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June 2020 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

[Helping Hands International](#) has been **busy over the last three months** gearing-down our in-person [Service Projects](#) in Africa, Mexico and the US due to **COVID-19**.

Specifically, the unexpected global health pandemic, which resulted in subsequent travels bans and quarantines around the globe, caused 50% of HHI's 2020 Service Projects to be cancelled or postponed and approximately 20% of our overall revenue to drop.

HOWEVER, we are not losing hope! In fact, God is using the situation to help HHI find **NEW WAYS** of reaching hurting people and raising funds to continue our mission of sharing the love of God by bringing help and hope to hurting people.

We hope you enjoy reading about our new "Share the Love of God" digital campaign, COVID-19 eGift card program, Child Sponsorship "Stay in Touch" feature, and COVID-19 famine and disaster relief efforts below!

In addition, we invite you to [CONSIDER GIVING A ONE TIME GIFT TO HELP OFFSET THE ABOVE MENTIONED DROP IN FUNDING](#), using one or more of the new donation methods listed below, or [JOIN US ON ONE OF THE REMAINING VOLUNTEER PROJECTS](#) - such as the [S. Oregon "Hope Park" project](#) scheduled for August 2020.

- [\(1\) NEW - Text "HHI2020" to 44-321 on your mobile phone](#)
- [\(2\) NEW - GoFundMe](#)
- [\(3\) NEW - Fred Meyer Community Rewards](#)
- [\(4\) NEW - Bank of America Employee Matching Gifts](#)
- [\(5\) NEW - Amazon Smile](#)

(6) [Web Site - www.helpinghandsinternational.com/donate/](http://www.helpinghandsinternational.com/donate/)

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Q2 2020: Highlights

03/31/20-04/17/20 "Share the love of God": HHI's initial response to the COVID-19 social distancing guidance was to encourage our readers to send a digital "Share the love of God" message with friends and family on social media. Thank you to everyone who participated in this online effort to bring words of encouragement to our viewers! If you haven't had a chance to print the HHI "Share the love of God" template, write an encouraging word and share your selfie with us online, [we still welcome your pictures!](#)



Pictures Courtesy of: Tim Plankenhorn

04/06/20-Present: Disaster Relief - COVID-19 eGift Cards!

HHI announced the opportunity to "help your fellow man" by donating to our Disaster Relief eGift card project. Our initial goal

was to bless 100 individuals or families with a \$50 eGift card based on the number of recommendations we received from local churches in Oregon. So far, we have heard from approximately 6 churches, spoke to 20 families and distributed >25 eGift cards. It has been a privilege speaking with each recipient - all of which are grateful, thankful or simply overwhelmed by the fact someone thought of them during this time! Here are a few responses received to-date:

- "I appreciate being nominated for this gift!"
- "I've been out of work for 3 weeks, unemployment is only paying me \$126 per week after taxes, so I really appreciate this!"
- "I'm so thankful. I needed to buy a pair of shoes for my son and this will be so helpful..."
- "I received the gift card, this will be super helpful in feeding my three kids next week! It is truly appreciated. Thanks again."
- "I'm grateful for being thought of and prayed for..."
- "I appreciate this gift; it will definitely be helpful..."
- "Oh, that is so SWEET! I have been taking care of respiratory patients...so, THANK YOU!"



Want to help your fellow man but not sure how?

APRIL 2020

LET HHI DO IT FOR YOU THROUGH
OUR COVID-19 DISASTER RELIEF
EGIFT CARD PROGRAM!

TEXT "HHICOID19" TO 44-321.

"BUT WHOEVER HAS THIS WORLD'S GOODS,
AND SEES HIS BROTHER IN NEED, AND SHUTS
UP HIS HEART FROM HIM, HOW DOES
THE LOVE OF GOD ABIDE IN HIM? - 1 JOHN 3:17

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April-May 2020: Famine Relief in India & Kenya Helping Hands International was also able to *bless over 350 families* in India and Kenya during the month of April with famine relief by providing much needed resources! Thank you to those who gave one-time gifts toward this effort - it was appreciated!



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April-June 2020: Child Sponsorship. HHI has taken some time this second quarter to update the [Child Sponsorship](#) web site and social media outreach. Specifically we **created a new "Stay in Touch" feature** on the Child Sponsorship web site that allows each sponsor to communicate via email with Child Sponsorship Director Crissy Christian (hhandschildsponsorship@gmail.com), who then shares messages with individual sponsored children. We also started releasing **weekly sponsorship appeals** for the remaining 12 students who need sponsors. We would like to include these children with the 110 students currently being support - will you help?



Helping Hands International has approximately 12 students who have been waiting to be sponsored since December 2019.

Will you consider sponsoring Felix?

[Click here](#) or write to HHI's Program Director, [Crissy Christians](#), for more information on how to get involved - **THANK YOU!**

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CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM
www.helpinghandsinternational.com/child-sponsorship
Email: hhandschildsponsorship@gmail.com

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MEET YOUR SPONSORED CHILD IN PERSON, we encourage you to [register for this trip](#), scheduled for September 10-18, 2020 in Rakwaro, Kenya. Here you will see how your monthly investment changes the lives of sponsored children and the community!



May 2020 GuideStar: Silver Seal of Transparency Award

"For restaurants, there's Yelp. For real estate, there's Zillow. For law, there's LexisNexis. For nonprofits, there's GuideStar." Helping Hands International was [recently awarded the Silver Seal of Transparency from GuideStar](#), the nation's premier nonprofit database, putting HHI in the top 2% of all nonprofit organizations on GuideStar! Check out [our profile here](#) for more information and donation opportunities.

[Volunteer for a Service Project!](#)

[08/09/20-08/15/20: Baja, Mexico - House Building](#)

[08/15/20-08/29/20: Southern Oregon - Outdoor Building Project](#)

[09/10/20-09/18/20: Rakwaro, Kenya - Mathare Well Dedication and Child Sponsorship Visitation](#)

[09/30/20-10/14/20: Nepal - Dental Clinic](#)

[10/08/20-10/11/20: San Francisco, CA - Homeless Outreach](#)

[10/13/20-10/27/20: India - Orphanage Building](#)

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FINALLY, *thank you* for your on-going prayers and support - it is appreciated!

God bless,
[Helping Hands International, Inc. Staff](#)

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