

BUILDING HOPE PROGRESS REPORT – JULY 2019 WE CAN DO MORE TOGETHER

*You shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria,
and even to the remotest part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)*

Great things are happening as Building HOPE goals are being met!

In Malawi, we celebrated the 10th anniversary of Ebenezer school with about 400 students, small bright classrooms, English language, and books! We have now started maintenance work in the Ebenezer School's buildings. In 2018, all the rural health clinics acquired electricity, except for one, which was solar powered. In 2019, we are putting electricity and plumbing into staff housing at the health clinics. Next year, we hope there will be indoor water in the clinic's staff housing. Wonderful progress is being made thanks to Building HOPE dollars!

At Camp Grier, we have sent \$311,400 to buy and update equipment, expand programming, increase adventure opportunities, and renovate and update facilities. The plan was for upfront funds to be used to attract campers and expand their year-round business capability. They have grown and are near or at waiting list capacity in all age groups. Particularly great news is that the middle and high school camps are at capacity. What a celebration!

In Guatemala

Six public schools and 4 churches have libraries or reading corners and teachers are taught how to help children read. 45 students are studying in the two seminaries and the seminaries and teachers are supported. 6 students have scholarships to study in the university or college levels. This is in addition to the \$100,000 of scholarship money sent by the churches for about 800 elementary and high school scholarships.

In Vital Churches

Work has been initiated to begin assessing technology needs in our churches. "Water to Wine Grants" are allowing churches the funding to do creative outreach. Some of the ministries funded include:

- Dulatown is expanding their Wednesday coffee house which includes food, fellowship, and worship;
- Marshall is partnering to host free meals to respond to food insecurity in Madison County;
- Saluda is supporting the development of a community choir to help spread the Word through music;
- Almost one hundred people were helped to grow in faith through attending the PWNC Celtic Spirituality Retreat;
- Support is being provided to help pastors attend the PWNC's September Pastors' Retreat in Montreat; and
- A church was helped to overcome conflict and move forward.

Learn more about these initiatives on the following pages!

MALAWI MINISTRY

One of our goals through the Building HOPE Ministry Campaign was to support the system of rural health care, making medical care more accessible through **nine rural clinics and a mobile health unit**, which included getting electricity and clean water to rural health clinics and the staff housing. We can celebrate a major accomplishment! Eight of the **rural clinics** should be connected with electricity and the ninth will have sufficient solar power to operate with electricity. The Building HOPE Ministry Campaign has sent \$101,231 for the rural clinics.



In 2019, we will set up **staff housing** to be connected with electricity and future plumbing. The next goal is to get water pumped in all the clinics and staff housing. Imagine the medical staff returning home to a hot shower and inside toilet facilities after a long day's work, instead of a dark home and having to carry water from the pump.

The mobile health unit goes out to remote areas where it is too far to walk to the hospital. Women come for well-baby care and their children are vaccinated. 80-90% test positive for malaria and get the medicine needed. This keeps people from dying or suffering from preventable illnesses. We also support a **medicine fund** to cover chronic shortfalls in essential medications and allow for ordering multiple months at a time.

We are **celebrating Ebenezer Institute of Learning's 10th year**, which serves almost 400 students with small class sizes, English language, bright rooms with desks, books and supplies. Building HOPE is now sending money for maintenance, updating to keep the building's foundations strengthened with new concrete, and painting classrooms. (This is in addition to the \$100,000 sent to Ebenezer each year for scholarships for the children.)



As important as our funding can be, the people at the school and hospital have appreciated the fourteen years of mission trips and the relationships that we have formed together. They have said that even though Dr. Barbara Nagy left, we still came and cared. I truly believe that God has called us to join in this ministry where we see God at work and with people with whom we can grow in God's love together.

CAMP GRIER



Our goal was to support the redevelopment of a premier church camp by helping to increase adventure-based opportunities, upgrade facilities and continue to build Christian faith with memorable and affordable experiences.

With Camp Grier, the Building HOPE plan was to contribute money to jump start the improvements and equipment needed at the camp to attract campers and expand their year-round business capability. Currently, \$311,400 has been successfully utilized by the camp toward the goal. Camp Grier's Summer Program has grown so much that some weeks have a waiting list. With the help of the Building HOPE Campaign, Camp Grier has been able to significantly upgrade their equipment and programming. The Camp now offers

rock climbing, mountain biking, white water canoeing, horseback riding, hiking and camping, as well as the normal camping program integrated with faith development.





Significant work has been spent on renovating the camp's lodges and cabins, including new porches, roofs, upgraded lighting, walls, and improved and enlarged bathrooms. Recently, Building HOPE contributions have funded the demolition and rebuilding of old cabins. We provided the money and a church brought 30 people to do the reconstruction. "These improvements have allowed Camp Grier to become more attractive to churches and other groups in the off-season."

The camp is an exciting place to be and growing in capacity and outreach every year. We are thankful Building HOPE funds played a significant part in this exciting Christian ministry.

GUATEMALA EDUCATION

In January 2020, PWNC and the Presbyteries of Sur Occidente (Sur) and Suchitepequez (Suchi) will be celebrating 25 years of partnership, in which more than 30 of our congregations have church to church partnerships. To build on the approximately \$100,000 given annually for about 800 elementary and secondary school scholarships provided by the PWNC churches, Building HOPE gives six eligible candidates in Sur Occidente and Suchitepequez the opportunity to pursue higher education beyond the high school level.



Theological Education Goal is to "Support Seminarians" and "Fund Theological Education of Pastors" in both Sur and Suchi. Currently, about 10-15 individuals are training in each of the presbytery's seminaries. These men and women will be the future leaders in their churches and communities.

In our partner presbyteries, books are precious and few. Our goal is "to establish libraries in schools and churches, and prepare teachers and parents for a better understanding of reading and effective education." Building HOPE is working through "Reading is Key/La Lectura es Clave" to provide books and workshops for teachers as they help students develop a love of reading. The pilot programs have been overwhelmingly successful.

The PWNC Guatemalan Education Committee and our sisters and brothers on the Joint Education Committee in Guatemala are committed to working together in partnership, networking with one another, and listening to the needs and challenges of the community. They are grateful for the loving response from the Presbytery and Building HOPE Committee striving to make a difference by working closely together.



VITAL CHURCHES

Churches must do things differently to reach out to people not familiar with our faith. The Vital Churches Initiative wants to grow vital churches by building on their strengths and developing innovative ways churches are able to reach out to new people, build relationships, explore faith and leadership development and use the best technology available to communicate with its members, seekers, and even strangers. Building HOPE wants to provide funds to encourage experimentation and equip congregations for gospel work.

We partnered with ten churches for a year-long, joint pilot program with the Presbyterian Foundation. Now we are taking what we learned and designing a program that can better be used in this Presbytery.

One of Building HOPE's goals was to support pastors and other church leaders to renew their personal and professional life; provide workshops and educational opportunities for ministry and unite leaders in mutual support systems. We are excited that this year's Spirituality Retreat had almost 100 people attend and the feedback was wonderful! Building HOPE helped subsidize the cost so many could attend as Building HOPE wants to support spiritual growth in faith and leadership. The speakers were liked and have been invited to return for 2020.

Building Hope also supports the annual pastors retreat, giving pastors a chance for renewal, relaxation, and sharing of new learnings. This has been made possible by subsidizing the retreat with Building HOPE funding, allowing our pastors to attend at a reduced rate.

Water to Wine Grants are small grants to encourage innovative thinking and new ways to reach out to the community to spread the gospel and demonstrate God's love and grace. The grants are generally \$1,000. See the Presbytery's website for more information. Three recent grantees include:

- Marshall Presbyterian Church is planning to establish and host regular, free Community Meals in partnership with Rural Organizing Resilience (ROAR) and Beacon of HOPE to address food insecurity in Madison County.
- Dulatown Presbyterian Church is expanding their Coffee Shop Ministry on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at noon from April-September, where folks participate in a less traditional worship service and fellowship.
- Saluda Presbyterian Church is hoping to spread the Word through music and community building by participating in the development of the Saluda Community Singers, a choir which would sing at local churches, including racial ethnic churches and the local synagogue, and other civic events. The fellowship hall at Saluda PC would be the site of rehearsals.



Building H.O.P.E. Financial Statement

Health Care (Malawi) - Outdoor Adventures (Camp Grier) - Partnered Growth (Vital Churches) - Education (Guatemala)
As of 6/30/19

Campaign Totals		Ministry details			
		Malawi	Camp Grier	Vital Churches	Guatemala
Pledged	\$1,905,423.90	\$853,665.96	\$377,652.58	\$367,379.02	\$306,726.34
Campaign Target	\$2,250,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$500,500.00	\$509,500.00	\$240,000.00
% of Target	84.7%	85.4%	75.5%	72.1%	127.8%
Collected Pledges	\$1,755,707.82	\$781,100.77	\$341,149.33	\$336,129.31	\$297,328.40
Uncollected Pledges	\$149,716.08	\$72,565.19	\$36,503.25	\$31,249.70	\$9,397.93
Campaign Expenses	\$105,955.45	\$47,138.76	\$20,588.07	\$20,285.11	\$17,943.51
Ministry Utilization To Date					
Camp Grier (trail development) 2015	\$50,000.00		\$50,000.00		
Camp Grier (equipment) 2016	\$18,000.00		\$18,000.00		
Camp Grier (equip/lodge/reno/pgrm) 2016	\$22,000.00		\$22,000.00		
Camp Grier (trails/lodge reno/pgrm) 2016	\$20,000.00		\$20,000.00		
Camp Grier (lodge reno) 2017	\$20,000.00		\$20,000.00		
Camp Grier (canoes) 2017	\$7,500.00		\$7,500.00		
Camp Grier (lodge reno) 2017	\$40,000.00		\$40,000.00		
Camp Grier (general camp equipment) 2018	\$40,000.00		\$40,000.00		
Camp Grier (cabin reno/equipment) 2018	\$35,000.00		\$35,000.00		
Camp Grier (equestrian program) 2018	\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00		
Camp Grier (Facilities refurbish) 2018	\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00		
Camp Grier (Facilities refurbish) 2019	\$6,900.00		\$6,900.00		
Camp Grier (Facilities refurbish) 2019	\$20,000.00		\$20,000.00		
Camp Grier (Facilities refurbish) 2019	\$11,000.00		\$11,000.00		
Sur Occidente (Theological Education) 2016	\$1,500.00			\$1,500.00	
Suchitepequez (Theological Education) 2016	\$1,500.00			\$1,500.00	
Sur Occidente (University Scholarships) 2016	\$3,000.00			\$3,000.00	
Suchitepequez (University Scholarships) 2016	\$3,000.00			\$3,000.00	
Suchitepequez (Theological Education) 2017	\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00	
A Flayer (Teacher/Parent Formation) 2017	\$1,503.00			\$1,503.00	
Sur Occidente (Theological Education) 2017	\$3,500.00			\$3,500.00	
Sur Occidente (University Scholarships) 2017	\$4,000.00			\$4,000.00	
Suchitepequez (University Scholarships) 2017	\$3,000.00			\$3,000.00	
Education Committee Admin Costs Jan 2018 trip	\$3,000.00			\$3,000.00	
A Flayer (Teacher/Parent Formation) 2018	\$823.00			\$823.00	
R Vargas (translation) 2018	\$240.00			\$240.00	
Sur Occidente (Theological Education) 2018	\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00	
Suchitepequez (Theological Education) 2018	\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00	
A Flayer (Teacher/Parent Formation) 2018	\$1,125.00			\$1,125.00	
A Flayer (Teacher/Parent Formation) 2018	\$894.00			\$894.00	
A Flayer (Teacher/Parent Formation) 2018	\$123.00			\$123.00	
A Flayer (Teacher/Parent Formation) 2019	\$300.00			\$300.00	
Sur Occidente (University Scholarships) 2018	\$4,000.00			\$4,000.00	
Suchitepequez (University Scholarships) 2018	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00	
Education Committee Admin Costs Jan 2019 trip	\$1,710.00			\$1,710.00	
A Flayer (Teacher/Parent Formation) 2019	\$3,478.00			\$3,478.00	
Sur Occidente (Theological Education) 2018	\$2,500.00			\$2,500.00	
Suchitepequez (Theological Education) 2018	\$2,500.00			\$2,500.00	
A Flayer (Teacher/Parent Formation) 2019	\$540.00			\$540.00	
WEM-Hamburg (mobile health unit purchase) 2016	\$30,696.00	\$30,696.00			
Nkhoma Hospital (mobile health unit upkeep) 2016	\$4,100.00	\$4,100.00			
Nkhoma Hospital (medicine) 2016	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00			
Nkhoma Hospital (rural health clinic) 2017	\$25,100.00	\$25,100.00			
Nkhoma Hospital (medicine) 2017	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00			
Nkhoma Hospital (rural health clinic) 2018	\$22,803.00	\$22,803.00			
Nkhoma Hospital (medicine fund) 2018	\$65,200.00	\$65,200.00			
Nkhoma Hospital (rural health clinics) 2019	\$53,328.00	\$53,328.00			
Vital Churches (Pastor's Retreat) 2017	\$3,541.42		\$3,541.42		
Shelby Presbyterian (Water to Wine Grant) 2018	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00		
PneuMatrix 2018	\$11,449.23		\$11,449.23		
Spirituality Retreat 2018 (up to \$4,000 was approved)	\$1,406.17		\$1,406.17		
Pastor's Retreat 2018 (up to \$3,500 was approved)	\$3,486.62		\$3,486.62		
In Christ Supp Min(Mtn area) 2018 (up to \$2,500 approved)	\$2,274.68		\$2,274.68		
Pastor's Co-hort 2018 (up to \$2,500 was approved)	\$0.00				
Spirituality Retreat 2019 (up to \$4,000 was approved)	\$5,409.21		\$5,409.21		
Pastor's Retreat 2019 (up to \$3,500 was approved)	\$0.00				
Marshall Presbyterian (Water to Wine Grant) 2019	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00		
Saluda Presbyterian (Water to Wine Grant) 2019	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00		
Dulatown Presbyterian (Water to Wine Grant) 2019	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00		
In Christ Supporting Ministry (Marshall PC) 2019	\$1,775.84		\$1,775.84		
Total Ministry Utilization	\$635,206.17	\$231,227.00	\$311,400.00	\$33,343.17	\$59,236.00
Balance Available for Requests	\$1,014,546.20	\$502,735.01	\$9,161.27	\$282,501.03	\$220,148.89