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Dear friends and supporters,

We hope that you are safe and well during these challenging times. We are fervently praying for you and this entire country during the global pandemic and its aftermath, but also for those we serve across the world.

Foremost, we acknowledge that God is in control. We ask you to join us in prayer to the One who provides peace, healing and an enduring hope. Together as believers, we have the opportunity to be the light of the world.

During this time of uncertainty, one thing remains certain at HHI – God’s work will continue. While we are operating out of an abundance of caution, we are dedicated to honoring your support to aid, equip and empower souls in need in the name of Jesus.

Healing Hands International is still …

• Bringing clean water to a hurting world through new wells and well repairs.
• Teaching communities how to grow their own food in multiple countries.
• Changing lives with the Women of Hope program through education and business training.
...and thankfully much more.

Your gifts are still making an impact, with the potential for making an even bigger impact than at any other time in our history. As the days progress and borders begin to re-open, any aid in response to this global crisis will be coordinated with other non-profit partners and contacts around the world.

We THANK YOU for your faithful support during this time. We look forward to how God will use this ministry to be His hands in moments of need today and in all of our tomorrows.

In Him,

Art Woods, President

See how your generosity helped us to be prepared to supply important medical needs for healthcare providers on the frontlines in our own community of Nashville, Tenn. on page 12.
The total income for 2019 was $4,803,875. Expenses totaled $4,262,761 of which $3,789,964 (88.9%) was used for programs and reserves, $324,854 (7.6%) for administrative costs, and $147,943 (3.5%) for fundraising costs.

Healing Hands recognizes that all resources are entrusted to us by God and therefore, we seek to be excellent stewards. If you have any questions about our financial statements, please call us at 615-832-2000.

Make an Impact in 2020!

Consider including Healing Hands International in your giving plan this year. Visit hhi.org/give or send in your tax-deductible gift to: Healing Hands International, 455 McNally Drive, Nashville, TN 37211.

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As southern Africa continues to struggle through a drought, opportunities abound to provide healing and hope through the HHI ministries of clean water, Women of Hope, and agriculture education. God is opening doors in the countries of Zimbabwe, Malawi, Zambia, and Lesotho. Generous donors and partners have given us the resources to gain ground in these areas in response to increasing requests for help. Despite the unstable political and economic climate in this region, much progress has been made, according to Vice President of Operations, Joseph Smith.

“One of our goals is to strengthen our partnerships with other church-based ministries, congregations and efforts,” said Smith. “By drilling wells at needed locations in cooperation with partners like Bear Valley Bible Institute, World Bible School, and local congregations, we help them meet the needs of their neighbors in Jesus’ name. It expands their evangelism. Water is provided freely to everyone regardless of their background.”

To date, 17 wells have been drilled in these new areas, Smith said, with many more opportunities to come. Mayfair Church of Christ from Huntsville, Ala. and World Bible School are partners making a significant impact through clean water in Malawi after the first well was drilled in the village of Tombolombo. Bear Valley Bible Institute has been a vital partner in the work in Lesotho, Sierra Leone, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Guinea. In Zambia, the Simalundu Mission has also played an important role in the growth there. In every location, local churches are also essential to the success of this work.

“Last year, the wells drilled in Zimbabwe resulted in 970 new World Bible School students and 150 baptisms,” Smith said. “We can see the real impact that this work has for the Kingdom of God. We are blessed to witness God’s hand in all of this and know that this is only the beginning of what we can do together in His name.”
In addition to clean water, communities are also being transformed through empowerment for women and agriculture education. In November, Tombolombo also became the home of the new Mtendere Bakery. In the native language, “Mtendere” means “peace” and this bakery appropriately represents both peace and hope for a group of 10 local women who opened the bakery. Together they funded the business using money they saved from their work in their local farming co-operative, and a Women of Hope microloan.

“I cannot believe my eyes,” said community member, Smith Chunga. “Is this really the Tombolombo I used to know a few weeks ago? I will buy bread and buns to carry home to show my wife and enjoy with my family as we eat.”

HHI agriculture trainer and local preacher, Mbwenu Chirwa, has been leading these projects in this area of Malawi, training more than 700 farmers in the villages of Tombolombo, Dimi and Endindeni. With the addition of grain milling equipment, these farmers have doubled their income through maize flour production. Donations made in memory of the late David Goolsby, former HHI agriculture director, have provided the roofing, windows, and doors for the grain milling buildings.

Both men and women farm and mill the maize to make flour, and then the women use the flour for baking. The idea for the bakery began with little more than a foundation and a dream, but they are finishing the construction of the bakery house. The work has been so successful that the women used their funds to provide a loan to another group of women to start a chicken cooperative. The bakery has been a huge encouragement to everyone in the community and the local church, which has grown by over 100 in attendance in the last year.

“We thank the HHI team and all those who send their help,” said Catherine Chisi, a local woman who works at the bakery. “That is the best way of showing and sharing God’s love to His people. May God bless you. We give glory to God for everything.”

These stories are just a few of the ones that you help to write through your gifts and Healing Hands’ ministries and partnerships. True transformation is now taking place in new parts of southern Africa thanks to YOU!
Because of your efforts, more than 26,000 boxes were received in 2019. Those boxes are now blessing children in Honduras, the Dominican Republic, Zambia and at the Texas/Mexico border. It is a beautiful thing to see local ministers use this tool to reach their communities with the good news of Christ!

Thank you to everyone who was a part of the MAGI project over the last 12 months!

“The greatest lesson we learned on this trip is the importance of one box. The look on each individual child’s face when receiving a box was priceless. Every child matters. One small box can make all the difference.”

– Julia Davenport, MAGI Volunteer, Honduras 2020
In 2020, we are committed to another fantastic year of Walk4Water events across the country. Our theme this year is **Change the Cycle** – emphasizing how clean water changes the vicious cycle of poverty and sickness in communities without a clean water source.

“Walk4Water connects compassionate hearts with a tangible way to provide the gift of clean water,” said Director Sean Judge. “This gift truly changes the terrible cycle that so many communities face in developing countries. It changes their lives and their future.”

To date, we have numerous walks scheduled, but we are also making changes daily to our calendar out of precaution during the current COVID-19 global pandemic. Life as we know it has been disrupted in the midst of this challenging time, but our mission remains constant.

**Walk4Water is still committed to bringing clean water to people in need around the world. This important work will continue!**

During this time, go to our website walk4water.org for the following:

- **REGISTER NOW** for your event so that we can keep in touch with updates.
- Follow scheduling changes for all Walk4Water events.
- Continue your fundraising efforts and share your event page. Donations can be shared at any time.

For questions about your event or how to start an event in your location, email w4w@hhi.org. Thank you for investing in the power of clean water, and thank you for your ongoing support!
“Mission work” can mean a lot of different things. In the Philippines, two special friends – Karen Byrum and Traci Ashley – are redefining what missions can do through education. After learning sustainable gardening through a Healing Hands International workshop in Nashville, they went to the Philippines together to share this life changing information.

“It was Traci’s dream to teach gardening in the Philippines, so we were both very interested in learning what HHI is teaching in workshops overseas,” Karen said. “Everything I learned at the workshop was new to me. Traci is the gardener, so learning composting and planting raised beds was new for her.”

Together, the women combined their passion and skills and developed a plan to teach two HHI ministries – agriculture education and business and life skills for women (Women of Hope). Karen recognized the need in the Philippines after she and her husband Dale, a preacher, had been serving there for years. Karen’s work has included helping local Christians earn money for their families, and supporting their local church through “livelihood projects” such as sewing, bracelet making, and trauma recovery. Traci had also ministered to the Philippines before.

Their first stop was in the City of Tacloban where they taught a gardening workshop for area church members. One woman traveled more than two hours to attend the workshops, Karen said. Their second workshop was held at Leyte Christian College in Leyte.

The workshops were especially important to the community following the lingering devastation of super typhoon Yolanda, which hit the Philippines in 2013. Most are unable to afford fresh, healthy vegetables. It’s why it’s so important, Karen said, to provide them with skills that give them access to healthier food for their families.

Karen’s plans are continuing in the Philippines with multiple visits planned, including a trip with Traci in September to teach again. They plan to teach planting in raised beds and food preservation and processing.

“Healing Hands provides resources that make it easy for the people to understand, and that they could use after we left,” Karen said. “This is something that anyone can do if they are just willing to learn.”
Women of Hope Weekend
WAS WONDERFUL!

2020 Women of Hope Weekend has come and gone, but we are left with so many wonderful memories and moments of encouragement and hope. We truly found joy on our journey together!

We are thrilled to report a record crowd of close to 800 women who turned out for this annual event at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro, Tenn. The response to this year’s slate of speakers, guests and vendors was unprecedented and we hope to see you return next year... and invite your friends!

During the weekend, many contributions were made to the Women of Hope ministry, which empowers women across the globe to live independently and better support their families and their futures. Also, we collected a truckload of supplies to share with tornado victims from across middle Tennessee. Your impact during this weekend will be one that endures. THANK YOU!

SAVE THE DATE!
Women of Hope Weekend 2021
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March 12-13
Embassy Suites,
Murfreesboro, TN
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Welcome to Healing Hands!

Nancy Markwood, Administrative Assistant, joined the HHI team in the fall of 2019. Nancy is a graduate of Tennessee Technological University with a degree in Marketing and Business Management. She has a passion for service and brings her energy and enthusiasm for God’s work to her work supporting our staff, donors and volunteers. She is also very involved with the Inner City Ministry in Nashville. Nancy lives with her husband Mike in Old Hickory. They have a daughter who is involved in International Literacy and Development.
To help equip local hospitals and healthcare providers on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic, HHI donated a surplus of protective medical supplies in the greater Nashville, Tenn. area.

Total supply donations of: 8,000+ N95 masks, 37,800+ surgical loop masks, 304,000+ nitrile gloves, and 900+ isolation gowns were delivered to the following hospital providers – Ascension Saint Thomas, TriStar Health, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, and Williamson Medical Center. Donations of these supplies were also made to several smaller healthcare providers and assisted living facilities.

“While our daily work and mission is focused on developing countries outside the borders of the U.S., this is a critical time and a unique opportunity to use the resources provided to be a blessing in our own country and community,” Woods said. “Our healthcare workers and hospitals are under a great deal of pressure and in need of supplies. It is our prayer that this will equip them on the frontlines as they battle this virus, and that it will bring glory to God.”