Giving Hope And Nurturing Abroad Update

February 2016

Giving Hope…

It is has been some time since we put out a newsletter, but lots of work has been going on through Giving Hope And Nurturing Abroad. Here is just a snapshot of the lives touched by Giving Hope And Nurturing Abroad projects over the years:

- 400 women from 12 different villages have received skill training in soap making, cloth design and or jewelry making.
- 20 students received assistance with school fees ranging from elementary to university education.
- 200 individuals aided in their pursuit of establishing small businesses ranging from animal farms to a taxi service.
- 100’s of flip-flops, mosquito nets, toothbrushes, shirts, school supplies, pillowcases and hugs given.

Our past successes give us cause for celebration and also the motivation to do more. As we continue to fulfill the mission of “Giving Hope” and move around Ghana we become more aware of the current needs of the poor. So it was this last year, when we came upon an opportunity to improve health care delivery at rural health centers through a Telehealth program. This is a very exciting project that we have started with hopes and prayers for further expansion. We have experienced first hand the need for accessible clean water and now endeavor to drill for water in remote rural areas.

“…Love has to be put into action and that action is service and giving.” Mother Teresa
The Telehealth project was started as a joint effort with HealthNet Connect who provided all the equipment and training materials. Our vision is to increase access to physicians and increase the accuracy of patient diagnostic capabilities to improve care delivery and health outcomes in rural areas. A physician working in a hospital in the capital, Accra is able to support nurses in rural health centers.

Medical Supplies & First Aid Training

**Band-aids! Surgical dressings! Ambu-Bags! Baby Scales! & More!**

Medical & basic 1st Aid supplies are not readily available in rural clinics and homes. With the help of J&B Medical Supplies 1st Aid kits, home delivery kits and other medical supplies have been given to address these needs.

Nursing Training

In 2010 we sponsored our 1st nurse and in December the 7th nurse graduated. Today we have two nurses in training and we will be sponsoring a Mid-wife this year. All of the nurses who have graduated are now working. Great big thanks to those who have joined us in making this education possible and for making the dreams of others a reality.
Soap, Cloth & Jewelry Training Classes

All of the training classes provide women the skills to start up small businesses. Sales of these products are the only source of income for many of the women. **Soap** - Bar soap, round soap and powdered soap for all cleaning needs. **Cloth** - White cotton is transformed into colorful vibrant cloth through the waxing and dyeing Batik process. **Jewelry** - A variety of beads meticulously strung together to create unique, one of kind attractive pieces of jewelry.

Basket Weaving

The women of Bologna bring a delightful tradition of basket weaving, combining both beauty and functionality.
A very special thank you to those who provided grant funds, sponsored a fundraising event, volunteered at a fundraising event or provided regular ongoing funding for nurses and other students.

Giving Hope And Nurturing Abroad is a 501c3 charity. All contributions go towards the projects. Officers and volunteers take no salary & cover their travel expenses.

We once again express our gratitude to all who have made it possible to give hope and opportunities to others.

Thank you and God Bless you,
Sharon & Michele

Save the date:
May 10, 2016, 7:30 pm in Royal Oak. A Night of Laughter, featuring Mike Green
A special event to raise money for water well

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Donations can be made to:
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