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March 2020 Newsletter

Happy Spring!

[Helping Hands International](#) has been [busy over the last three months](#) gearing-up for various [Service Projects](#) in Africa, Mexico and the US, engaging in public speaking opportunities, raising funds for new building projects, registering Volunteers for Spring service opportunities and celebrating the completion of a clean water project at the Mcedo Beijing School in Kenya!

We hope you enjoy reading the below synopsis for each of these activities and invite you to check out our [2020 Service Projects](#) and [REGISTER TO JOIN US!](#) The bottom of this Quarterly Newsletter also includes a list of up-coming projects - one of which is in [Southern Oregon!](#)

Finally, we encourage you to become a financial supporter by giving to HHI as an individual, group, business, church etc. Here are a few ways you can donate:

- (1) [Online at www.helpinghandsinternational.com/donate/](http://www.helpinghandsinternational.com/donate/)
- (2) [Facebook at www.facebook.com/HelpingHandsIntl/](https://www.facebook.com/HelpingHandsIntl/)
- (3) Phone (541-414-4426) or by
- (4) Check (Attention: Helping Hands International, 600 Whitman Place, Medford, OR 97501)

NOTE: Any donations given via Facebook are not subject to processing fees - so we get 100% of the funds.

From all of us at Helping Hands International, Inc., THANK YOU for helping us kick start 2020!

God bless,
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[Q1 2020: Highlights](#)

01/17/20-01/19/20 Mathare, Nairobi, Kenya: Clean Water Project - started! HHI started drilling a new borehole for clean

water at the Mcedo Beijing School after leadership and a group of Volunteers visited the slums in 2019. Thank you to all the HHI donors who provided funds for this project - it would not have been possible without you! If you would like to [become a corporate sponsor - click here.](#)



Pictures Courtesy of: Mcedo Beijing School

02/02/20 Ashland Christian Fellowship, Ashland, Oregon.

HHI had the opportunity to speak at Ashland Christian Fellowship in February. If you have not had a chance to [listen to Ron's sermon](#) regarding serving in the name of Jesus and how "We are all called to be mission minded..." we encourage you to check-it-out (starting at the 53 minute mark). This engagement lead to 13 people expressing interest in potentially serving on future 2020 Service Projects! If you are interested in serving too, we encourage you to go to our [Find Your Trip](#) page!



Picture Courtesy of: Stefani Khaleel

02/21/20 Pendleton, Oregon, USA: Disaster Relief - Need met! We announced a [Disaster Relief opportunity in North Eastern Oregon](#) between 2/29/20-3/6/20 to respond to local needs following unprecedented flooding in Umatilla County. Less than a week prior to our trip, Samaritan's Purse advised they had experienced an unexpected influx of volunteers and, as a result, HHI cancelled our trip. That being said, we APPRECIATE everyone who responded to this "call for volunteers" and hope you can join us on a future Disaster Relief opportunity!

02/26/20 Mathare, Nairobi, Kenya: [Clean Water Project](#) - Completed! We received notice from the Director of the Mcedo Beijing School that the new borehole and subsequent water tests have been completed! The access to clean water is expected to directly benefit the 527 pupils at the school and the surrounding community at large (see below).





According to the Director of the Mcedo Beijing School: "The Mcedo fraternity would like to express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude for the borehole. You have literally brought us back to life as they say water is life indeed it is! This project is going to touch not only the lives of 527 pupils but also the community at large. To us scarcity of water in Mathare is now history, a thing of the past. Thanks to your generosity and love that you chose in such a big way. The water will help in drinking, cooking in the kitchen, cleaning the compound, pupils utensils, flashing the toilets and general cleaning. Once again thank you and God bless you for your continued support."

03/22/20 Baja, Mexico: House Building Project.

This month we planned to send a team of approximately 34 volunteers on our first of five expected trips to [Baja, Mexico](#) to build the following three families new houses: Chavez, Martinez, and Simon. Due to concern over the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Level 3 travel restrictions issued by the State Department, HHI leadership decided to postpone this trip until later in the year. Please continue to pray for these families as they continue to wait

for proper shelter!



January-March 2020: Child Sponsorship. HHI has taken some time this first quarter to strengthen our [Child Sponsorship](#) program, introducing a new part-time missionary to oversee the program locally, following-up with donors to ensure they are current on donation commitments and [revamping our web site](#). We have also recently finalized our [Rakwaro, Kenya](#) trip dates (September 10-18, 2020) so, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MEET YOUR SPONSORED CHILD, we encourage you to [register for this trip!](#) Or, if you would like to [sponsor a child - click here](#). Thank you again for investing in these kids and the future of this community - it means a lot!



Picture Courtesy of: Crissy Christian

January-March 2020: Facebook Update. Several people have asked if we heard back from Facebook regarding the Giving Tuesday campaign we rolled-out on 12/3/19 and specifically if we received any matching funds. The answer is yes, we heard back from Facebook, but unfortunately, no, they did not match our donations. That being said, HHI still felt like the process was a success because we were able to raise a combined total of more than \$85k (e.g. approximately [\\$35k for a school building project in Rakwaro](#), [\\$30k toward financial goals shared at the Banquet and](#)

[around \\$20k for HHI's General Fund etc.](#)) on or around the days surrounding the fundraiser - all of which was subject to zero transaction fees. As a result, we currently have plans to hold another Giving Tuesday campaign in 2020 so please be ready for a year-end appeal as we approach December. THANK YOU again for your generosity!

Join Us for Upcoming Trips/Events!

[3/22/20-3/28/20: Baja, Mexico - House Building](#); **Postponed**
[04/16/20: Medford, Oregon - Team Leader Training](#); **Postponed**
[04/18/20-05/02/20: Kiwawa, Kenya - School](#); **Postponed**
[TBA/20: Malawi, Africa - See web site for details](#)
[06/12/20-06/20/20: Dominican Republic - See web site for details](#)
[06/21/20-06/27/20: Baja, Mexico - House Building](#)
[07/25/20-08/25/20: Baja, Mexico - House Building](#)
[07/25/20-08/15/20: Alaska Outback - Outreach and building projects](#)
[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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