



Hands at Work in Africa (Canada) Society

2010 Annual Report

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How do I thank everyone in Canada for the incredible support the last few years to the orphaned children in Africa through Hands at Work? It is public knowledge that Canada is currently sending about 2 volunteers to Hands for every one volunteer all the other countries are sending. The Hands Canada office also took the lead on building a network nationwide with all the Hands friends and volunteers who returned.

The annual celebrations in Canada became a highlight on the Hands calendar and people travelled from as far as Toronto , Vancouver Island and Saskatoon to get to Calgary for these celebrations. I stayed with many families in many towns in Canada and listened to their passion for the children in Africa. This is heart rending and so encouraging! A few times during my travels I had the opportunity to speak to some remarkable people who did some remarkable things in their lives. When I listen to these people I always try to find a common thread that could help me to understand how they achieved it. I want to share some of these threads with you.

Firstly, a hallmark of each story, is that they were part of a like minded group of people. Think about it, how many times did you hear these words, “we were together in a youth group and that was where it all started!” I recently read these words, “if you are significant then it is only because you are part of something!” The second thread was these people became passionate about something that was not about them! I think people would agree that our culture in Canada is giving a very clear signal to our children right from day one, “it is all about you!” Isn’t it strange that in the midst of this and the affluence around us, we find depression and the need for therapists ?

A very famous psychologist was once asked what would he would say to someone who is about to have a nervous breakdown if he could do nothing to help that person. He answered, “I will tell him to get up from his chair and go to the poorest area in his town and to find someone suffering and say, “how could I help you?”” Once we get the revelation that helping others is actually helping us, we can do amazing things.

The last thread I want to write about is that all of these people had a dream that was crazy big! If your dream is manageable you will always only do mediocre things. Why spend your life on a mediocre dream? As a follower of Christ I believe I was created for something spectacular, and I believe that of everyone I see.

With Christ I can jump over a wall! As I write this short piece I am so aware that more than five million children on the horn of Africa are facing death due to a famine. I wonder who has a crazy enough dream to say, “we can change that!”. The Hands family believe we can change the lives of 100 000 children in Africa, who today have no hope and no reason to believe there is a God of Love. Mother Teresa said,

“If people are dying of hunger it is not because God doesn’t care, it is because people are too selfish!”

May this never be the case of the Hands family!

Blessings, George Snyman

Hands at Work in Africa



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Hands at Work

AFRICA
CANADA SOCIETY

2010 Statement of Operations

Financial Report

\$140,000

\$120,000

\$100,000

\$80,000

\$60,000

\$40,000

\$20,000

\$0



3 Essential Services

African Projects

Team Costs

Volunteer Support

Events & General Fund

Administrative

Revenue

\$62,896

\$82,539

\$124,676

\$51,078

\$40,035

\$0

Expenses

\$8,000

\$49,218

\$118,744

\$20,284

\$5,106

\$11,025

CATEGORY

“You have revived the power in me to look after the sick patients. You have encouraged me with your words and love”

The past year was our first year of operation as a registered charity and a year of incredible growth. Financially, we were able to raise substantial support and had great success in acquiring many long term volunteers. Our volunteer base in Canada has grown tremendously and the Saskatchewan operations are approaching the capacity of Calgary. We are experiencing rapid growth across the country with communities of support growing on Vancouver Island, Edmonton and Toronto areas.

We thank you all again this year, and all of the team across Canada, for all of your prayers, hard work, and willingness to sacrifice your holidays, free time and personal resources to serve. A special thanks to all the Canadian volunteers serving in Africa - you are our inspiration! And to the local volunteers in the CBO's, Service Centers, Regional Support Teams, Hub and Country Offices—you are our heart! If we are going to continue to lead the fight, then going forward we must all continue to rely on the faithfulness of God to provide.

The adjacent excerpt from a letter from one of the local care workers, to one of our team volunteers shows the bonds that develop from a brief visit to Africa. Please join us on the next excursion!

Sakubra
Mutare
Zimbabwe
09/04/2010.

Dearest!

My parting with you two was very painful to me. I could not believe that you were actually ~~here~~ leaving. When I said goodbye in town I was crying and I still cry as I am writing this letter to you. You have revived the power in me to look after the sick patients. You have encouraged me with your words and love. Your words were like a pillar to me. It was wonderful working with you. You have left a gap which no one can ever fill. I feel lonely at the moment but I shall always cherish the time that we have spent together. I loved you when you were here and I even love you more that you are in Canada. By the grace of God we shall meet again.

Hands Canada 2010 Highlights

- Over \$800/month in committed Arise & Build Campaign funds raised supporting over 50 children on a monthly basis
- 14 long term volunteers (greater than 3 months) from Alberta, BC, and Ontario to the DRC, South Africa, and Zambia
- 30 short term volunteers on 5 teams to Mozambique, South Africa, Zambia, and the first Hands team to Zimbabwe
- Over \$360,000 raised in Canada for African initiatives and projects
- Creation of a Strategic Plan for developing partner churches and advocacy groups across Canada
- Celebration of a 2 day national conference in Calgary facilitated by Jayme and Lynn Chotowetz and attended by advocates from across Canada
- Agency Agreement signed between Hands Africa and Hands Canada to facilitate the management of joint projects
- Participation in Missions Fest in Edmonton, Vancouver and Toronto and numerous other conferences
- Visits from George Snyman in May and November with over 30 speaking engagements across Canada including national television coverage on 100 Huntley Street
- Project Management in Africa by Lynn Chotowetz involving 8 countries supporting expansion into new Communities, adding new field staff and launching the first 2 Regional Support Teams



Thank you to our Church Partners, Donors and Friends!





Hands at Work



Donation Form Hands at Work in Africa (Canada)Society

Donor Information Tax receipts will be issued to the donor whose name appears on the cheque or credit card and will be issued after December 31 of that year. I understand this request may take two to four weeks to process. **PLEASE PRINT**

Name: _____ Address: _____

City/Prov./Postal Code: _____

Phone : _____ Email: _____

Donation Information

____ CASH ____ CHEQUE ____ CREDIT CARD

monthly ____ 1st day of the month or ____ 15th of the month
or single donation ____

Give \$15.00 Give \$30.00 Give \$60.00 Give \$ _____

Chequing Account (enclose the required void cheque)

Savings Account (enclose the required deposit slip)

Credit Card: __ Visa __ Mastercard __ American Express

Number on the card: _____

Expiry Date: ____/____/____

Name of card holder: _____

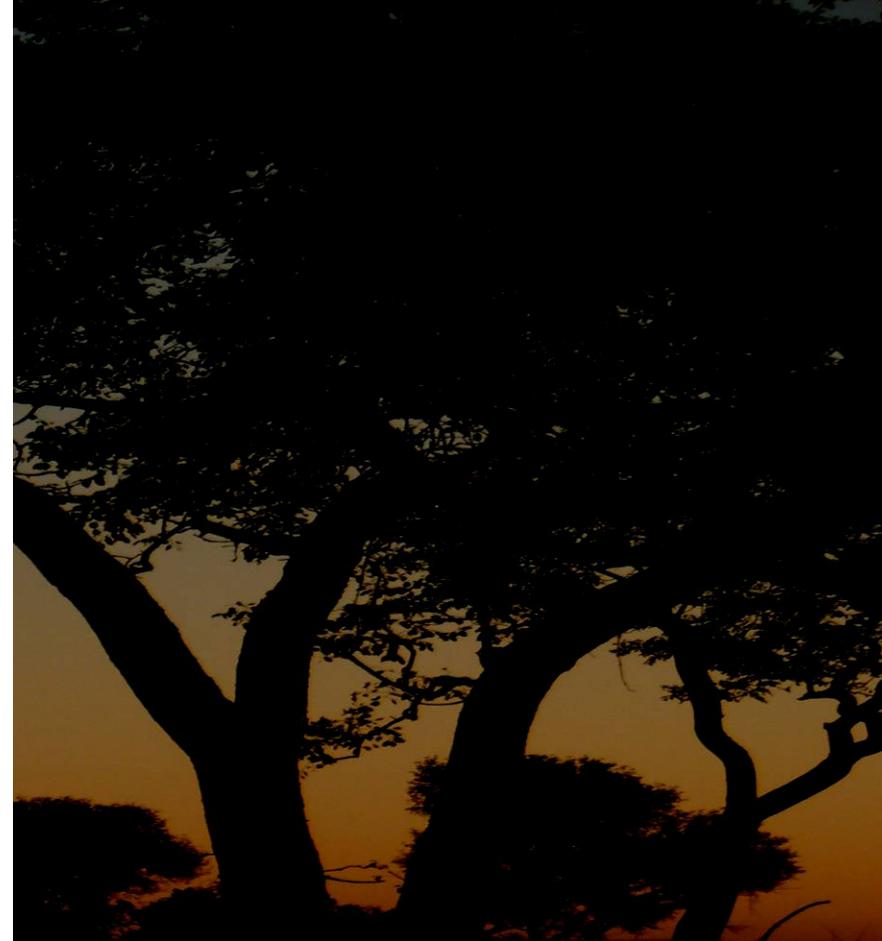
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“Hands at Work fits awkwardly with this world. Hands’ true identity, from its initial vision to today’s battle to maintain it, is one of servanthood, of sacrificial compassion by individuals not institutions, of commitment to the poorest of the poor; it is a challenge to the dominant way of our societies; it believes the church is the chosen means of God to embody a radical way of life bringing justice and love to the poor and the broken.” Lynn Chotowetz

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Hands at Work AFRICA



Be an advocate.

“Speak up for those who have no voice.” Prov. 31:8

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RECENT NEWS

Beautiful feet: Sindisiwe & Banele's shared birthday story (SA)

Running for a Purpose

Teams!

We're all on the same road, it's just a very long one (ZAM) (UK)

Double entry: Todd and Katie returning to SA

News Room RSS

Receive Our eNewsletter!

Come participate in God's transforming work in Africa.

Send a team of passionate congregation members or a church leader for a two or three-week trip. Or come as an individual with an open heart and willingness to serve in whatever way is needed in one of these categories: Short-term (less than three months), to serve, learn and experience the work being done to transform communities; or Medium-term (longer than 6 months), to serve and build capacity in leaders and organisations across Africa. Volunteers serving with Hands at Work are able to encourage and support our local communities by their very presence.

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 South Africa

 United Kingdom

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