



And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. 1 John 3:23 NIV

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Hands of Hope for the Philippines



God's Mysterious Ways

God truly works in mysterious ways and His ways are seriously higher than ours. On Idaho Gives Day we were working hard to get enough people to donate between 6-7pm to win the Golden Prize of \$1,000. We came so close to having enough donors to win and were pretty excited about it. We took a time out to pray and see what God would do. Well, 7 pm ticked by and...no prize...so we were packing up after everyone had gone home, and just before we closed up shop, someone came by and asked us if we were closed. He said he wanted to give a donation of...you guessed it...\$1,000! How we love our God of surprises. True to His divine nature, He blesses us in ways we cannot fathom or predict. It boosted our faith and gave us a special understanding of how we should acknowledge Him in all our ways, and He will direct our paths. Hands of Hope Northwest thanks all those who participated and made it such a special day, a day that will make a huge difference in the lives of our Filipino friends overseas.

Fundraising Goal for the Philippines

Our May 1 Open House was a huge success! You helped us raise **\$9,520** towards our **\$15,000** goal for a shipment of medical supplies to two Christian Birthing Homes in the Philippines: Shalom Christian Birthing Center and Shiphrah Birthing Home.

Thanks to all of you who gave, including the \$3,000 matching grant donors and the two Filipino groups who cooked such delicious food! This mercy shipment will help save babies' lives, and support safe, dignified maternity services for women living in squatter villages in one of the poorest areas of the world.

Here's how you can impact lives:

- **\$25** buys medical supplies for one birth
- **\$50** purchases five blankets
- **\$100** equals 10 boxes of other necessities for mothers and babies

Shalom Christian Birthing Home will be one of the beneficiaries of the shipment. They care for 400 mothers and deliver an average of 130 babies a month.

Help us spread the word

Invite a Speaker from Hands of Hope NW to share with your:

- Church
- Bible study group
- Missions committee meetings
- Men's or women's groups
- Sunday School class

We would love to let you know how you can make a difference by sending a shipment of medical equipment and supplies around the world.

Contact Debbie at 461-1473 during normal business hours.

Shipping fund goal is met for Guinea

Blema Fangamou, a refugee from Guinea, Africa, has started three clinics in his country since moving to Boise. We are so happy that we can partner with him to send a container of medical equipment and supplies for these clinics. Guinea is one of the poorest nations in the world! Blema and his friends raised the shipping funds to send the container. The equipment we send will raise the level of care greatly.



Debbie accepts shipping funds from Blema

Check out our NEWLY REDESIGNED WEBSITE, where you can see a short video about one of the Philippine birthing centers www.handsofhopenw.org

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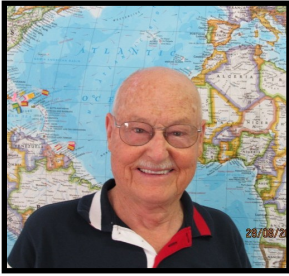
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Medical supplies save lives—locally and globally!



Volunteer Spotlight



Dr. Paul Sutherland

Dr. Paul Sutherland volunteers by checking out medical equipment that is donated to make sure it is all working properly and has everything needed to be functional. He was a missionary physician in Swaziland for eleven years. The physicians rotated through all the departments so he knows what would be useful to hospitals and clinics in other countries. His parents were missionaries in China and he lived there from 1936-1941, until they were forced to leave because of the war. He is married to Leonie, who is an Associate Professor in the nursing department at Boise State University. His hobbies are hiking, kayaking, and fishing and he enjoys going on short term mission trips. While in Swaziland he ran a 54 mile marathon three times! Thank you Dr. Paul for your heart of service and for sharing your expertise!

Volunteers Needed

Do you have any spare time? Are you drawn to serving with a local ministry? We have lots of volunteer opportunities for youth and the young at heart. You could be a **Receptionist** in our office, welcoming visitors and helping with the Local Loan Program. Or maybe you'd like to sort, inventory and pack medical supplies in our **Distribution Center** ready for shipment to places like the Philippines, Malawi and Guinea. We also need someone to **clean our offices** once a week.

Mark your Calendar—July Yard Sale

Save the date for a **Yard Sale** on **Friday, July 18** and **Saturday, July 19**. We will be setting up the yard sale next to our office to raise funds for the ministry.

We are looking for donations of gently-used furniture, household items, clothes, purses and specialty items that might be appealing to shoppers.

Drop off your items at the Ministry Center **after July 7**, Mon-Fri, 9:00am-2:00pm. Call the office at (208) 461-1473 for questions or directions. Shop on July 18 or 19 and tell your friends.



Become a Partner with Hands of Hope NW

Would you like to help send medical equipment and supplies around the world? If you are interested in becoming a partner with this ministry, please call the office at **(208) 461-1473**. We will help you set up a recurring donation plan that will be withdrawn automatically from your bank account. No more checks to remember to write and you will know your gifts are being used wisely, locally and globally!

Notes from the Philippines

Pastor Chuck Seip and a team from Higher Ground Worship Center in Nampa traveled to the Philippines in April. They took more than \$1,000 worth of medical supplies in suitcases. "Thanks again for the medical supplies you gave us. The people we gave them to really appreciated them as they work with the remote tribal groups. One hundred and twenty-six people were saved during our trip!"



Baptismal service in the Philippines

Going on a short term mission trip?

If you are going on a mission trip, you may request medical supplies to take with you. Go to our website at www.handsofhopenw.org and click on the "What We Do" tab for more information.

Visit Facebook

Follow campaign posts on Facebook ("Hands of Hope Northwest Inc."). Invite people to "Like" and "Share" our page with a friend.



Here's Larry!

On Monday, May 12, Larry Gebert, KTVB News Channel 7, came to the Hands of Hope distribution center to broadcast live from 5 to 9 AM.



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Plus more than 200 fantastic volunteers!