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## Hands of Hope Northwest, Inc.



### *Current news: Local and Global*

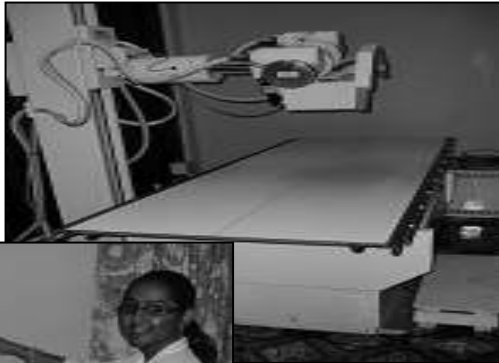
#### Global Updates

##### Guyana

Thanks have been received from St Joseph Mercy Hospital, Georgetown, Guyana.

“Many many thanks to you and the staff of Hands of Hope for remembering St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and sending numerous items to us....These items will certainly aid us in delivering quality care and service to all our patients...The items are already in use on the wards and in the different areas of the hospital...The X ray machine and film processor that you sent was set up in the X Ray room.”

Since our last newsletter we have sent 40' containers



to the Ukraine, Swaziland, Papua New Guinea and the Philippines.

##### Philippines

We were so blessed when the missionary couple from Davao City, Philippines were here with us. They shared special stories about the children they minister to each week. In 2004 we provided a wheelchair that they gave to Eddie, an 18 year old young man, who was confined to his very humble home because he is extremely disabled.

The wheelchair we provided now allows Eddie to get out and have a much more fulfilling life. During this visit we gave them several gait walkers, which are used to hold someone in a standing position to help them gain strength in their legs. The first person they thought of was Eddie. As they looked at what we had available they were able to name the person who would benefit with each item's use. A small gait walker was selected for a set of young twins, new equipment for their office, wheelchairs for others, and many other pieces of equipment for these very special people who live in extreme poverty. God is blessing in their ministry, and allowing us to be a part of Kingdom work.

##### Mission Trips

Throughout the year we receive requests from church and college groups going on mission trips who want to take medical supplies with them. It has been exciting to work with groups going on short-term mission trips to hold medical clinics, build buildings and do other jobs to

help ease the load of missionaries and nationals. Two groups from the Treasure Valley were headed to Haiti and needed medical supplies that we provided. We also gave supplies to a group going to the Philippines to serve on a Work and Witness Trip. Also multiple ministry opportunities in Mexico were brought to our attention through groups traveling during spring break or summer vacations. Another group traveled to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and a Northwest Nazarene University group of students is planning a trip to Peru. A request has just come in from a group planning a trip over Christmas break. Then there was a missionary couple visiting family in Nampa this summer who asked for a variety of medical supplies she could use as a school nurse in India. It is so exciting to see young couples give their lives to serve others. The needs will never end, but isn't it wonderful that so many good people are willing to give of themselves to go and make a difference in the lives of others? There is no greater gift than giving of oneself!

#### Local Updates

The **Delivering Hope Event, on Sept 1st** was an exciting time for a full house at the Courtyard Marriott in Meridian. The pre-dinner mingling of guests provided a wonderful time of sharing and meeting new friends. The dinner was delicious and enjoyed by all. Then came the fun of a dessert auction, silent auction and live auction. The auctioneer added to the excitement of the evening with his expertise in bringing the audience together. The event raised \$23,000.00 to help HofH and all those we serve. A big thank you to everyone who worked on the event and to those who attended—A Big Thanks to all of you!

The **impact of local equipment loans** on people in the Treasure Valley continues to grow. Hands of Hope loans wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and canes, bath equipment and hospital beds to people in the community who cannot afford to pay for the use of these items. During the first ten months of this year we have loaned 562 items at a savings in rental cost of \$180,000 dollars. Just before Halloween we received a call asking if would loan a wheelchair to a child who wanted to go “trick or treating” but could not because of his physical limitations. It was really a very simple request that made a big difference in the life of this young boy.

A young mother was told that she needed to have complete bed rest until the birth of her baby. We loaned her an electric hospital bed in August. Her mother recently told us what a huge help and blessing this has been for her. Stories like these let us know how important this ministry is to many people.

We have replaced our **40+ year old forklift** with a newer electric forklift. This machine can be operated more safely and efficiently. A special word of thanks to a Sunday School class that raised \$3000 to help pay for the forklift. We still need another \$5200 to pay off the loan.

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*Return service requested*

"Care for a hurting world"

You are the hands of hope that allows Hands of Hope to provide medical supplies and equipment to thousands of people here in the Treasure Valley and around the world. It is all up to YOU! Your help is needed to provide the cost of operating the distribution center, to cover the cost of shipping and delivery to people who are in need and who cannot provide for themselves. Please remember us during this difficult economic time. We have had one full time person and two part time employees but recently had to eliminate the facility manager position. We ask that you prayerfully consider a donation to Hands of Hope at this time.

Container loads ready for shipment awaiting approval:

- Ukraine: approval came November 10
- Philippines: 1170 boxes of disaster relief kits
- Kenya: medical supplies for Nanyuki General Hospital

**PLEASE PRAY FOR QUICK  
GOVERNMENT APPROVAL!**

### Memorial Giving

Did you know that if you send a donation to HofH in memory of a friend or loved one they will be honored by having their name placed on our Memorial Wall? Thus far in 2009, \$1,665 has been received in memorial contributions.

### Monthly Giving

Monthly sponsorship provides HofH with a dependable income stream enabling us to plan ahead. There are multiple ways to give each month.

1. Write a **check**.
2. Ask your banking institution to set up a **regular payment plan**.
3. Go to the HofH website and set up a monthly contribution with your **credit card**. Visit [www.handsofhopennw.org](http://www.handsofhopennw.org) and click on the "How to Donate" page.

### Giving through United Way

Did you know that you can specify which organization will receive your United Way contribution? Every month Hands of Hope receives needed funds from area employees who give through their workplace.

### Speaker Available

You can schedule a speaker from Hands of Hope to visit your church, school or civic organization. We will share the Hands of Hope story and the needs and opportunities for your members to help in various world areas.

A video telling the Hands of Hope story is also available.

Call 208-461-1473 for further information and to schedule a date for a presentation to your group about Hands of Hope.

### Get your next issue by email

We are compiling an email mailing list so that we can begin sending some of our newsletters electronically. If you would like to be included on this list and help us save some money on postage, please email [debbieathands@cablone.net](mailto:debbieathands@cablone.net) with SUBSCRIBE as your subject line.



### *Christmas Gifts on your mind?*

**We have a solution for you!** Instead of giving your favorite friend or relative an unneeded item, consider giving to Hands of Hope in their name. Just give us their name and address along with your donation and we will send them a Christmas greeting acknowledging your donation. Problem solved! No need to spend endless hours wondering what to buy that they don't need anyway. No need to face the crowds in the stores. What a relief and besides, it will also be a gift to thousands of people around the world. Thank you for considering this option for Christmas. At Christmas remember: Christ gave His all for each of us. How much can we give to honor Him and our loved ones? You may mail your Christmas gift donation to **P.O. Box 161, Nampa, ID 83653-0161.**