"I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears." Psalm 34:4

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Local Equipment Loan—Walking for the First Time!

HoHNW volunteer, Carol Coose, sent us this touching story.

"Here's Lindsey beginning to use the tiny walker HoH loaned



to my niece, Shelly, when she first became the caregiver for her granddaughter in 2018. My niece, Shelly Vickery, and her husband Paul have now adopted Lindsey who is now walking fully on her own!

Lindsey has a genetic disorder called Pitt-Hopkins Syndrome which is characterized by developmental delays, both

physically and mentally. She has progressed well in the care of her new parents. She had never walked before she

started using the mini-walker loaned to them by HoH! It was one of the first big milestones in her physical development. HoH also loaned them a pediatric wheelchair for her to be able to attend school before she could walk. Her parents are grateful for the help provided to them in Lindsey's care at a critical time in her life."



Are you aware that over the years HoHNW has provided donated medical equipment and supplies to over 160 local organizations? Here are some we assisted in 2020:

Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall, Community Council of Idaho, St. Luke's Heart Failure Clinic, Vallivue High School, West Valley Medical Center, Nampa First Church of the Nazarene Care House Clinic, Genesis World Mission, Path Pregnancy Center, NNU College of Nursing, Nyssa School District, Terry Reilly Health Services.

Gift in Your Honor

Do you wonder what to buy some people for their birthday because they seem to have everything? We have an answer! Give a "Gift in Your Honor" to that special person by donating to HoHNW. Just let us know their name and address and we will send them a card telling them about your gift in their honor. Use the return envelope or visit: handsofhopenw.org. Click "Donate" and add their contact details in the comment.



From 1992 to date, HoHNW has served 77 countries, with **138** full 40-foot container shipments **106** smaller shipments 289 mission trips

Director's Note

As many of you know, I tested positive for the COVID virus. The first few days were a little rough but I started feeling better quickly.



Now I'm working through fatigue. Sleeping 12 -16 hours is not normal for me. Hopefully this phase will show improvement soon. Several of the staff and volunteers also contracted the virus. All are doing well and are back to work. Continue to pray for HoHNW as we work through all of this. Looking forward, we have several shipments in the works. Guatemala and Syria will go first, then Kenya. With the area hospitals doing surgeries again, our local loan program has been very busy. We are very grateful for our front desk volunteers and all the work they do to help people in the Valley. October will mark our 25th year anniversary. We will be announcing our celebration plans soon. Stay tuned!

Todd Durbin



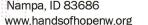




Prayer Needs

- Hiring an Office Assistant
- **Development Program Director grant**
- Finances and new giving partners
- Current and future shipments
- Health and safety for volunteers, staff, and Board







Shipments Update



Several of us were out sick this year with the COVID virus, which slowed us down with international shipments and mission trips, but thankfully no one was seriously ill and we are getting back on track now. The Distribution Center volunteers are busy with the staff preparing shipments to Guatemala and Syria that we hope will go out in March. Please pray for the shipments to go smoothly and that shipments and mission trips will pick up again in the spring.

Now Hiring—Office Assistant

We are hiring an Office Assistant if you know of someone who might be a good fit. Candidates can find the Job Description and Employment Application on our website.

Board of Directors Update

For the past few months, the HoHNW board has been meeting online to keep the strategic ministry plans in focus. A recent member, Dave Sutton, joined the board in 2020 and heads up the Development Committee. We welcomed another new member, Carolita Fraley, to the board at our February meeting. Many will know Carolita from her time as a missionary to France, as a pastor's wife at Canyon Hill Church of the Nazarene, or as President of the Intermountain District NMI for the Church of the Nazarene. She has worn many hats and we are very happy to have both David and Carolita on our board. Here are the board members at the February meeting with Todd: *Left to right, top to bottom:* Gwyneth Bledsoe, Todd Durbin, Nathan Moffet, Tom Clough, Dave Kimbrough, Carolita Fraley, Pat Kissell, Kathy Johnson, and Dave Sutton. As you can see, we have a lot of fun!



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Warehouse Volunteer Hours

Tues, Wed, Thurs

9AM-Noon

2021 Ministry Summary

JANUARY MINISTRY	#	VALUE
40' Container Shipments		\$0
Smaller Shipments		\$0
Mission Trips		\$0
INTERNATIONAL IMPACT		\$0
Local Orgs. Equipped		\$0
Equipment Loaned (Ind.)		\$40,032
Equipment Given (Ind.)		\$310
DOMESTIC IMPACT		\$40,342
TOTAL GLOBAL IMPACT		\$40,342
TRASH TO TREASURE*		40 LBS

^{*} Product diverted from landfills and repurposed for medical use, locally and globally

Community Medical Equipment Loan Program



January 2021	#
Families helped	74
Items currently in use	732
2020	#
Avg. Families helped/month	84
Total Families helped to date	1,013
Avg. items in use/month	786

Volunteer Hours Value

Year to date	<u>Hours</u>	If we had to pay them
Jan 2021	586	\$14,911
2020	6,558	\$166,765

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