30 years...wow!

October 2021 marked the beginning of the 30th year of this ministry.

Over the course of these three decades, God has done “immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine,” and 2021 was no exception. Because of your generosity, a record number of wells were drilled this year providing life-giving water to more than 150 communities! Beyond that, thousands were equipped to feed their families, hundreds of women were empowered to start businesses, and tens of thousands of children experienced the joy of the Christmas season.

Enclosed you will find a timeline that illustrates the story of God’s providence through Healing Hands International. As a donor, volunteer, partner, you are an integral part of that story. Thank you for allowing Him to use your hands and feet so that others may experience healing grace.

I look forward to seeing where God will lead us together in 2022 and for the next 30 years!

Humbled & Grateful,

Art Woods
President, HHI

our mission

To aid, equip, and empower those in need around the world in the name of Jesus Christ so they might experience God’s healing grace.
countries impacted in 2021:

Dominican Republic | Namibia
Ethiopia | Nicaragua
Ghana | Nigeria
Haiti | Panama
Honduras | Paraguay
India | Philippines
Ivory Coast | South Africa
Kenya | Tanzania
Lesotho | Uganda
Malawi | United States
Mexico | Zambia
Mozambique | Zimbabwe
five minutes

In the village of Bokimai, the lack of clean water available was creating many issues. Now, there is a clean water well at the local church!

Bokimai is located in Tabaka Division, Guicha South Sub County, Kisii in Kenya. The well has brought excitement to both the community and the church. 87-year-old Mary, used to rely on her grandchildren to help her fetch water from the local stream. Her grandchildren wouldn’t be able to get home from school to assist her until late in the evening, meaning she couldn’t access water for domestic use all day long.

Now, she has clean water right outside her door step. In just five minutes, she can draw water to use together with her 90-year-old husband. Mary shared, “For this water, I say thank you so much. I am glad we will be getting clean water closer to home going forward. I am so happy. God bless you.”
cultivating relationships

The Hunger to Harvest ministry has trained tens of thousands of men, women and children in the life-saving skills of food sustainability, but we don’t stop there.

Training is crucial, but so is follow-up. The success of the communities we work with is exponentially increased as long-term relationships are built and subsequent training is available.

One such visit in Gumongo, Ghana brought together 44 people who were full of appreciation for the HHI survival garden training. Many of the trainees had already harvested their vegetables and were preparing for the dry season farming.

One attendee shared with James, HHI’s Hunger to Harvest trainer, that he had previously dropped out of school because he couldn’t afford the school fees. He said, “I never respected farming until the day I attended your program. Glory be to God! Farming has liberated me from my struggles. I thank you very much.” Currently, he has over 130 raised planting beds while caring for his mother and younger siblings.

Another attendee, Zacchaeus (pictured left), was drying his peppers and okra during the visit. He shared, “I have already sold a large quantity. Thank you for the training and the love that you have shown to us.”
humble beginnings and a bright future

As we reflect on the 30 year journey of this ministry, it is clear that it truly “Takes A Village.” We invite you to celebrate what God is accomplishing through all of our efforts.

1991
HII begins as a class project at Lipscomb

1997
MAGI box program begins

1998
HII responds to first natural disaster - Hurricane Mitch in Honduras

1999
Agriculture program begins

2001
Clean Water program begins

2003
HII purchases current warehouse & office headquarters in Nashville, TN

2005
HII responds to Tsunami disaster in India

2007
HII hosts first Walk4Water event

We can not wait to see what God has planned for the next 30 years!

2020
HII responds to COVID19 pandemic in multiple countries including U.S.

2018
First transformational village in Kisii, Kenya

2018
Celebrate drilling of 1000th well

2012-2015
Education ministry in Haiti

2011
Women of Hope ministry begins

2010
HII responds to earthquake in Haiti

2009
HII hosts first Women of Hope Weekend
Patience, Joyline, and Chipo are three of the nine incredible women who comprise the Kubatana Peanut Butter Coop in Chigadora, Zimbabwe. Kubatana means “together” which is a fitting description for this dedicated group of women.

Through a grant from the Women of Hope ministry in 2019, this group was able to purchase machinery to begin processing peanut butter to sell in the local markets. At the end of 2021, Women of Hope Director, Alisa Van Dyke, had the opportunity to spend the day with these inspiring women making peanut butter.

“They had a contagious joy as they went about their work,” says Van Dyke. “I was so encouraged by the confidence they radiated as they showed me each step of the process „true professionals.”

Ngonidzashe, HH1’s Women of Hope Coordinating in Zimbabwe, had the opportunity to spend three days with this group in 2021 conducting business training including how to form a village savings group. Since that time, the ladies have formed a savings group and held two meetings.
precious moments

Last December, a few members of the HHI team traveled to San Marcos, Honduras, to spend a week with our friends at Mission Lazarus. Over the course of several days, the team distributed MAGI boxes to churches and schools throughout the southern mountainous regions. Each stop was special, but there was one particular location that grabbed the team’s attention.

The group made their stop near a creek to meet the local minister and children. Upon arrival, they were perplexed as there was no church or school anywhere in sight. The group soon realized that the rough terrain made the path inaccessible. Because of this, the children had walked over 20 minutes just to meet them and receive their MAGI boxes. In this extremely remote location, the HHI team was reminded that they were beautifully isolated from the rest of the world. For most of the children, this pocket of Honduras was all they had ever known, yet they were humbly grateful. HHI is consistently reminded that it’s through your thoughtfulness and generosity towards MAGI that precious moments like these are possible!
volunteer spotlight

Happy Hearts
There are hundreds of individuals who dedicate thousands of hours to making the work of Healing Hands International a reality. These ladies from Mt. Juliet Church of Christ and Berry’s Chapel Church of Christ have spent countless days and hours in the HHI office counting and sorting MAGI boxes. With each year that passes by, the HHI team is reminded that these ministries could not exist without the support of the dedicated volunteer force. We are grateful to each and every one of you for your heart behind this mission!

2021 stat
4,000+ volunteer hours

Walk 4 Water
In 2021, Walk4Water “Changed the Cycle” for many communities around the world. Thousands of people across the country were part of making that change from walkers to donors to volunteers to coordinators. Haven, age 12, is one who wanted to be part of bringing that change. Her passion to help others and her young, entrepreneurial mindset led her to make and sell bracelets with the purpose of giving to her local Walk4Water.

2020 stat
48 events in 14 states
3,500+ walkers
$827,000+ raised

Dorcas Ministry
We were blessed to have a full Dorcas Workshop in Nashville again this year with more than 50 ladies in attendance.

We continue to be grateful for the hundreds of Dorcas volunteers across the country making diapers for newborns in Honduras, feminine hygiene products for women in rural Africa, backpacks for school children in Mexico, and more.

2021 stat
14,000+ items donated
2021 impact

- 24 countries reached
- 10,200+ individuals trained
- 176 ag workshops
- 26,000 meals provided
- 4,000+ volunteer hours
- 267 wells repaired
- $827,000 raised by walk4water walkers
- 163 wells drilled
- 210+ churches
- 20 businesses launched

haiti relief update

In August of 2021, Haiti experienced a devastating earthquake impacting the southern region of the country. The HHI team immediately began to initiate relief efforts working with our team members and friends on the ground. Due to HHI’s presence and longstanding relationships with the Haitian community, donations received were sent immediately and directly to individuals we knew had lost everything. We praise God for the connections He has made with this organization all over the world! Since August, HHI employees have rebuilt over 50 shelters out of local materials in Haiti. Families continue to rebuild and navigate their new normal, but we are grateful for the ways you have enabled HHI to aid and equip this community. Our goal, with every disaster, is to respond, rehabilitate and restore resilience. Thank you for making this possible!

your generosity

When you give to Healing Hands International, you are making real change possible. Together, we can continue to give hope to a hurting world.

We are humbled and grateful for Kingdom partners like you!

2021 total annual revenue: $10,617,252
2021 program revenue: $6,341,343
2021 endowment revenue*: $4,275,909
2021 program expenses: $4,071,373

*Through the leadership of the Board of Directors and because of the incredible generosity of donors who want to ensure the future of this work, HHI established an endowment fund in 2021. The purpose and vision for this fund is that the income from this endowment will eventually cover all necessary overhead expenses, allowing 100% of your donations to be used for the programs you are passionate about!