



## BRIDGING THE GAP

WITH HEALING HANDS INTERNATIONAL

At the close of each year, as we begin to reflect on all that has been accomplished through the ministry of HHI, I am overwhelmed with *gratitude*. I am grateful for each volunteer who has come through the doors at HQ, coordinated a walk, or packed a MAGI box. I am grateful for every donor who has given sacrificially to see physical needs met and hearts surrendered to the Gospel. And I am grateful for our incredible network of international staff and partners, who form the bridge that connects your generosity to the communities in greatest need around the world!

I pray that as you flip through the pages of this report, you will experience that same gratitude welling up into *joy*. I pray that you will see the faces of those whose lives have been changed by having their physical needs met. But, more than that, I pray that you will see souls transformed eternally by knowing the gift of God's grace!

In 2 Corinthians 4, the apostle Paul says, ". . . that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God."

Thank you for partnering with us to reach more and more people to the glory of our good God in 2025!

Art Woods President, HHI Our mission is 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.





### TRANSFORMATIONAL VILLAGE

Throughout HHI's thirty-four-year history, God has continually opened doors for the development of new and exciting programs, allowing us to meet the needs of more communities and provide more opportunities for Gospel encounters. Independently, these programs have grown and expanded to touch almost every continent and impact millions of lives.

As each program has grown and our international staff has expanded, we have been challenged to better listen to those living in these communities and allow them to guide which programs are most needed. Out of this growth, the Transformational Village concept was born.

We have witnessed time and again that by bringing together multiple HHI programs in one village in an effective order over time, deeper impact is possible. And because sharing the Gospel is such a high priority for our international staff, souls are also being transformed.

Come with us as we guide you through the story of just one of these villages.



### **Well Project**

The Kasua community had long been dependent on one well shared by three villages or government-piped water that few could afford. Many would walk to nearby swamps and unprotected springs that often dried up. At the end of 2024, the people of Kasua celebrated the gift of a new clean water well, completing the holistic transformational village model.



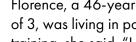
### **Women's Business Group**

In 2024, a women's tailoring school was established at the Arua Church of Christ building. Since then, a class of 20 students graduated with a sewing machine on loan to begin their new businesses. One of the graduates, Monica, shared, "We are working hard to complete our loan so that many other women in our community can have the opportunity we had! We are thankful to God for this ministry!



### **Disaster Response**

When prolonged seasons of drought brought on by climate change impact a region's crops, the Disaster Response program at HHI is able to step in with immediate food relief. In Kasua, more than 200 people received basic food necessities in 2024.



**Agriculture Training** 

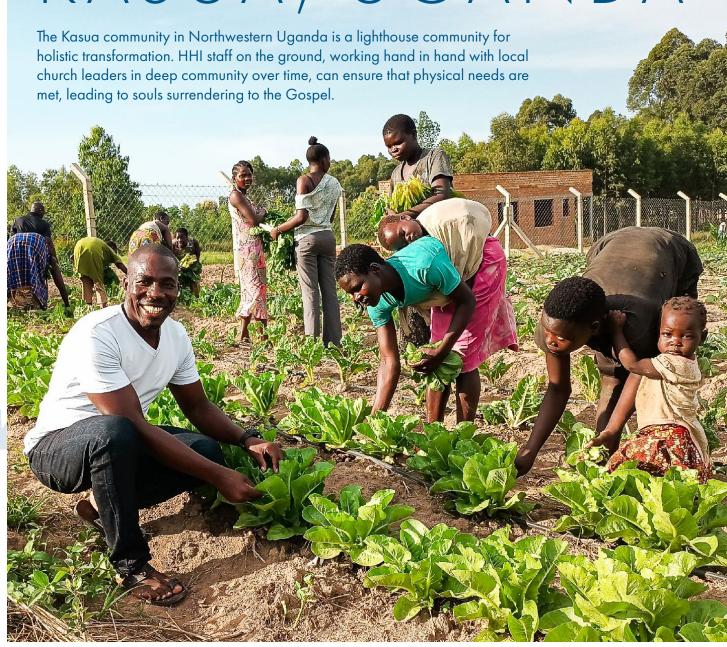
Florence, a 46-year-old, single mother of 3, was living in poverty. Since the training, she said, "I have been sitting at home waiting for money from relatives. My children used to report late to school and miss meals, but now I have a business selling vegetables and have money to meet most of the family needs."



### **MAGI Distribution**

The MAGI Sponsor A Box program has brought needed supplies to more than 200 school children in this community. HHI Country Coordinator Joseph Edema shares, "MAGI brings parents and children closer to God. Parents who have not had time and opportunity to listen to the message of salvation follow up where their children have been shown love through a MAGI gift. They get the opportunity of listening to the Word and also experiencing God's love.

# KASUA, UGANDA



1.3k 5.3k

Volunteers

**Volunteer Hours** 

\$1.2m

Raised by Walk4Water 5.5k

Walk4Water Walkers

**231** 

Wells Drilled

23k

Hunger to Harvest **Trainees** 

452

Hunger to Harvest **Trainings** 

10k

Women of Hope Trainees

173

Businesses Started

27k

**MAGI Boxes** Distributed

3.9k

**MAGI Boxes** Sponsored

Responded To

21.7k

**Dorcas Items** Received



Ukraine

Croatia

Turkey

India Israel Palestine



Paraguay

Brazil



Haiti St. Vincent Grenada Panama Dominican Rep.



Kenya Tanzania Uganda Nigeria Ghana Malawi Zimbabwe Zambia Sierra Leone Lesotho Madagascar Benin Togo Mozambique Liberia

Niger Mali





# CLEAN WATER

For more than 18 years, Walk4Water events have been the lifeblood of the Clean Water program at HHI. In 2024, more than 5,000 walkers came together at 67 different events across 23 states to raise money for clean water projects around the world.

One of these walks took place at the Fifth and Beechwood Church of Christ in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It was their second annual walk, and they were excited about what God had accomplished through them the year before.

This church had been participating in the MAGI box program for eight years, and in 2023, they decided to step out in faith and host their first Walk4Water. Like many groups, they set a goal to raise \$7,500 for a clean water well, and they got busy canvassing their neighborhood and talking to their friends and family about the need for clean water. When the day of the walk came, Jen Branson, the local walk coordinator, was discouraged. They had only met a little over half of their goal.

HHI Regional Coordinator Mark Hatfield encouraged Jen and the whole group by reminding them that it was their first year, and God was still moving in their community. The group continued to pray fervently, and within a week after their walk, they had exceeded the goal of \$7,500! Seeing God move in their community built more excitement, and in 2024, they set a goal to host a Walk4Water+ to raise \$10,000. Again, God moved powerfully in their community, and they exceeded their goal!

The funds from this walk provided a water well for the Anyamgba village in Uganda. Before the well was drilled, the community depended on water from an unprotected spring, which was more than an hour away and often led to cases of typhoid.

Scan here to learn more about the Clean Water program:



Now Maliko, a 38-year-old mother of 5, says, "You have given us the greatest blessing in life, which is water. For decades, we have been suffering, looking for clean water, but this day, we want to say thank you so much! We pray that, in whatever you do, the Almighty bless you so much!"

Because the Fifth and Beechwood church elected to do a W4W+ and met the goal of \$10,000, 40 people in the community also received Hunger to Harvest training. They had previously only grown tobacco, as that was all they knew. Since the training, they are growing enough produce to feed their families and a surplus to make additional income.



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## HUNGER TO HARVEST

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Healing Hands International is committed to addressing the immediate and long-term needs of communities facing hunger and hardship. Through its Hunger to Harvest program, HHI helps empower people to fight hunger sustainably by teaching essential gardening skills. These techniques are designed to be simple, adaptable, and effective even in regions prone to drought, giving communities the ability to grow their own food and build resilience for the future.

Through basic gardening techniques and sustainable agricultural practices, Hunger to Harvest offers a solution that lasts beyond the immediate crisis. In partnership with local communities, HHI leads educational workshops where individuals are taught to cultivate their land using simple yet effective methods. These techniques make use of available resources, ensuring that even in the face of adversity, families can provide for their own needs.

The community of Ilasit, Kenya, is one example of how this approach is transforming lives. Through the efforts of HHI's Hunger to Harvest program,

residents are learning to build sustainable agricultural economies that can weather the challenges of their environment. With clean water and agricultural training, llasit is laying the groundwork for long-term success. According to our coordinators, "Using drip irrigation techniques here brought hope!" This program is not just about food; it's about restoring dignity and providing hope for future generations.

In the United States, volunteers from Riverchase Church of Christ in Birmingham, Alabama, have also embraced this mission. With hundreds coming together to pack drip kits and seed packets, these volunteers are making a tangible difference in the lives of families across the globe. Their hard work is helping communities like llasit receive the tools they need to grow crops, feed their families, and build a more stable future.

Through partnerships like these, Healing Hands International is able to be the bridge connecting

churches and communities worldwide. We are honored to witness the ripple effect of these tiny seeds of hope as they grow into lasting change for families, communities, and entire generations.



Scan here to learn more about the Hunger to Harvest program:





Women love to gather; that is a universal truth. Whether it's a women's Bible class or just a group of friends in someone's home, Hope Parties are an opportunity for women to gather for a greater purpose. At a Hope Party, guests hear beautiful stories of female entrepreneurs around the world who are transforming their communities and also have the opportunity to shop their beautiful handmade products.

In 2024, Women of Hope introduced Trunk Shows, an even easier way for women to share hope. The inaugural Trunk Show was hosted by longtime partners of HHI at the Lincoln Park Church of Christ in Michigan and was a tremendous success. The sales from this event were a two-fold blessing: providing a viable income to the female artisans who made the products and covering one month's training cost for our India Coordinator.

Trunk Shows and Hope Parties make it possible for women like Karuna to thrive. Karuna, a mother of three daughters. Her life was centered around her family, but financial struggles made every day a challenge. Her husband worked tirelessly at a car showroom, but his income alone was not enough to meet the growing needs of their daughters. Karuna wished to support her family, but without any skills or education, she felt helpless. . .

"I am not just a wife or a mother; I am... a role model for my daughters." ... until she learned about Prasanthi Sewing Centre, which offered free tailoring training for women like her. Seeing an opportunity to change her life, she joined the center, and soon, her skills earned her a job at a boutique, where she stitched elegant dresses and blouses. She was overjoyed. Finally, she was helping to provide an income for her family and building a better future for her daughters. Despite her success, Karuna never forgot the place that had

given her this opportunity. Out of gratitude, she decided to continue working at Prasanthi Sewing Centre in her free time. She began stitching scrunchies at a low price so the center could sell them affordably and help more women like her.

Karuna had this to say: "Gratitude is shown through action, not just words. That's why I give back to the place that gave me everything. Because of Prasanthi Sewing Centre, I am not just a wife or a mother; I am a skilled tailor, an independent woman, and a role model for my daughters."

Will you gather some of your friends and sisters this year to share hope with hundreds of women around the world?



## THE MAGI PROJECT

In Venezuela, extreme poverty remains a harsh reality, impacting countless families and leaving many children without basic necessities to succeed in school. But through the efforts of Brentwood Hills Church of Christ in partnership with Healing Hands International, hope is being restored one gift box at a time. The MAGI Project, a crucial initiative that provides children in need with boxes or backpacks filled with essentials, is making a tangible difference in the lives of many children in Venezuela.

In partnership with the MAGI Project, Brentwood Hills Church of Christ works closely with preachers across Venezuela to distribute these much-needed gifts. A simple backpack filled with school supplies, toys, and hygiene items can be life-changing for struggling families. One preacher shared his heartfelt gratitude after receiving the MAGI boxes: "Today we received the boxes with MAGI, and wow, they are excellent! They are bags filled with so many things for boys and girls. This will bring so much joy to the children and be a great blessing for them. It will also be a huge encouragement to the church. We are incredibly grateful."

This response captures the essence of the MAGI Project: a way to meet the physical needs of children living in poverty while simultaneously sharing the message of Jesus with their families and communities. The impact of these gifts reaches far beyond the items in the backpacks; they open hearts to the love and hope found in the Gospel.





The church's involvement in this project has been transformative. Each step of the process—packing, shipping, and delivering—helps bridge the gap between physical need and spiritual hope. Every gift box serves as a powerful tool to share God's love with those who are hurting, proving that even in the darkest places, light can shine through.

Thanks to the collective efforts of individuals and churches, HHI's MAGI Project continues to make a Godly impact. The simple act of providing a gift box may seem small, but it has the power to change lives and open doors for the Gospel in ways that last far beyond the gift itself.

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Scan here to learn more about the MAGI Project:



# DISASTER RESPONSE

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Since its inception, Healing Hands International has partnered with local churches around the world to be the hands and feet of Jesus to their communities following a disaster. Time and time again, we have seen souls searching for immediate physical relief while also finding spiritual respite in the care of believers.

In the summer of 2024, Hurricane Beryl made landfall on Union Island as a Category 4 storm, devastating the small island. As news came in about the impact of the storm, one member of the Covington Church of Christ in Bedford, Virginia, was particularly concerned and asked her congregation to get involved in sending relief. As the daughter of the minister at the Union Island Church of

Christ, she knew that the church was anxious to help their neighbors. Wanting to help but not sure of the best way, the Covington Church reached out to Healing Hands International to ask what was most needed.

Working together with HHI's Disaster Response Coordinator, James Rucker, the Covington Church of Christ was able to raise enough funds to help restore the Union Island Church building, which then became a shelter for displaced victims and a distribution hub for relief workers and supplies.

"I feel so happy seeing this church roof go on, as it is the first roof to really go back on in Union. It gave me hope. I feel so happy, as though it is my own house roof that went on," said Camillo Adams, a Union Island resident.

The congregation was even able to host a "Come Sing with Us" program as a means of bringing the community together to give praise to God for bringing them through the hurricane and share their experience of the storm. Food was provided, and a counselor was on hand to provide psychosocial support.

This is a beautiful picture of the global Kingdom at work—God's people in the U.S. joining hands with God's people in the Caribbean to serve their neighbors and show the love of Jesus! Healing Hands International is grateful to serve as the bridge between these two communities.

In 2024, HHI had the opportunity to respond to eleven international disasters. Some were in the news, and some were not. We are grateful when churches like the Covington Church congregation reach out to meet a specific need. And we are grateful for those who choose to support the Disaster Response program on an ongoing basis so that we can be prepared to meet needs for disasters that may never make the news but are still deserving of support and care.







At Healing Hands International, our mission—aid, equip, and empower those in need around the world in the name of Jesus Christ—is made possible through our volunteers' dedication and selfless service. From the beginning stages of each program to the final steps of delivery, volunteers are the hands that make our work possible.

Whether they are organizing Walk4Water events, packing Disaster Response buckets, or hosting Women of Hope parties, volunteers are central to the success of each program in our organization. Their commitment and passion drive our programs, ensuring that the impact we make is both far-reaching and lasting.

One of the most visible ways volunteers contribute is by packing and checking MAGI boxes. These carefully curated boxes, filled with essential supplies and gifts, travel to children in need across the globe. Volunteers help ensure that each box is filled with care and attention so that every child receives not only a physical gift but also a message of hope and love. Through this program, volunteers bridge the gap between churches in the United States and the communities we serve in countries like Venezuela and Honduras.

This year, a special spotlight shines on the volunteers from Brentwood Hills Church of Christ. This dedicated group has been instrumental in sewing children's clothing and other essential items for our international programs. Their hands have crafted hundreds of garments that will be sent to children in need, providing both practical support and a reminder that they are seen and loved. Some of these volunteers also help with the critical task of checking MAGI boxes, ensuring that each box is packed with the right supplies before being shipped.

Volunteers at Healing Hands International are more than just helpers; they are the lifeblood of our organization. Their work serves as a direct extension of our mission and embodies the truth that when the body of Christ works together, it grows and matures (Ephesians 4). Each volunteer, whether packing a bucket or sewing a garment, plays a vital role in spreading hope to those who need it most.

As we look back on another year of transformative work, we celebrate our volunteers and their immeasurable impact on our mission. We are deeply grateful for the hearts that serve and the lives that are changed because of their selfless contributions.























**YOUR IMPACT IN 2024** 

With integrity as one of our core values, stewardship of your gifts is a top priority. Every gift you make is truly making a transformational impact.

2024 Total Revenue: \$8,915,638\*

**2024 Total Expenses: \$6,598,389** 

\*Total Revenue includes gifts made to the HHI Endowment Fund.

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. All estate and planned gifts are directed into this endowment

The purpose and vision for this fund is that it's earnings would eventually cover all administrative and fundraising costs. This would enable every dollar you give to directly impact the lives of people through our programs. We are currently reinvesting any earnings back into the endowment as we look toward this long-term strategic vision.

For more information on making a gift into our endowment now, or through your estate, please call us at 1-615-832-2000.





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## BRIDGING THE GAP

As a global culture in 2025, we are more connected than ever in human history. Because of technology and the 24-hour news cycle, we can know what is happening in every corner of the globe at any given hour of the day. With this connectivity comes blessings and curses. It can often feel overwhelming to know that so many in our world are suffering, but we're not quite sure what we can do about it as individuals. That is the beauty of Healing Hands International's mission and strategy.

When you give to HHI, you equip our international staff with the resources to meet physical needs. They do this in partnership with local church leaders. And church leaders have the opportunity to share the Gospel with people in their communities. Just like that, a bridge is built, connecting the people of God around the world.

As you know, there are still many communities waiting for this connection. Each time a community is transformed, more requests pour in from the surrounding villages that have witnessed the impact. When we come together as individuals, families, and churches and say, "We can make real change possible," that is when the Kingdom grows exponentially! We invite you to join us in 2025 and beyond as God uses this HHI community to make real change possible.

## **CHANGE MAKERS**

COMMUNITY

"I'm glad to contribute to HHI because I can trust that every dollar is spent in a way that pleases the Lord. Jesus gave examples of how to serve others, and HHI meets all the criteria that He has set for us," says Diana, a devoted supporter of HHI.

If you share this vision of faithful stewardship and impactful service, we invite you to join the Change Makers community. Your monthly support will help fund programs like Clean Water, Hunger to Harvest, Women of Hope, the MAGI Project, and Disaster Response—initiatives that deliver both physical and spiritual healing to those who need it most.

Together, we can transform lives through sustainable solutions: providing safe water, combating hunger, empowering women, equipping children, and offering emergency relief. Will you help us fulfill this mission, creating a brighter future one gift at a time?





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