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President's Corner

Greetings dear brothers and sisters!

I am pleased to announce that this ministry continues to grow! For those of you that are new to this ministry, I am including a recap of projects that have been completed in the past two years on page 5.

Because we now receive support for the printing of this newsletter, we are expanding it to eight pages and will be including new items such as witnessing, inspirational items, and teachings especially in the area of healing through prayers and faith.

Your stories of how God is working in your life, especially in your spiritual growth are welcome. We can all be inspired by them and grow in our faith through them.

In this newsletter, we will introduce our board members who have been hard at work looking for creative ways to accomplish our mission of healing those in need through prayer and financial support. This information is on page 7.

Again, be aware that the efforts of this ministry are accomplished totally through volunteers, which means that the fruit of your tax-deductible donations are maximized!

We continue to ask for your prayerful and financial blessings on our brothers and sisters in need as we fulfill the commandment to love one another.

Yours in Christ,

Margie C. Sweeney, M.D.

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¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? ¹⁷So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. (Jas 2:14-17)

If we are Christians, our faith (belief system) is rooted in Jesus Christ and His teachings. In the above Scripture, James states the obvious. How can we expect mercy from God, if we are not merciful to our neighbors? If we believe what Jesus taught, then we are called to act on it. ¹⁰And the crowds asked him (Jesus), "What then should we do?" ¹¹He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." (Lk 3:10-11)

As Christians, we believe that our works are the fruit of our faith. ²⁶For just as a body without a spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead. (Jas 2:26)

Today, let your faith shine forth its fruit in the works that you do through ministry to bring the Kingdom of God to those in need! This is consistent with the teachings of Jesus and is part of our covenant relationship with God.

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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—we are 2/3 of the way to this goal!)
2. The attending physician at Bishop Kioko Catholic Hospital is looking for volunteer physicians who might be interested in providing volunteer 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 December, 2004 newsletter.



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. We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the **McGraw-Hill Corporate Contributions** program for their employee-matched giving! 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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Veni Creator Spiritus

Come, O Creator Spirit blest!
And in our souls take up Thy rest;
Come, with Thy grace and
heav'nly aid,
To fill the hearts which Thou hast
made.
Great Paraclete! To Thee we cry;
O highest gift of God most high!
O fount of life! O fire of love!
And sweet anointing from above!
Thou dost appear in sev'nfold
dow'r
The sign of God's almighty
pow'r!
The Father's promise, making rich
With saving truth our earthly
speech.
Kindle our senses from above,
And make our hearts overflow
with love;
With patience firm and virtue
high,
The weakness of our flesh supply.
Far from us drive the foe we
dread;
And grant us Thy true peace in-
stead;
So shall we not with Thee for
guide.
Turn from the path of life aside.
O may Thy grace on us bestow
The Father and the Son to know,
And Thee, through endless times
confessed,
Of Both th' eternal Spirit blest,
All glory, while the ages run,
Be to the Father and the Son
Who rose from death, the same to
Thee
O Holy Ghost, eternally.
Amen.

Can I Get A Witness?

Dear Friends,

Recently I had the privilege to talk to the Vacation Bible students about my trip to east Africa. I am a parishioner at Mother of Good Counsel church who went with our pastor Father John Judie to minister and celebrate the tenth anniversary of Fr John Judie Ministries. We spent two weeks in Kenya and Zambia. I saw first-hand the fruits of this ministry and the gratitude of its support through prayer and sponsorship.

I shared stories of our brothers and sisters in Africa who live, struggle, worship and praise God with immeasurable joy and gratitude. I talked especially of the children who touched my heart.....

- children of the compound or slum who shyly began counting my toes and fingers to discover and celebrate our sameness.

- the young man who walked arm in arm and spoke of matters of the heart then asked if he could call me mother.

- 3 year old Regina who gloriously danced her song of praise to God.

- once abandoned street children of Nairobi, now safely abiding in a shelter. They proudly showed us their small cardboard boxes of earthly possessions, shared school papers, then opened their hearts to sing us songs and poems.

- siblings joyfully playing with a ball made of strands of cloth and leaves.

- young people learning to sew in a mission vocational setting with pride and hope in their hearts of finding future work in a land where jobs are few.

I shared how this journey of joy taught me to see with new eyes. When I hear “that’s too far to walk” I will tell of the men, women and children who walk with such grace on seemingly endless dusty dirt roads as long as it takes to reach their destination. Their walk is unhurried and without complaint glorifying Jesus and His disciples on the roads of long ago.

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When I hear the lament “I don’t have a thing to wear,” I will tell of the meager and donated clothes on many children, and how one man literally removed the shirt off his back and joyfully placed it in the offertory basket.

When we complain of power outages that last 5 days, I will tell of a night spent in the compound that is always without lights, plumbing or running water. A night of warm welcome and embrace. A night of shared food and prayer. A walk on holy ground under stars so big, bright and close you felt you could touch them. A night of healing. O HOLY NIGHT!

When we have to stand and wait, I will tell of how Sunday church was filled with worshippers standing both inside and outside at windows to hear the Word of God. I will tell of the 2000 people who walked, waited and slept in an outside park not minding the “winter” temperature to celebrate God’s goodness during a three day event.

These are but a few gifts I received with a humble and grateful heart. Words in any language are insufficient to express my joy except “Thank you Lord.” May God continue to bless all of His children on our earth.

Peace and joy,

Peggy Keen



Support of this ministry may be directed to:

Father John Judie Ministries Inc.

8509 Westport Road

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P.S. I have been privileged to go to East Africa twice with Fr. John. My first trip was in September, 2001 and the second trip was in September, 2003. On my first trip we landed in Nairobi, Kenya on 9/11. To be there at such an incredible time in our history must have been for a reason! With much prayer and discernment, **Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc.** was born! I wish to publicly thank Fr. John for the ministry that he provides in East Africa and to congratulate him on his 10th anniversary of this ministry!

Margie Sweeney

How Is Helping Hands Healing Ministries, Inc. A Good Steward?

We strive to provide aid where the effort can yield much fruit. The best way to evangelize is through *doing* what Jesus commanded us to do. In this way, the Gospel is realized in the hearts of those who hear it. The following are examples of what this ministry, with your support, has been able to accomplish in the first two years of its existence.



(1) In March, 2003, \$516.68 was disbursed to St. Francis Community School in Itimpi, Zambia for the installation of electricity. This school serves approximately 900 impoverished children, many of whom are orphans due to AIDS. Pictured at left is Brother Tony Droll and some of the students.

In December, 2002 the school had been robbed and some office equipment was stolen. With electricity, the school can now have a siren installed to deter would be intruders.

The electricity will also allow for extended hours of operation of the school for adult classes in the evenings. These classes are being held in collaboration with a neighboring church to help the adults with literacy and job skills.

How wonderfully God can bless with such a small amount of money. This is truly an example of the multiplication of loaves and fishes!

(2) In September, 2003, \$600.00 was disbursed for the tuition of Onesmus Kyalo, a nursing student in Machakos, Kenya so that he could continue his education.

(3) In September, 2003, \$1,500.00 was disbursed to St. Monica Primary School in Morogoro, Tanzania for the purchase of student desks. This school has 180 students in grades one through four and is undergoing expansion to add the fifth and sixth grade classes to accommodate its student population. Pictured at right is the craftsman building the desks behind St. Monica Church.



(4) In December, 2003, \$1,500.00 was disbursed to a prayer/retreat center in Chipata, Zambia for the purchase of various items (mattresses, blankets, deep freezer, television, and video deck).

(5) In January, 2004, \$150.00 was disbursed to the Holy Cross Sisters in Lusaka, Zambia for the educational needs, food, and antiretroviral (AIDS) medicines for some orphaned students and AIDS patients.

(6) In June, 2004, \$4242.00 was disbursed to Mgeta Parish outside of Morogoro, Tanzania to start a dairy farm to supply milk for the needy of this community of 7,000. The needy in this parish include some 150 orphans, 250 persons with HIV/AIDS, and 160 destitute elderly that suffer from protein malnutrition. This money will be used to purchase 6 cows, one bull, and material needed for fencing and a shed. Besides providing milk, the solid waste from these animals will provide fuel in the form of bio-gas for this community.

In Memory of Lewis Radford

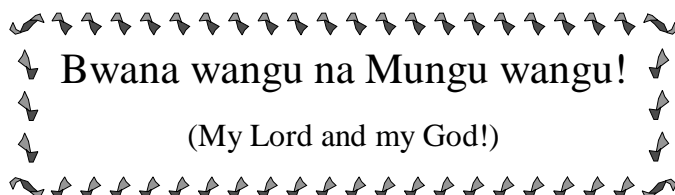


Lewis C. Radford died on July 1, 2004 at the age of 81. He was born and raised in Monroe, Georgia and was a graduate of Georgia Tech. His service as a fighter pilot in World War II earned him an air medal and two gold stars. After the war, he married Marguerite Sweeney of Indianapolis, the sister of Tom, Ted, and Kenny Sweeney. Mr. Radford worked for Dumont and RCA and later owned Radford Electronics. He served for many years as Chairman of the National Bank of Walton County, Georgia. Mr. Radford is lovingly remembered by his five surviving children and by several grandchildren.

Submitted by Mary Radford (daughter)



**Your participation in this ministry is
a blessing to many!**



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Margie Sweeney
President

Margie is a family physician who has been to Africa twice, visiting Kenya and Tanzania in East Africa and Zambia in Central Africa. After her first visit, she was struck by the overwhelming level of poverty in these countries and decided that more needed to be done to increase the awareness of the vast need that still exists in our world for basic housing, food, education, and health care despite all the social agencies that currently exist. "Through this ministry we can demonstrate that 'only our love in action will change this plight!'"



Sandra Bissmeyer
Vice President

"We are commanded to be 'Our Brother's Keepers' and through my involvement on this Board I'm able to live out a Christian commitment and use my resources and spiritual gifts to aid my fellow Christians in Africa. This ministry is twofold: not only are we catering to the financial needs of our fellowmen, but also the spiritual. The healing aspect involves the medical and the charismatic; a dynamic that appealed to me, and makes us unique and prophetic in our outreach."



Therese Brennan
Secretary/Treasurer

"I have a dream. It is to develop relationships between third world and first world people. People of other cultures fascinate me. What would happen if the world could transform itself by sharing the best of all cultures, the tangible and intangible gifts? Both cultures and economic groups have much to offer the other. Both have great generosity. However, gifts of third world people center on such intangibles as gratitude, respect, strong families, etc., while gifts of first world people are more tangible due to financial strength, ability to travel great distances to offer their time and skills. This organization seeks to match gifts and needs and thus deserves my strong support."



Michael Sweeney
Board Member

Mike is an environmental engineer who has recently been to Rubishne in Eastern Ukraine to evaluate their water and wastewater treatment facilities and infrastructure. Through this effort with the Louisville International Cultural Center, Mike has gained a new level of awareness to the reality that well over a billion people do not have access to safe and reliable basic services that we tend to take for granted and it is growing. He believes, "Awareness leads to action toward improving conditions."



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