

# WINTER 2021

"Sharing the love of God by bringing help and hope to hurting people!"





# 2021: DISASTER RELIEF UPDATE

GIFTS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO FOUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE AREA AND LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED!



TOTAL DISASTER RELIEF  
GIFTS DISTRIBUTED TO-DATE:  
\$85.5K!



Disaster Relief efforts continued as our Phase 3 efforts reached Almeda Fire Victims at the Phoenix-Talent School District, Armadillo Technical Institute, Kids Unlimited and Logos Public Charter Schools!

These four schools received approximately 95 Disaster Relief gift packages from Helping Hands International, which included a \$500 gift card, Bible and Christmas card. In total, we distributed approximately \$47,500 to Fire Victims through these schools - praise the Lord!

#### NEED DISASTER RELIEF?

If you, or someone you know, is a Fire Victim who needs help, please fill out our online Needs Assessment form, and an HHI Staff member will contact you shortly!

#### **DISASTER RESPONSE EFFORTS**

Phase 1: Food Distribution Teams - served over 12k meals in partnership with the Salvation Army!

Phase 2: Sifting Teams - helped approximately 65 families by sifting through their destroyed homes, giving out out Bibles and \$500 gift cards!

Phase 3: School Outreach - helped approximately 95 families by giving out \$500 gift cards and Bibles!

Phase 4: On-Time Gifts - started helping families (like the Boeme family below) by giving out one-time gifts and Bibles.

# HELP FOR A LOCAL HERO



LIKE MANY SOUTHERN OREGON FIRE SURVIVORS, SHEHAN BOEME'S FAMILY WAS STILL LIVING IN A HOTEL SIX MONTHS AFTER THE BLAZE, UNSURE HOW HE WOULD AFFORD A MORE PERMANENT SHELTER.

This is a picture of Shehan Boeme, [who was featured on KOBI Channel 5 for helping residents at the Bear Lake Estates escape the September 2020 Alameda fire](#), which in combination with the Obenchain fire, destroyed more than 2,500 homes in Southern Oregon.

Like many Southern Oregon Fire Survivors, Shehan Boeme's family was still living in a hotel six months after the blaze, unsure how he would afford a more permanent shelter.

Helping Hands International, Inc. reached out to Shehan's family in January, after receiving an [online Needs Assessment form](#). And, we are happy to share that after several phone calls, emails, text messages and in-person meetings, HHI decided to award Shehan's family our largest single Fire Victim gift to-date, namely \$5k, to help their family purchase a vehicle and trailer.

Thanks to this one-time gift of \$5k, Shehan's family of 6 was able to move out of the hotel and start saving for a more permanent residence.

This family is still in need of a home but, this gift was one step in the right direction and brought much needed financial relief to their family.

**Thank you for supporting this local hero by entrusting Helping Hands International, Inc. with your Disaster Relief gift(s) - it is a privilege to share the love of God through practical hands-on care with our neighbors!**

Finally, please continue to pray for all Southern Oregon families who are still struggling to put a permanent roof over their heads!



# KENYA UPDATE

NEW CHRISTIAN DREAM SCHOOL COMPLETED!



THANKS TO THE LORD, AND YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT, WE DID IT! THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW CHRISTIAN DREAM SCHOOL WAS COMPLETED IN JANUARY. PRAISE THE LORD FOR PROVIDING THIS NEW SPACE FOR STUDENTS IN THE RAKWARO, KENYA VILLAGE!





# KENYA UPDATE

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## MOURNING WITH OUR FRIENDS

We experienced two deaths in the Rakwaro Village in recent months and wanted to pause and remember their lives.

The first was Silas Odhiambo, who was approximately 11 years old when he died. He was faithfully supported by a HHI Child Sponsor and loved by both those in the Village and by HHI Volunteers who spent time visiting him in person!

The second was Erick Odhiambo, who was an 8th grader when he died. He was not part of the HHI Child Sponsorship program but was known well in the Village and spent time with our Volunteers. Here he is pictured with his Grandmother.

Erick lived with his Uncle Shadrack and suffered from sickle cell anemia. He was receiving medicine from the States to address his health condition but, due to COVID-19, the life-giving packages stopped reaching him.

"HE WILL WIPE AWAY EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES, AND DEATH SHALL BE NO MORE, NEITHER SHALL THERE BE MOURNING, NOR CRYING, NOR PAIN ANYMORE, FOR THE FORMER THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY." - REVELATION 21:4



# KENYA UPDATE

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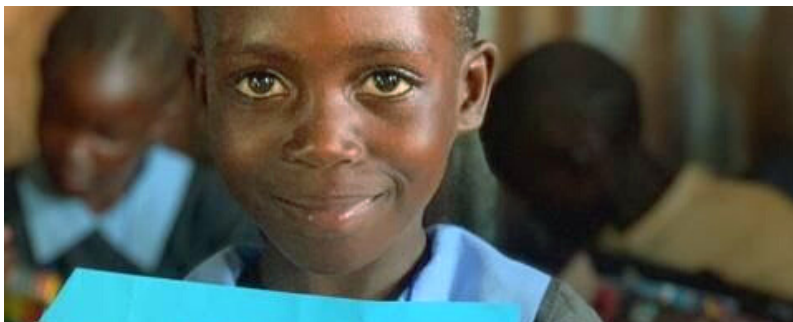
## NEW BOREHOLE COMPLETED!

[To give to projects like this, click here.](#)

Helping Hands International was also able to help a small neighboring orphanage in Bumamu, Kenya this year by partnering with the Amati Child Development Initiative (led by Paul Amakobe and overseen by Mike Hyodo) to help drill a new borehole/well. Now the community has access to water - praise the Lord!



## WANT TO SPONSOR A CHILD?



Our Child Sponsorship Program has over 150 children spanning two countries, namely India and Kenya. [Would you consider sponsoring a child who has been waiting?](#) We ask for a monthly commitment of \$38 to provide food, access to education and the good news of the gospel!



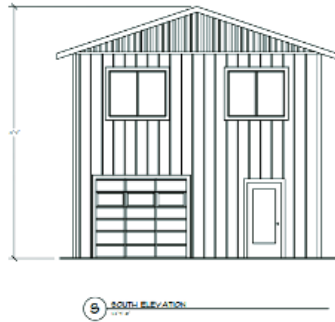


# READY TO VOLUNTEER?

2021 SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



**Mexico**



**S. Oregon**



**Kenya**



**India**



**Alaska**



**California**

CLICK ON ONE OR MORE OF THE ABOVE PICTURES TO READ  
ABOUT OUR 2021 PROJECTS AND REGISTER FOR A TRIP!

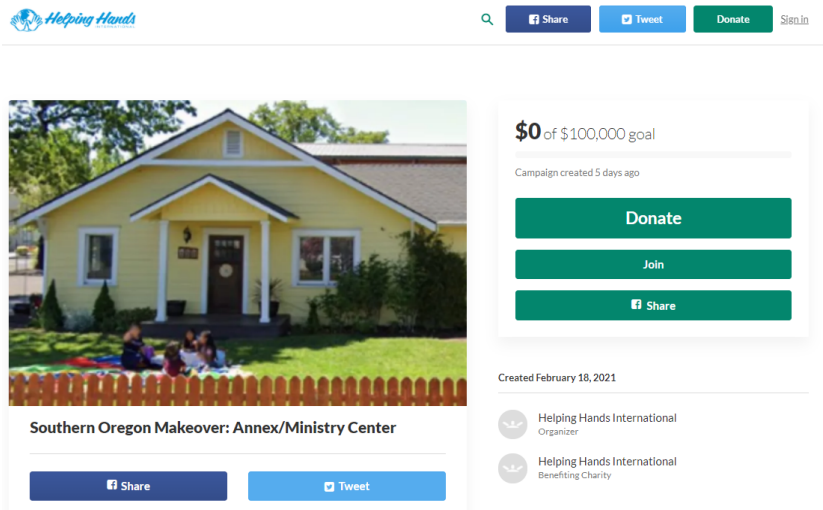
# READY TO DONATE?

2021 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

## SOUTHERN OREGON MAKEOVER

### GOAL: \$100K

HHI IS PLANNING TO BUILD A TWO STORY AFTER SCHOOL ANNEX/MINISTRY CENTER FOR WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN WESTSIDE COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES' AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM! HOWEVER, WE NEED APPROXIMATELY \$100K TO COVER THE COST OF MATERIALS. WOULD YOU PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER DONATING? [CLICK HERE TO READ MORE ABOUT THIS PROJECT.](#)

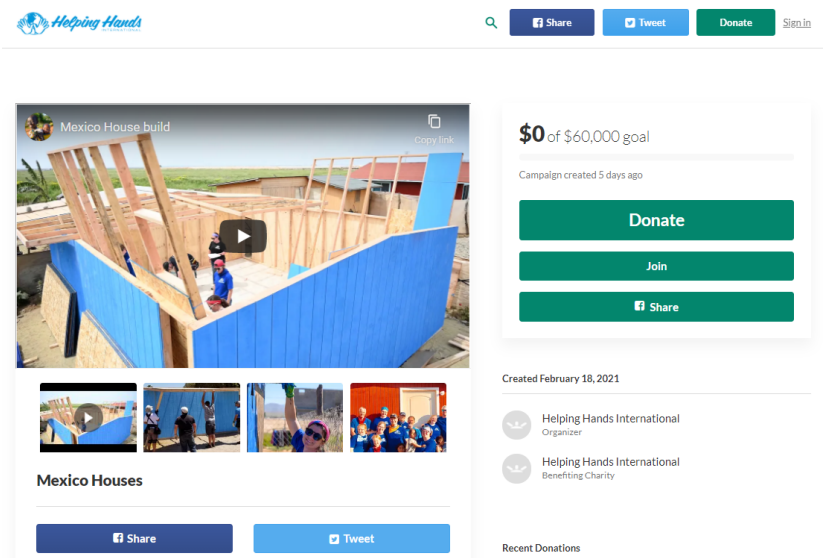


This screenshot shows a Facebook fundraising post for 'Southern Oregon Makeover: Annex/Ministry Center'. The goal is \$100,000, and the campaign was created 5 days ago. The post includes a photo of a yellow house with a white picket fence. Below the photo are 'Share' and 'Tweet' buttons. To the right, there are 'Donate', 'Join', and 'Share' buttons, along with a 'Sign In' link. The post is organized by 'Helping Hands International' and benefits 'Helping Hands International Benefiting Charity'. It was created on February 18, 2021.

## MEXICO HOUSE BUILD

### GOAL: \$60K

PENDING ANY TRAVEL BANS, HHI IS PLANNING TO SEND 5 TEAMS TO MEXICO THIS YEAR TO BUILD 12 HOUSES. HOWEVER, WE NEED \$60K TO COVER THE COST OF MATERIALS. WOULD YOU PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER DONATING? [CLICK HERE TO READ MORE ABOUT THIS PROJECT.](#)



This screenshot shows a Facebook fundraising post for 'Mexico House build'. The goal is \$60,000, and the campaign was created 5 days ago. The post includes a video thumbnail showing the construction of a house with blue siding. Below the video are 'Share' and 'Tweet' buttons. To the right, there are 'Donate', 'Join', and 'Share' buttons, along with a 'Sign In' link. The post is organized by 'Helping Hands International' and benefits 'Helping Hands International Benefiting Charity'. It was created on February 18, 2021. There is also a 'Recent Donations' section at the bottom.





# CONTACT US

IF YOU HAVE NEW CONTACT INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT US TO UPDATE YOUR RECORDS!

## 2020 TAX LETTERS

HHI RELEASED ALL 2020 DONATIONS STATEMENTS FOR GIFTS  $\geq$ \$100 ON OR BEFORE 1/31/21. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE YOUR TAX DONATION LETTER, OR HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE TODAY SO THAT WE CAN UPDATE OUR RECORDS - THANK YOU!

# FILL OUT THIS FORM BY CLICKING HERE!



- Home
- Volunteer
- Donate
- About Us
- Child Sponsorship
- Contact Us**

### CONTACT US

#### GET INVOLVED

Name

Email\*

Where did you hear about us?

Tell us how we can help you (e.g. need more information about a trip).

What projects are you interested in working on?

#### FIND MORE WAYS TO HELP

Fill out this form to find ways you can get involved in your local community or abroad. Contact us to find out more about volunteer opportunities, fundraising events, and ways that you can get friends and family involved!

#### SOUTHERN OREGON FIRE VICTIMS

Are you a Southern Oregon Fire Victim who lost their home in 2020? [Click here to complete our online assessment form.](#)  
An HHI Staff Member will contact you to see how we may be able to assist you in the recovery process!

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