



If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap.
If you want happiness for a day, go fishing.
If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune.
If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody.
—Ancient proverb

Thank you on behalf of those we serve! To acknowledge your gifts in 2008 and planning on upcoming gifts in 2009, please enjoy a few reports from the gift of seed you have provided.

Gabrielle Vincent, Sonje Ayiti; Limonade Haiti

"You are such a blessing for the people. Seeds help them build up self-esteem, no dependency. They feel like they can share with you no matter how small it is. I took some of the hope messages (Message of Hope Devotion) to the Arsenal jail in Cap Haitien and shared with 486 prisoners while doing Mobile clinic. Thank you for blessing those who really need help!"



Leslie Hill, Open Hands to Africa; Okahandja, Namibia



"Mr. King lives as a caretaker on the property of Samaritan's Network in a poor community called Nau'ibe on the outskirts of Okahandja, Namibia. Mr. King is 69 years old, speaks only a little English, but is thankful that we came because he has tried to grow vegetables in the sandy dry soil without anyone to show him how. We had a young man from Angola who used a pick ax to loosen the soil deep down and then we added chicken manure and made 6 10' by 15' beds with raised sides so we could flood the large area to water it each day. The weather was still chilly at night, so we planted the cold weather crops: carrots, cabbage, greens, beets, etc. Mr. King

will hopefully harvest the vegetables in a few months and use them in the soups which they make and serve every Monday and Wednesday to over 300 poverty stricken people in that community."

Mike Bellamy, House of Hope; Trou-Bagouette, Haiti

"We run a Christian school and orphanage in Haiti. About 70 children in our school walk down from the mountains each day. Their families depend on agriculture for 100% of their livelihood. We gave seeds to the children in April to take home. In August we hiked up in the mountains with more seeds. The people in the mountains stated that they had planted the seeds and were eager to get more. It took us 2.5 hours hiking up the mountains to get to the first community. Other people live farther in. It's physically very demanding to get to the site. The people in the mountains are hard workers who depend on large gardens. We found that the seeds from Hope Seeds can be a real blessing to them. After we gave away seeds to families of children who attend our school, we hiked around until we found more people that we didn't know. They were illiterate, but we were able to use the Hope Seeds tracts to share the Gospel with them. In these photos you'll see that they live in very modest, one-room homes. Certainly each of them will have been blessed by Hope Seeds' ministry. "



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Bruce Robinson, Organization for the Integrated Rural Development for Northwest Haiti (ODRINO); Passe Catabois, Haiti

“The seeds are a huge success and people are begging for them starting in July. The last two years, distribution of the seeds was followed by catastrophic rains which ruined a large part of the freshly planted seeds that were just coming up. The people in our area are just starting to understand growing vegetables so each year there is a more interest. Given seeds people will try to grow vegetables to improve their diet and sell a little. The seeds have been given out to date through the community water committee. These go



without respect to religion and are part of the general outreach and testimony of the local churches that are responsible for getting the seeds to Haiti and to the water committee. Right now there is no place in our whole area to buy vegetable seeds. They are available if you know where to go in Port-au-Prince when they have them. It is very expensive for someone to make the trip to get seeds. We would like to be able to order pound cans of seed varieties that work well. The seeds you helped send are going to mothers who are trying to feed their children while their husbands have gone to the Bahamas or Dominican Republic in search of work, parents who send provisions in to their children who go to high school in town, and people who are just trying to make it.”

2008 Seed Packets Shipped

Afghanistan	635
Burundi	2,000
Columbia	10
Ghana	2,010
Guyana	6,000
Haiti	528,367
Honduras	100
Kenya	2,020
Kyrgyzstan	30,127
Liberia	14,920
Namibia	300
Nigeria	2,400
Uganda	15,500
Ukraine	5,000
Zambia	583
Total	609,972
15 Countries	Packets



2008 4th Quarter Honorariums and Memorials

Honorariums:

Olga Meyer 85th Birthday
 Birth of Travis Scott Matzke
 Lee & Aldine Muench's 50th Anniversary
 Vic & Kathy Engelhart's Birthday & Christmas
 Tom & Judy Siegfried's Christmas

Memorials:

Chester & Bella Nitzpan
 Ernie Strecker
 Rev Addison Sewell
 Herbert Kramer
 Jean Brockman
 Darrell Sheridan
 Bob Mason

The gifts from Honorariums and Memorials will be used to send seed to those in developing nations and in great need.

We acknowledge the thoughtfulness and love you have for those you honor and remember with such gifts.