life," he states that God has five purposes for our lives. They are as follows:

1. "Love God with all your heart": You were planned for God's pleasure, so your purpose is to love God through *worship*.
2. "Love your neighbor as yourself": You were shaped for serving, so your purpose is to show love for others through *ministry*.
3. "Go and make disciples": You were made for a mission, so your purpose is to share God's message through *evangelism*.
4. "baptize them into ...": You were formed for God's family, so your purpose is to identify with His church through *fellowship*.
5. "teach them to do all things...": You were created to become like Christ, so your purpose is to grow to maturity through *discipleship*.¹

Worship is obviously the primary way that we show God that we love Him. In worship, you listen to God's Word and obey it. Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." (John 14:15) When you love God, you serve Him.

Love of neighbor is most readily identified through selfless acts of service. This service to others is called *ministry*. **Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.** provides service to others through financial assistance and prayers. Through your donations, you are *ministering* to others and thus showing your love of neighbor.

Evangelism was part of Jesus' ministry and He instructed us to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:19) When we are Christlike in our actions, we are *evangelizing* and we share in Christ's ministry.

Because we were baptized into Christ, we have become part of the family of God. We are now in *fellowship* with God and one another. Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." (John 15:5) The gift of *fellowship* with God requires that we bear fruit. The way we bear fruit is through ministry!

Discipleship is another one of Jesus' commandments to us. We do this through teaching and being taught. When we teach others the love of God through our loving actions we are *discipling* them. If we at **Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.** are fulfilling our mission, then our vision will be manifest which is "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."

As you can see, your partnership in ministry with **Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.** can help you to fulfill God's purposes for your life. When you fulfill God's purposes you are living a purpose-driven life and your life will be fulfilled because you are being obedient to God, thus showing your love for Him and your love of neighbor which are the greatest commandments of all!

¹Rick Warren, The Purpose Driven Life (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan, 2002), p. 306.





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Your participation in this ministry is a blessing to many!

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