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September 2019 Newsletter

Greetings Wonderful Supporters!

HHI has been busy with several Service Projects this Summer, including trips to Africa, India, Mexico and within the USA.

Below is a summary of how God used HHI Volunteers to bring help and hope to hurting people by sharing the love of God through practical means, which ranged from building homes, to repairing wells, to demolishing walls, to sharing the love of God by showing the Jesus film!

While we have captured a few highlights from these trips below with pictures and memorable Team Leader quotes, [we invite you to "Save the Date" for our annual HHI Celebration Banquet \(scheduled for October 26, 2019 at Cascade Christian High School\)](#) to hear more about how these projects impacted the lives of locals *and* HHI volunteers.

Can't make the October HHI Celebration Banquet? That's OK! We invite you to: (1) [join us on one of our next Service Projects](#) or (2) [continue supporting our efforts financially by giving online at www.helpinghandsinternational.com/donate/](#) or by mail: 600 Whitman Pl., Medford, OR 97501.

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Summer 2019: Highlights

5/10/19-5/19/19: Malawi, Africa. We completed a scouting trip to a small village in the area in order to connect with a Southern Oregon missionary from Ashland Christian Fellowship and assess future projects in the area. A three person team of volunteers visited this missionary and looked at the possibility of completing miscellaneous building projects, helping local school children and starting a child sponsorship program in 2020. Everything looks great for sending future teams to this area!



Picture Courtesy of: Tim Plankenhorn

5/16/19-5/25/19: Andhra Pradesh, India. We completed a scouting trip to connect with a local pastor who HHI has been in contact with for over a decade and who oversees a local orphanage. Besides the privilege of walking in the pastors shoes for over a week (e.g. attending baptisms, one house dedication, a local wedding and dowry service), we also spoke at four church services and ultimately committed to coming back in 2020 to finish building the orphanage facility for the 30 orphans.



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According to one HHI Team Leader: "India was amazing! One memorable moment was when we participated in a baptism in a water-buffalo watering trough because it was the only water source in the area at the time! I can't wait to go back!"

June, July, & August: Vicente Guerrero, Mexico. We sent four teams, with a total of approximately 175 HHI Volunteers, to Mexico this year and were able to successfully build a total of eleven homes.

June



Picture Courtesy of: Karen Brewster



Picture Courtesy of: Karen Brewster

July



Picture Courtesy of: Brandie Woody



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August



Picture Courtesy of: Stephanie Gassman



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According to one HHI Team Leader: "Rick and I, along with our children, built a house in 2010 for Juanita and her then 78-year-old mother, now 88 years old (see picture above). They both stay home and look for Rick and I to return the third or fourth Friday of June each year since. We are excited to see them, and Emily, our daughter, translates for us. Her great joy was seeing our family another year. My great joy is to see both of them each year."

7/13/19-7/28/19: Kiwawa & Rakwaro, Kenya. In Kiwawa we were able to fix three wells that were close to 140-170 feet deep and ultimately provided water for approximately 1,000 people. We also showed the Jesus film, saw responses that ranged from crying to some people coming forward to give their lives' to Christ, to people being baptized. In Rakwaro, we were able to visit the Christian Dream School sponsored by HHI, interact with the locals and present three goats to families of sponsored children.



Photo courtesy of: Ron Ashpole



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According to one HHI Team Leader: "I left Kenya with the locals helping me, specifically by seeing their mindset, the trust they have and willingness to give, despite their circumstances. God reminded me of Jesus' command to the rich man (Matthew 19:21) to sell everything he had and give to the poor; Jesus didn't give that command to the poor - he gave it to the rich man."

7/25/19-8/6/19: Outback, Alaska, USA. Team Leaders lead a group of 28 HHI Volunteers (comprised of Fireman/EMTs, Contractors, Engineers, Pastors, Doctors, Nurses, young people of retired individuals) to Covenant Bible Camp (outside of Unalakleet).

HHI Volunteers were able to complete several projects during this trip, including but not limited to: built two cold weather cabins (including posts, beam foundations, decks, railing, stairs), insulated walls and sub-floors, built four single bunks, four benches and four new sawhorses, hauled trees and brush and raised \$361 for a local scholarship fund through t-shirt sales.



Picture Courtesy of: Robin Espasandin



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According to one HHI Team Leader: "The team God assembled for us was awesome, no job was beneath them. All hands were willing to do whatever was asked. God spoke through each of us into the lives of one another for encouragement and growth. We developed our own village at Bible Camp that allowed God's grace and love to be evident in our everyday encounters with one another. It was a dream team."

8/17/19-8/24/19: Medford, Oregon, USA. HHI Team Leaders led a group of approximately 40 volunteers over this 7 day project to demolish a retired fire station for [Youth71Five Ministries](#), who plans to finish construction on what will ultimately be a two story youth center in the heart of downtown Medford that will allow them to build mentoring relationships with at-risk youth.



Picture Courtesy of: Stefani Khaleel

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[10/10/19-10/13/19: San Francisco, CA, USA. Inner city outreach.](#)

[10/26/19: Medford, OR. HHI Celebration Banquet.](#)

[10/29/19-11/11/19: Kiwawa & Rakwaro, Kenya.](#)

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