

HIS WORK FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT, 2019

Hugh Downey, president

His Work Foundation has provided needed assistance to the Church in Africa for eight years, totaling almost \$400,000. This has been provided in small grants (not over \$5,000) to mostly rural parishes, churches and schools in remote parts of Africa. Our goal is to assist church and education projects in areas which are mostly overlooked by other (mostly larger) foundations. For practical purposes, we have no overhead or operating expenses.

Priests who apply for grants must have the approval of their bishop or religious superior who are known to us personally and are responsible for grant accounting. To make the process as simple as possible, grant requests are encouraged to be on a single page describing the need, grant amount and people who will benefit. Grants are made by wire transfer only to churches and schools, never to individuals. No one receives a salary, travel expenses or compensation in any form.

During the year 2019 foundation income from contributions was \$114,479. Grants for this period totaled \$149,421. Income was not sufficient to meet all the grant requests. To accommodate this, money was released from a reserve fund established in 2018. Grants from the foundation were sent to five African nations of Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan and Eritrea. These grants were issued to 41 priests for 48 projects which include church construction and operations, school construction and operating costs, public health, orphan care, education, catechist training, and church furnishings (altars, icons, pews, tabernacles, etc.).

Grants for the year 2019.

ETHIOPIA

Bitta-Woshi Parish, Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga
Altar, benches, icons, vestments to furnish the church

\$4,000

Bitta-Woshi Parish outstations, Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga

Land Rover repairs to access 3 parishes and 5 outstations

\$4,000

Gojeb parish school, Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga

School improvements including fencing, grading, soil improvements

\$3,625

Meneka outstation of Chiri parish, Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga

Metal sheets for roof of newly constructed chapel

\$1,973

St. Mary parish hall, Kochi, Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga

Repairs to collapsing mud hall built 20 years ago

\$2,000

Shera parish hall, Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga

Concrete floor, windows, ceiling	\$3,000
Modiyo martyrs shrine hall, Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga Construction of building in remote area	\$5,000
Shenee outstation of Gidda parish, Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga Altar, icons, pews and benches, other church furnishings	\$3,000
St. Gabreil Church in Bolla, Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga Church furnishings incl. altar, pews, icons, paintings, etc.	\$2,500
Awasho Olla parish, Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga Church furnishings including altar, ambo, icons, pews.	\$3,000
Gera Catholic Community public health, Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga Construction of a dry latrine for parish school and community	\$3,000
St. John the Baptist Mission, Apostolic Vicariate of Soddo Food for famine relief program mostly for elders	\$4,900
Mizan-Aman Juma parish, Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga Water project	\$2,958
Mizan-Aman Bachuma parish, Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga Schools desks for parish school	\$1,672
Dukura parish, Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga Church furnishings, altar, icons, ambo, pews.	\$3,500
Warawara St. George parish, Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga Church furnishings, altar, ambo, tabernacle, icons	\$2,445
Warawara, St. George parish, Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga Solar electricity	\$2,222
Wushwush parish, Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga Church furnishings, altar, tabernacle, ambo, icons	\$3,000
Gatiya St. Michael parish, Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga Church furnishings, altar, ambo, pews, icons	\$2,500
Bartha village mission, Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga Water system	\$4,250
Yacha Shishinda parish, Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga Chapel construction	\$3,500
Mera village, Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga Chapel construction	\$3,000
Bolla St. Gabriel parish, Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga Church furnishings	\$2,500
Modiyo Martyr's shrine, Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga Church furnishings	\$2,500
Olla Gidda parish, Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga Chapel construction	\$3,500
Bokka/Shaya villages, Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga School construction	\$4,000
Omorate Catholic Mission, Apostolic Vicariate of Soddo	

Orphan care	\$2,800
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ERITREA

Jengeren parish, Catholic Eparchy of Keren	
Construction of priest house	\$2,600
Halhal parish, Catholic Eparchy of Keren	
Furnishings for priest house	\$2,600
Irra Bet Gebru chapel, Catholic Eparchy of Keren	
Solar electricity	\$3,340
Ira parish, Catholic Eparchy of Keren	
Solar electricity	\$3,340
Lebeda parish, Catholic Eparchy of Keren	
Solar electricity	\$3,340
Shesheremera chapel, Catholic Eparchy of Keren	
Solar electricity	\$3,340
Shinar/Ghezabanda, Catholic Eparchy of Keren	
Elder care (food)	\$3,833
Romik village, Catholic Eparchy of Keren	
Water project	\$5,000

TANZANIA

Catholic Diocese of Zanzibar, Fr. Richard Haki	
Slave trade rescue, girls education	\$3,500
Ikwiriri St. Francis parish, Archdiocese of Dar E#s Salaam	
Girls school construction	\$4,700

SUDAN

Khartoum refugees, Pastoral Capuchin Franciscan Missions	
Water project	\$1,234
Khartoum refugees, Pastoral Capuchin Franciscan Missions	
Education project, computers	\$2,059
St. Peter & Paul parish, Archdiocese of Khartoum	
Catechist training	\$2,118
St. Peter & Paul parish, Archdiocese of Khartoum	
Church benches	\$ 662

KENYA

Muhuru Bay Parish, Catholic Diocese of Homa Bay	
Church construction	\$4,000
Got Kachola church, Catholic Diocese of Homa Bay	
Solar electricity	\$1,086
Got Kachola church, Catholic Diocese of Homa Bay	
Public address system	\$2,000
Got Kachola church, Catholic Diocese of Homa Bay	
Youth program	\$ 400
Got Kachola church, Catholic Diocese of Homa Bay	
Elder care program	\$ 494
Matoso Complex Academy, Catholic Diocese of Homa Bay	
Teacher salaries	\$2,280

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS BY CATEGORY

The total of small grants (under \$5,000) during 2019 totaled \$149,421. All of those grants went to rural African churches and schools and human welfare, specifically:

- 24% Public Health issues including water systems, solar electric, sanitation
- 12% Food and nutrition including orphan care, elder care, malnutrition
- 11% Education including girls rescue and education, elementary schools, catechist training
- 19% Church construction
- 23% Church furnishings including altar, tabernacles, ambo, icons, pews, crosses
- 5% School construction
- 6% Vehicle and other including repairs and items which didn't fit into another category

The people there say: "Thank you beyond words. May God reward you accordingly".

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

We all know that looking forward can sometimes be very tricky. Though we try our very best, we must trust in God's guidance and try to align ourselves with whatever His plan might be. In 2018 an unexpected, and unrestricted gift to His Work Foundation of \$200,000 was placed in a 'reserve account' from which we have been able to withdraw periodically to meet the objectives of the foundation and the projects which we sponsor in Africa. Consequently, we have dispensed all of our 'normal operating funds' in accordance with the stated goals of the foundation. Should grant request and needs exceed our normal operating funds, it is our intent to utilize the above mentioned unrestricted gift to meet the annual needs.

FINALLY

Should you be a contributor to His Work Foundation you should know that indeed, this is 'His Work' but that you are an important part of the good works which are accomplished and we consider you a 'partner'. The success of 'His Work' depends on you. Thank you! God bless you.