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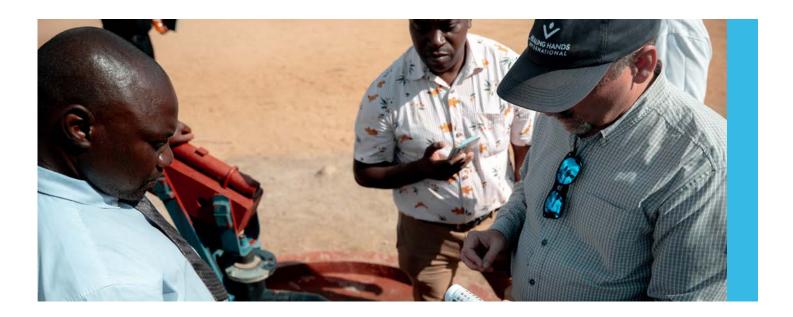
CLEAN WATER

Every bucket of water is made up of millions of single drops. It is only when the drops come together that the bucket begins to fill.

For several decades now, Americans have been aware of the water crisis in our world. We've seen the statistics—and frankly, they can be overwhelming. If more than 1 billion people lack access to clean water, what can one person really do? The answer is: one person can't do much. But when thousands of people come together, the impact becomes exponential.

In 1999, one simple phone call was the first drop that began to "fill the bucket" that is the Clean Water program at HHI. John Ed Clark, an elder in the Church of Christ in California, reached out to Joseph Smith (then Shipping Director at HHI) to request assistance with shipping a drilling rig and parts to Ethiopia. From there, the relationship developed, and HHI began to help cover the cost of drilling.





By 2007, God had opened the door for drilling partnerships in Zambia and Zimbabwe as well.

Through God's providence and under the direction of Joseph Smith (now Vice President of Operations at HHI), the Clean Water program has continued to expand and is now active in 28 nations around the world. But Joseph would be quick to tell you that none of this would be possible without the incredible network of HHI team members on the ground in the countries where we work people like John Dube, Zimbabwe Country Director at HHI. John has coordinated the drilling of hundreds of wells throughout Zimbabwe, including one very special well this year.

A few short months ago, members of the HHI U.S. and African Leadership Team had the privilege of witnessing the drilling of the 2,000th water well in HHI history.

This particular well would be drilled on the property of the Sunningdale Church of Christ. The church members (including the preacher and his wife) beamed with excitement as they considered the opportunities this well would provide for them to also share the Living Water with their neighbors.

As the team gathered around, anxiously watching the drilling crew lay pipes and prepare the soil, they talked with community members about what this well would mean for them.

They heard stories of young schoolchildren who had been walking daily to neighboring communities to fetch water, crossing dangerously busy streets. The mothers were fearful for their children's safety and concerned about the school hours they were missing.

A few hours later, John, Joseph, and the rest of the team watched

those same mothers and grandmothers dance and sing under the spray of clean water bursting from the ground, right in their own backyard.

This same story of joy and hope has been repeated in more than 2,000 communities over the past 25 years.

More than 2.4 million people have experienced the life-altering blessing of clean water because individuals like you chose to walk, give, and pray.

One drop at a time, God's people are making real change possible.







When Dr. Ebenezer Udofia joined the staff nearly 18 years ago, Healing Hands International operated in very few African countries. He was brought on as HHI's agricultural representative and later became Director of African Agriculture and Operations. "My expectation was to train and facilitate agricultural training as an agriculturist, but the role quickly went beyond training to providing leadership."

Thanks to Ebenezer's leadership and hard work, the Hunger to Harvest program has steadily grown over the nearly two decades since he joined the team. In the past, he reported that less localized events meant only certain "elites" could attend as representatives.

Now, thanks to more local coordinators and trainers, larger groups of attendees have access to life-changing agricultural training.

"A favorite evangelism story from HHI's ministry involves our Hunger to Harvest workshop in Kavingo, a rural village in Eastern Kenya," Ebenezer shared. After a two-day Hunger to Harvest Workshop, six people committed their lives to Christ and were baptized, and the community founded a church. "The church is now four years old with a membership of over two hundred, and they have already established a sister congregation in Kako Community called the Kako Church of Christ. However, this began as they saw the genuine care and expertise of the trainers—and the way we modeled Christ's love in action."

Ebenezer's influence helped progress Hunger to Harvest beyond a few agricultural trainings into a sprawling training program with a strong evangelistic presence in hundreds of communities.

Two years ago, Clint Smith became Director of the Hunger to Harvest program in our Nashville office. "In 2024, our Hunger to Harvest field staff trained just over 23,000 people. It seems like there is no way that it's possible. But with

God, all things are possible. Just an awesome thing."

Clint reflected that some of his favorite stories of transformation combine multiple programs to provide holistic change based on a village's needs—sometimes beginning with a garden. "I think that a garden is an important place in people's lives, and the Bible uses the illustrations of managing a garden and farming too often to be a coincidence. And I believe that it is in the garden that we have so many connections with other people around the world."

The future of HHI is bright in both Clint and Ebenezer's eyes. "My hopes are that HHI continues to be the beacon of hope and light on the hill that it has already become. See you in the garden!"







The only thing more exciting than the success stories of Women of Hope is the expectant hope our staff have in the program's future. Stories of transformation have fueled HHI's work for decades, and as we approach our 35th anniversary in 2026, our expectations and dreams only grow brighter.

Fourteen years ago, Jannette joined Healing Hands International. Her current role is to plan and execute Christian Business Women's Conferences—Women of Hope's primary business training course—and host follow-ups. She always goes above and beyond, ministering to the communities she works in and empowering them in the name of Jesus.

When Jannette joined HHI, she recalled, "I didn't see the impact our work would have, since we were just drawing the roadmap and laying strategies for our work. It began with only three staff members in Kenya, but currently our numbers have risen, and

we are all over Kenya." Among Jannette's many goals, one of the most important has been empowering women to address their own challenges. "I have known my value and worth as a woman." Jannette carries this Gospel truth with her into each interaction with women seeking hope through financial security.

Jennifer, our most recent U.S. staff addition to the Women of Hope team, is also filled with hope for the future. She supports most of the international coordinators in the field and collaborates across programs. "My hope for HHI as an organization is to be able to continue to do the work it's doing, deeper and wider."

One of Jennifer's passions and specialities is mental health and trauma-informed care. During her interview, she learned how much the international staff desired support and education around community mental health. Now that Jennifer is on the team, she brings a spirit of care, dedication, and

growth. "Implementing a scalable program that can fit naturally into how we are already aiding, equipping, and empowering community members to improve their physical, social, occupational, and spiritual wellness."

Jennifer's favorite story of transformation is about a woman named Nditoiya, who went from "making sustainable changes to her living conditions, to committing her life to Jesus." Nditoiya's transformation was made possible by the dedicated presence of HHI coordinators in her community.

When women like Jannette and Jennifer bring their unique skill sets and passions for the spiritual, mental, and physical health of the communities they serve, the practical application of HHI's programs finds even more fertile ground in which to grow.







Throughout the 25+ years of the MAGI program, hundreds of thousands of children across five continents have been given joy, empowered to succeed, and taught about the love of Jesus. But it all started from something much smaller—a woman in Romania who saw a need and inspired others to get on board.

Imogene MacAnulty and her husband, Dale, were missionaries in Romania for many decades. One of Imogene's greatest passions was serving in local orphanages, and it was there that the idea for the MAGI program was born. Working with Cindy Herring (former MAGI Director for HHI), Imogene inspired many U.S. churches to get involved, and HHI stepped in to handle the shipping.

Just a few years later, Cindy began reaching out to other mission contacts. Soon, HHI was also shipping gift boxes to Honduras through long-time partners like Mission Lazarus, Baxter Institute, and Jovenes en Camino. As more churches and schools in the U.S.

got involved, the impact continued to expand with thousands of boxes shipped each year to Zambia, Mexico, Venezuela, Ukraine, India, Haiti, Nicaragua, Ecuador, and the Dominican Republic.

In 2020, with COVID restrictions in place, HHI recognized that many long-time MAGI donors were unable to shop and assemble boxes. In response, the Sponsor A Box initiative was launched. Working through our network of incredible international teammates, we began purchasing products in-country to be distributed by local churches, expanding the reach of the MAGI program into Zimbabwe, Malawi, Kenya, Tanzania, Brazil, Paraguay, Uganda, Colombia, Ghana, and Nigeria.

Though Cindy has since retired from full-time work at HHI, she recently traveled to Kenya with current MAGI Sr. Coordinator, Nancy Markwood, to participate in a Sponsor A Box distribution for the first time. Working alongside their HHI Kenyan teammates, they personally handed out school supplies to

hundreds of kids. The beaming smiles were contagious! Cindy and Nancy were moved by the gratitude on each child's face and the gift of experiencing that moment together. They were reminded that this program, born decades ago from one woman's passion and the commitment of a few believers, will continue to grow and bless countless children for the next 25+ years.

Cindy and Nancy credit the continued success of MAGI to our committed and faithful donors, coordinators, and volunteers. Thank you for Making A Godly Impact around the world! If you already love MAGI, please invite your friends and neighboring churches to join you. If you haven't gotten involved yet, make this the year you join us in giving joy.







While disaster relief has always been a part of Healing Hands International, from its inception to its upcoming 35th anniversary, the Disaster Response program as an official initiative of HHI is relatively new. Nevertheless, its impact is a vital part of HHI's holistic approach to transforming villages all over the world. The sister programs dig wells, teach agricultural and business skills, and distribute educational supplies—while Disaster Response is a protective resource against the unexpected.

As Disaster Response Coordinator, James Rucker has brought new direction to the program. James joined HHI six years ago while living in Haiti, where he supported the Clean Water program, which drills wells in water-scarce regions across the globe.

Today, he leads HHI's relief and recovery efforts in disaster-prone areas, partnering with local churches and organizing the deployment of relief resources. Looking ahead, one of the primary

goals of the Disaster Response program is not only to provide immediate support—such as financial aid, practical supplies, and mental health support—but also to build resilience and selfsufficiency within disaster-prone communities. This includes offering training, building networks between churches, and providing tools. "I wanted to enhance communication so that our stateside efforts would be even more informed, responsive, and effective—bringing a fuller understanding of what's happening on the ground and amplifying our impact."

Disaster Response continually bridges the gap between vulnerability and empowerment. HHI strives not only to aid and equip communities with practical support but also to provide them with spiritual and communal strength. So far in 2025, the Disaster Response program has responded to a drought in Uganda, an earthquake in Myanmar, a famine in Zimbabwe, and more. "My vision is to connect people's

God-given gifts and talents with the needs of local churches and communities impacted by disaster, strengthening both in the process and empowering the Church to shine brightly in hard times."



A VOLUNTEER STORY



In the early 2000s, Charles and Rebel Gamble were invited by a friend in their congregation, Woodson Chapel Church of Christ, to volunteer at Healing Hands International. Neither of them knew what to expect, but they quickly realized that there was plenty of opportunity for them to use their time and talents to make a global impact. Every week was different—whether they were sorting through donations or packing pencils for school children, there was always something to do.

Through the years, Charles and Rebel invited others from their congregation to volunteer, including Linda Smith, who later worked as a full-time staff member for HHI. The couple also developed a special passion for the MAGI program and worked to get Woodson Chapel members more involved. When they first started, the church was packing about 100 boxes a year. After about a decade, they had tripled this number. Then, when the Sponsor a Box initiative was introduced, one of their elders rallied the congregation to raise enough funds to sponsor 800+ gifts.

But the involvement doesn't end there. Woodson Chapel has also formed a Dorcas sewing group that contributes items to HHI; they've hosted several Hope Parties to support the Women of Hope program; and just last year, they held a seed-packing event to benefit the Hunger to Harvest program. All of this was possible because Charles and Rebel decided to accept an invitation more than 20 years ago.

The invitation is still open! There are volunteer opportunities almost every week across all programs at HHI. Will you be the next person to accept the invitation and make a ripple of impact for the next 20 years?









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