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THE MAGI PROJECT

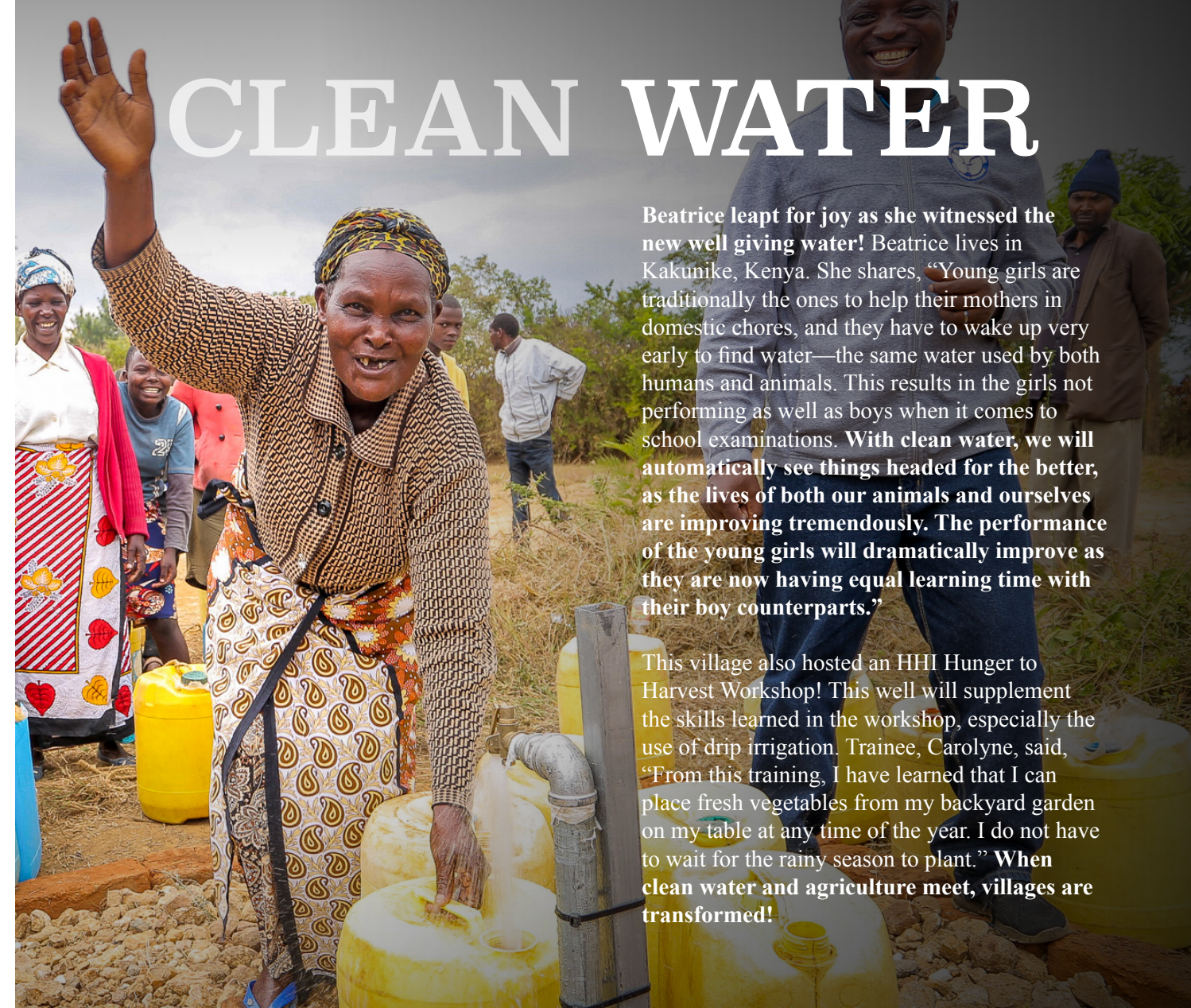
Since its launch in the 90s, the heartbeat of HHI's MAGI ministry has been the volunteers across the country who contribute their time, energy and resources. It takes thousands of volunteers to make the spokes of the MAGI wheel go round. Churches from upstate New York to the Texas border send boxes every year. There are over 200 churches, schools and organizations who participate. Each group has a MAGI Coordinator who spearheads the effort and a team of volunteers who shop and pack the boxes.

Michael Scott, MAGI Coordinator from the Owl Hollow Church of Christ in Winchester (TN), has been a part of MAGI nearly since its inception. Scott says, **"The members of the Owl Hollow congregation continue to amaze me with how much they are willing to give. This ministry is a group effort."** Michael and his wife, Paula, have made MAGI part of their family rhythm. **"During the early years, our boys would do a box for the same age they were at the time. Two of the boys have gone with us to Honduras on a MAGI trip. Since then, looking for MAGI items has been a part of practically every family outing. Even now that our boys are grown, they bring us items they have purchased for MAGI."**

There are also numerous volunteers here in Nashville who come to our office to provide quality-control checks on boxes to ensure the 25,000+ kids who receive them are delighted. Diane Holaway has been volunteering since 2013. Through MAGI, she has received the blessing of friendship from those she serves alongside. **"My friend, Ruby Dark, asked me to join her group. She and the other ladies shared their love for how MAGI impacts the lives of kids and their families,"** says Holaway. **"It is such a blessing to work with so many special ladies who also love working on MAGI for the children."**

Then, there are hundreds of donors that make up the financial network that moves MAGI across the finish line. Their donations provide extra product for contents in the box, pays for shipping, covers domestic pickup trips, and more.

If you are someone in one of these categories—MAGI Coordinator, volunteer, financial supporter—no matter what hat you wear, **thank you** for being a part of our MAGI village. You are making a difference!



CLEAN WATER

Beatrice leapt for joy as she witnessed the new well giving water! Beatrice lives in Kakunike, Kenya. She shares, **"Young girls are traditionally the ones to help their mothers in domestic chores, and they have to wake up very early to find water—the same water used by both humans and animals. This results in the girls not performing as well as boys when it comes to school examinations. With clean water, we will automatically see things headed for the better, as the lives of both our animals and ourselves are improving tremendously. The performance of the young girls will dramatically improve as they are now having equal learning time with their boy counterparts."**

This village also hosted an HHI Hunger to Harvest Workshop! This well will supplement the skills learned in the workshop, especially the use of drip irrigation. Trainee, Carolyne, said, **"From this training, I have learned that I can place fresh vegetables from my backyard garden on my table at any time of the year. I do not have to wait for the rainy season to plant."** **When clean water and agriculture meet, villages are transformed!**

WALK4WATER

The Clarksville Area Wide Walk4Water is bringing the community together! Chris Middleton is the Youth and Family Minister at Trenton Crossing Church, and he serves as the Walk4Water Coordinator for his community. Chris shared, **"W4W brought our whole congregation together. This was not just a service project for the youth, but involved everyone, young and old. We had people from all backgrounds, including community leaders, volunteer for W4W and it was a unique opportunity for our church to interact with our local community."** Are you interested in bringing the church and your local community together? **Visit walk4water.org to learn more about starting a walk today!** Chris was recently featured on an episode of HHI's "It Takes A Village" podcast where he shares how to be a Walk4Water Coordinator in your own community. Scan the QR code to listen!

LISTEN TO THE PODCAST
TODAY!





WOMEN OF HOPE

“Gratitude gives me the strength to dance,” an elderly woman said, spinning around the shop. The woman referred to as “Mother” acts as a mother to all of the women in the group in Winyo, Kenya. Ladies of Hope is a group of 34 who attend the Winyo Church of Christ, a church that has had a long-standing partnership with HHI.

Jannette Gilley, Women of Hope Coordinator, leaned over and said, **“There are some really difficult testimonies in this room. Most of these women are widows and single mothers, many struggling with HIV/AIDS. They used to spend all day from early in the morning to late at night working as low-wage farm assistants, barely making enough money to feed their children.”**

But they refused to let that be the end of their story. They truly are ladies of Hope.

Several years ago these women participated in a Christian Women’s Business Conference and learned how to crochet doormats, but their business never took off. Despite the obstacles, they didn’t give up hope. They spent months developing a new business plan. It would have to be a business that could thrive in their community, but also accommodate all 34 women with different physical limitations and responsibilities. This

was the beginning of Ladies of Hope Peanut Butter.

With a small startup loan from Women of Hope, the group was able to pay for the training and machinery necessary to make their dream a reality. Within weeks their business was booming. They are the only peanut butter producers within several miles, and with rising prices customers are using the peanut butter as a replacement for butter. They are also creating a market for peanut farmers in their community who no longer have to go long distances to sell their peanuts.

They have recently applied for a license that will allow them to develop branding and expand into larger markets in the region. They are contributing to group savings, which allows individual women to borrow lump sums to pay for school fees, medical expenses, and personal micro-enterprises.

“Our hope is in God,” group secretary, Petronila, says. **“We have hoped in many things that have failed us, but only hope in the Lord has brought us this far.”** God has turned mourning into dancing for the Ladies of Hope, and they are inviting the entire community into their joy.



CELEBRATING

Cindy Herring

Cindy Herring will be retiring from HHI in August.
You are invited to celebrate her with us!

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022

10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Come & Go Reception

HHI Nashville Office

Please bring a handwritten note to Cindy, honoring her for her friendship and service. If you are unable to attend, you can email your letter to contact@hhi.org.

HUNGER TO HARVEST



The Miritini Church of Christ recently hosted a Hunger to Harvest Workshop for 75 individuals! Miritini is a suburb of Mombasa in southeast Kenya along the Indian Ocean. The people in this community speak nine different dialects and are a combination of Christians and Muslims, resulting in this workshop hosting attendees with many different backgrounds and beliefs. After the training, the participants were encouraged to return home and practice what they learned and to trust God to bless the works of their hands.

Local preacher and World Bible School Worker, Stephen, shared, **“This is a very timely training that you are providing. As a preacher, this will help me in many ways. The community will be more receptive when we do evangelism. My**

family and I will establish our own garden.” Stephen was still recovering from an injury, but it didn’t keep him from learning invaluable skills! The HHI Hunger to Harvest ministry is not only teaching families how to grow their own food, but the gospel is being taught and displayed firsthand in every workshop and training that takes place. Thank you for playing a role in these life-changing events!



UKRAINE RELIEF EFFORTS

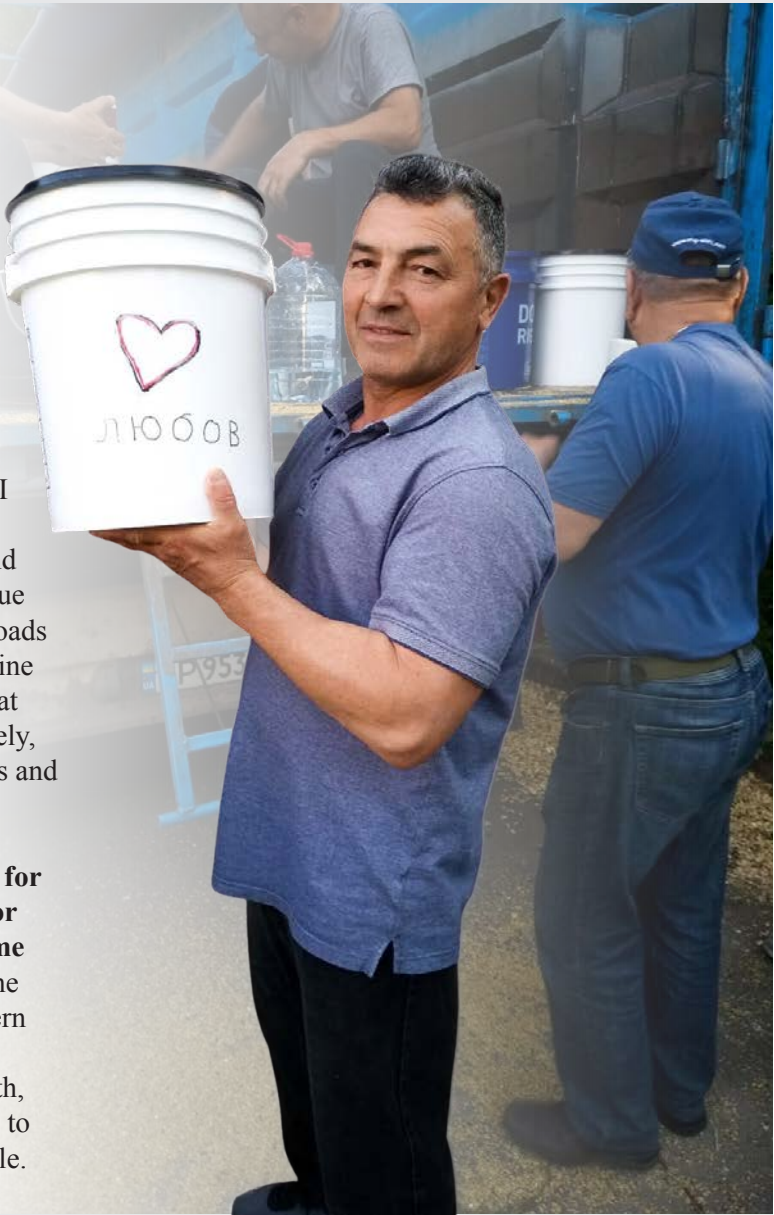
Late this spring, a few members of our team traveled to Eastern Europe to visit with churches and trusted partners on the ground in both Poland and Romania. HHI is abundantly grateful for the opportunity to visit these places as we continue to serve in the best ways we know how at this time. **The heart-breaking stories of bravery, resilience and devastation through times of terror are all the more real when you see their faces in-person.**

At this time, HHI has sent nearly 9,000 relief buckets to Ukraine for refugees. Our team is partnering with Churches of Christ in Poland, Romania, Croatia and Belarus to provide them with resources needed to care for refugees. Vans have been purchased for shuttling groups from the border to safe locations. New relationships have been made with devoted non-

profits as we work together to get supplies into the hands of Ukrainians.

Looking ahead, we will continue sending containers with supplies to Ukraine. HHI will work alongside churches to feed and house refugees and their children. We will continue to sponsor deliveries of van loads with relief supplies into Ukraine and assist with refugee work at the border crossings. Ultimately, we plan to help rebuild homes and church buildings in Ukraine.

HHI thanks you immensely for your unwavering support for those in need during this time of crisis. We thank God for the countless individuals in Eastern Europe that we have had the opportunity to cross paths with, and we trust He will continue to introduce us to the right people.



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