



The Sower's Hands

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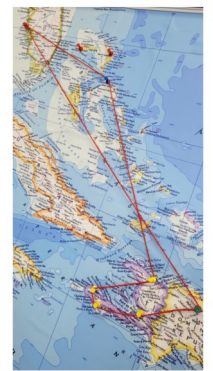
Donate Today! The Message of HOPE

Seed X2

April 28 through May 5, 2023

Matching Fund Opportunity!

Thanks to a generous donor, Hope Seeds International (HSI) is able to offer a matching fund opportunity to double your gift up to \$20,000, from April 28th - May 5th. Please consider making a positive difference through education, seeds, and **The Message of Hope!** Our goal at HSI is to combine two very important scriptures: to love our neighbors as ourselves, the **Great Commandment**, and to go into all the world and make disciples, the **Great Commission**. We are committed to reach as many as possible until the doors close. I know times are not easy and there is much fear in the world, however, He has overcome the world, and difficult times are an opportunity to reach those who hurt and hunger. We don't know how long the doors will stay open. So now is the time to make a kingdom impact on lives by providing a hand up, not a hand out, and most importantly providing an opportunity to hear the incredible **Message of Christ!** Help us reach the unreached and unengaged people groups in some of the most difficult regions and help those who hurt to overcome this world and be victorious! **1 John 5: 4 - 5.**



Agape Flights HSI attended *Pie In The Sky*, a fundraiser for one of our important partners, **Agape Flights**, that flies **Seeds** and the **Message of Hope** throughout the Caribbean. We are with missionaries, Bill and Janet Montgomery of **Just Mercy** in Haiti who explained "the seeds and the gospel Message HSI sends have been one of the most successful outreach opportunities we have had over the years. The seeds open so many doors to share knowledge and many have come to the Lord through your generosity." HSI is currently working with Agape on a special outreach this fall to impact more lives by working with their network of over 300 missionaries and organizations. Thank you so much for blessing the people of Haiti and the greater Caribbean, and for allowing us to help others feed their families physically and spiritually.

HELP IS ON THE WAY





HSI's HopeCorps is heading back to Africa!

This coming May, Ben Newcomer and David Blinn, two of our **HopeCorps** missionaries, will be landing in Kenya to continue our work with John and Jen Nabruk of **Liberty Christian Faith Ministry**. The purpose of this journey is to implement training objectives that meet real needs identified through our initial investigative trip last fall. Excitement has already grown from one Widows' Garden outreach to three active communities, and we are working on an outreach to a fourth community. This outreach is focused on ministering to unreached widows by establishing wells, training in sustainable vegetable gardening, and training leaders in discipleship. The next steps are to teach seed saving, seed storage, and to help the widows establish a business selling seeds as an economic component to help care for their families. John and Jen Nabruk are a great husband and wife team! John is a Pastor and the Director of their ministry, while Jen does most of the gardening training and runs an incredible discipleship program. They already have over 136 widows participating - **78 have given their hearts to the Lord**, and 26 who were considered unengaged believers have returned to fellowship in the church. **Pray for our team** as they travel this May and that they may have a lasting impact in Kenya.

Meet Pastor Noah Muhwezi of Uganda, Africa

Noah is one of our most recent partners who we have teamed up with to help **relieve hunger** and bring the **good news of Jesus!** We were introduced to Noah by the late Tony Murfin, founder of **Lion's Heart Ministries**. Our **HopeCorps** team visited Noah last year to explore ways we could work together and now we are moving forward in partnership. Noah is a father, pastor, and community leader, and works with orphans in his community. Seeds and training have been given, seeds have been planted, and now the people are harvesting the benefits of their labor. The next step, through our **Mustard Seed Project**, is to help Noah complete a poultry house which will provide a protein source for the many children he cares for in the community. Our partnership is providing a means by which Noah can reach his community and neighbors for Christ. Thank you, Noah, for planting **Seeds of Hope** in Uganda.





Partnership!

How beneficial it is to have a greater impact on those we

serve by working together! Thank you **Love A Child** (LAC) for our long enduring partnership with the people of Haiti. An update from LAC:



“This weekend Wilner, our Director of the ATC (Agricultural Training Center), traveled to Hinche to conduct a large distribution and training of Hope Seeds for a sustainable agriculture group in Hinche, HaitiLEVE. We have been blessed to have a long and beneficial partnership with Hope Seeds, serving as their Haiti seed bank and major distribution partner for gardeners in Haiti. HaitiLEVE contacted us for some help with their agriculture development projects, and we were happy to have a large **seed training** and distribution this weekend. More than 60 local gardeners came to learn about the benefits of Hope Seeds’ valuable vegetable seeds and their **Mesaj L’espwa (Message of Hope)** that shares the Gospel and Biblical principles of growing gardens. You can see the happy, large group learning and getting packs of Hope Seeds. They now have renewed hope for a better, self-sufficient life. We thank Hope Seeds International for donating these valuable seeds and the Dave Balsbaugh family, who direct and manage the Hope Seeds ministry.

Jeremiah 29:5 - ‘Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce.’ Thank you to those of you who support our sustainability outreaches, for you are providing a **great harvest** of **food** and **souls**.” - Rad Hazelip, Assistant CEO LAC



USA Outreach

In 2020, Hope Seeds International made a more concerted effort to help **meet needs in the USA**. Since then we have worked with organizations such as **Kisses For A Cause**, **From The Roots**, **Thrive Lonsdale**, **Hope 4 Communities**, **Victory Garden Mission**, **ECO Vets**, **Manatee County Schools**, **Farmworker Career Development Program**, **Haiti Connection Manasota**, **Church Without Walls** inner city outreach, **Mission Bethel**, **Sandia Church of the Nazarene** Native American Outreach, **Mission Penial**, **Ward Temple Baptist Church** inner city outreach, **Uncontained 360**, and various youth outreach and Vacation Bible Schools. We are currently working on the **Pine Ridge Indian Reservation** with our **HopeCorps** missionary, Jim Weist. If you have an interest in outreach in the USA, are a Master Gardener, or would like to start your own ministry through teaching gardening skills, please contact us at HSI and learn how we can help.



Below are seed testing plots at Hope Seeds. If you live in the Bradenton area and would like to volunteer in the Gardens - Call us!!





Ways to Give During \$SeedX2

Double your impact by giving during our 2023 matching gift campaign. \$SeedX2 will take place **April 28th through May 5th**. For this special matching fund opportunity, up to **\$20,000** of all gifts given the week of \$SeedX2 will be matched dollar for dollar. Whether you can give \$10 or \$1,000, your gift will have a lasting impact, providing food for the hungry and hope in Christ.

How to double your gift:

- Mail your gift to Hope Seeds in the enclosed self-addressed envelope between April 28th and May 5th.
- Go Online to make a secure credit/debit card donation between April 28th and May 5th. Simply visit our website: www.hopeseeds.org/donate
- Call in your credit/debit card donation to be processed securely during our regular office hours, M-F, 9am – 4pm Eastern Time, April 28th through May 5th. Call 941-228-5660.

Thank you for partnering with Hope Seeds to **Plant A Seed! Feed A Soul!** during this year's matching gift campaign!

Memorials and Honorariums

A special thank you to those who have given meaningful gifts to Hope Seeds in Memory and Honor of loved ones so far this year.

In Memory of:

- John Lorberg
- Shannon Hames
- Paul L Peachey
- Bonnie Zipf
- Orville Tompkins

In Honor of:

- Jesus Christ
- Dwight Shackelford
- Dr. Jay M & Vanessa Schaefer
- Luella Franke
- Barbara Parcase
- Art & Karen Pabst
- The Balsbaugh Family
- Rad & Sandra Hazelip

1 John 5: 4-5

⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. (NIV)

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