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**Strong Women
Build Stronger Communities**

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STRONG WOMEN

Build Stronger Communities

Maria has been surviving on her own for 17 years since her husband passed. At the age of 80, she was collecting and selling firewood barely making ends meet. Now, she is part of the Oyaro Women's Self Help Group and has found the support she needs. The group meets together every week to make baskets that are sold in their local market as well as through the HHI Women of Hope store. But they don't just make baskets. They are putting into practice the skills they have learned through HHI's Christian Business Women's Training (CWBT) such as: group-savings, budgeting, and giving generously to others. This training is possible because of HHI trainers on the ground.

Trainers like *Jannette Gilly* (pictured top right), travel throughout their home countries conducting business and vocational training for women who want to provide for themselves and their families. In 2021, Jannette has already empowered close to 200 women with the skills to start businesses and increase savings for future investments.

In Zimbabwe, our Sister *Ngonidzashe* (pictured bottom right) works with cooperatives of women in six different villages. These cooperatives do everything from sewing to peanut butter processing. Group businesses allow the women involved to send their children to school while also improving the economic situation for the entire community.

For just \$250 a month, we can empower women like Jannette and Ngonidzashe to train hundreds of women one village at a time. Will you join us in building stronger communities through strong women?

Become a Women of Hope Sponsor:



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Coordinator, Kenya



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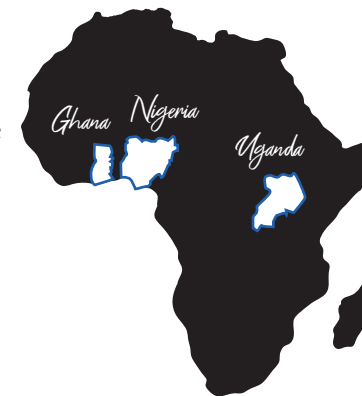


CLEAN WATER

In New Places

Despite the obstacles from COVID-19, God faithfully connected HHI to the exact places and people in which He had planned for us to spend our time with this past year. The HHI water team was given the opportunity to expand into two different countries for the very first time — both Nigeria and Uganda. Not only did we reach new communities, but we were able to dig deeper into the areas in which we have already worked.

The benefits of clean water drastically change a community, but it can quickly regress into a state of poverty and sickness without it. A crucial component to the HHI Clean Water Ministry is monitoring the wells that have been drilled in the past for any maintenance needs. This process ensures the wells are working properly over time. Through HHI's partnership with Ghana West Africa Missions (GWAM), this led our team to Kpnukpuno, a farming community under the Mion District of Ghana.



There are about 1,000 people residing in Kpnukpuno. When our team first discovered this community, the residents were traveling as far as 17 miles a day in search of water. Now, thanks to generous donors, Kpnukpuno has a repaired water well! It's functioning very well and meeting the needs of this community. With it being harvest season for most farmers across Ghana, they have greatly expressed their joy and excitement for the water source! Mohammed Aabdulai, a resident of the community, shared, "**Healing Hands is a deliverer.**" When asked if he would be willing to obey the One who gave them water, he said "**Oh, yes!**"

Clean water is life, and when it becomes accessible, everything changes. The confidence of an entire community is restored. Hope is ignited for generations to come. The promises of Christ are on full display.

Are you interested in bringing clean water to a community? **Learn how you can get involved in a local Walk4Water this spring by visiting [HERE](#):**



In honor of **World Water Day 2021**, HHI hosted a one-day giving campaign with the goal of raising enough money to fund a new water well. A generous donor provided a match bringing the total to **\$38,660** raised in just **ONE DAY** for clean water! This means that **five new water wells** will be drilled and over 6,000 men, women and children will experience clean water for the first time in their villages – and it's all in the name of Jesus! Thank you for trusting us with your gifts!

**YOU RAISED
\$38,660**
That's enough to drill
5 water wells!


47,000 Trained to Garden



Did you know that more than enough food is produced around the world to feed the global population—but **more than 690 million people still go hungry?** The HHI Hunger to Harvest ministry aims to empower communities to fight hunger by providing instruction on basic gardening techniques that can be used even in drought prone areas. We execute this mission by providing agriculture training workshops to equip men and women with the knowledge and skill sets to raise their own food for their families and communities.

Recently, the Muwanga Village in Malawi hosted 56 trainees for an agriculture survival gardening workshop. Among the trainees were local chiefs, church leaders, agriculture workers, influential community leaders, farmers and youth. The youth in attendance were actually the ones that requested the workshop, as they are seeking ways to help families feed themselves while also protecting the environment.

Glory Nyirenda, a 38-year-old widow with four children, said, “I have lived a hard life since losing my husband and taking care of my children on my own. I have to feed them, pay school fees and provide other basic needs. Thank God, today, I have received lessons which will lessen the burden I have carried for so long. My children and I will make our own garden. God bless you and all those who sent this help to us.” Glory wanted to ensure that she didn’t forget any of the training, so she took notes to share with her children.

With this workshop completion, **Healing Hands has now trained over 47,000 people to raise their own food in the last 20 years!** You can be a part of continuing to increase this number by attending the Hunger to Harvest gardening workshop in Nashville this April 29-30! Will you join us? Learn more: 



PANDEMIC *Response*

When the pandemic hit the U.S. last spring, the most immediate need was for PPE in hospitals and critical care facilities. Because of the faithful support of the medical community to HHI in the past, we were able to provide the following supplies to 14 different hospitals, nursing homes, and rehab facilities across the midsouth:

- 500,000 exam gloves
- 50,000 loop masks
- 9,000 N95 masks
- 1800 isolation gowns

In developing nations where many people live by “daily bread,” the greatest need throughout the pandemic has been food. HHI was able to get immediate food relief to almost 1 million people in 2020. With your help, we will continue to meet this need in 2021.





SILVER LINING

After the Storm



As the COVID-19 pandemic made its way around the world, some of the hardest hit places were in developing countries. With little access to overwhelmed healthcare facilities, those who contracted the virus found themselves at a loss. This played out particularly close to home for our partners in Honduras.

Due to shipping lines closing indefinitely, we felt helpless when it came to assisting our friends in Honduras. Not only were we unable to go, but we were unable to send essential supplies. In early fall, the shipping lines opened and HHI was able to quickly load and ship containers to our partner, Mission Lazarus.

Then disaster struck again. Back to back Hurricanes Eta and Iota ravaged the country in November and December. The devastating hurricanes impacted nearly 40% of the country's population.

Finally in December, our containers full of MAGI gift boxes and disaster relief supplies arrived. Despite the inability to be present and assist in the distribution, Mission Lazarus was able to deliver all the boxes and supplies in record time before Christmas.

Imagine in a year full of hopeless situations the JOY that was experienced as these kids opened their Christmas gift boxes! Your hard work and dedication helped hundreds of families end a difficult year with HOPE in their hearts.

Sponsor a box for just \$30:





A NEW HOME

Finding Hope in the Bahamas

Meet Bernice Brown! She is 83 years old and her home of 54 years was destroyed when Hurricane Dorian hit the Bahamas in 2019. The disaster left complete devastation within the country and changed lives forever. Thankfully, HHI was given the opportunity to partner and work alongside many other organizations and churches to provide relief, one of those being Marsh Harbour Church of Christ.

Bernice has been a longtime member of Marsh Harbour Church of Christ. After the hurricane hit, members of the church were enlisted to see which individuals needed to have their homes worked on or rebuilt first. Bernice's home was one of the first ones chosen. Up until this point, she had been residing with relatives nearby and feared losing her independence.

Fast forward to today—Bernice's home has been completely rebuilt! Members of the church had a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate this significant moment. We are grateful for many partners and people like you that make redemption stories like this possible!



WALKING into 2021



Dedicated walkers did not let the pandemic stop them from getting clean water to those in need around the world in 2020! When gathering in person was no longer possible, you pivoted with us and made Virtual Walk4Water a success. From places like Austin, TX to Lincoln Park, MI and many places in between, you walked in your neighborhoods and backyards and we are grateful.

AND, we cannot wait to see all of our faithful walkers in person again in 2021! Many of our friends across the country have already reserved dates. Walk4Water is a great way to bring your church together in a safe way. If you have ever considered hosting a walk, but just weren't sure how to get started, there is now a W4W playbook we will send to you that takes you through the process step by step. Just email us at w4w@hhi.org for more information.



Upcoming Walks

April

- 10** Decatur, AL
Decatur Church of Christ
- 11** Searcy, AR
Searcy Area Wide
- 18** Denton, TX
Singing Oaks Church of Christ
- 30** Peachtree City, GA
Fayette County Walk

May

- 11** Nashville, TN
Tusculum Church of Christ
- 18** Florence, AL
Shoals Area-Wide Walk
- 24** Birmingham, AL
Homewood Church Walk
- 01** Clarksville, TN
Clarksville Area Wide
- 01** Troy, OH
Mid County Church of Christ
- 15** New Albany, IN
Clark-Floyd County Area Wide Walk4Water
- 16** Old Washington, OH
Buckeye Trail FCA
- 01** Enterprise, AL
College Avenue Church of Christ
- 08** Lancaster, OH
Lancaster Church of Christ
- 16** Heath, OH
Licking County Walk4Water
- 27** Williamstown, WV
Wood County Christian

walk4water.org

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