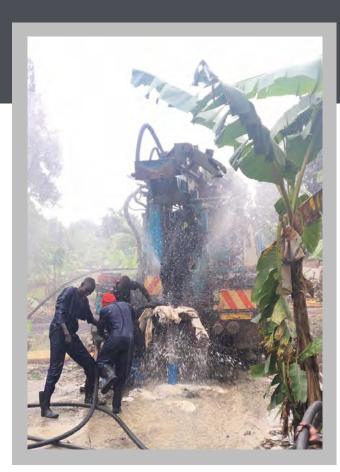
## HOPE IN ACTION QUARTERLY IMPACT REPORT Q3



## **GASIMPACT**

Who would have known that we would have the most impactful quarter of our entire ministry career in the middle of a global pandemic? I'm not sure about you, but we are blown away at how the Lord is using this ministry to not only bless His church around the globe, but to communicate His love to those who yet know Him. We thank you for your partnership, your support, and your commitment to the mission and vision of Designs For Hope.

Below are the numbers of people, countries, and churches that were served over the past three months because of your love and support of Designs For Hope. As we track giving and impact, we are proud to share with you that for this quarter, every \$2 given for life-changing projects has impacted one person with the love of Jesus. You have really made a difference this quarter!



### 67,696 PEOPLE IMPACTED 7 COUNTRIES SERVED 346 CHURCHES SERVED

**BY THE NUMBERS** 2020 Q3 IMPACT REPORT (1)



## **STAFFNEWS** REGIONAL DIRECTORS



We are equally excited to share that Cody Kennamer and Drew Collins (both current staff members) have agreed to move into roles of REGIONAL DIRECTORS TO AFRICA and LATIN AMERICA, respectively.

Each Director is responsible for the discipleship and care of our international partners. They are also actively seeking other partners in these regions. If you would like to send a word of encouragement to them or if you know of any opportunities in these areas of the globe, please feel free to email them directly.

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### STAFF NEWS 2020 Q3 IMPACT REPORT (2)



## **AFRICA** PROJECTS



Our team has implemented several water projects in Uganda this quarter. The most challenging part has been the inability to NOT BE THERE. However, what begins as a challenge can become an asset if you learn from it. Our mission is to EQUIP and EMPOWER disciple-makers in the developing world. What better way to empower our church ministry leaders than to have them take the lead and oversee the implementation of major water projects? Not only have the end results been great (communities receiving clean water in Jesus name), but our partners have a new sense of ownership that we don't feel they would have had if we were there providing the main oversight. We plan on taking this new-found wisdom and applying it to other projects we have in the future.

Project spotlight: Nyabugando Baptist Church, Bwera, Western Uganda

**Overview:** Nyabugando Baptist Church is the first baptist church to be planted in Uganda! It began in 1961 by Christians who moved from the Democratic Republic of the Congo to Uganda to escape persecution. They had their first settlement in Bwera, Western Uganda where they planted this church. Nyabugando Baptist has planted over 40 churches in Uganda. Since then, over 1,000 baptist churches have been planted.

There are approximately 5,000 people who live in and around the Nyabugando B.C. who lack safe and clean drinking water. Together with the church leadership, we determined that the church could provide clean water to their community as a way to communicate the love of God to both the Christian and the non-Christian. The

water well was drilled in July and the electric pump will be installed in approximately 3 to 4 weeks. Needing 51 solar panes to operate (5,500 Watts), this will be one of our largest systems to date!

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## **ASIA** PROJECTS



In May 2019, a team from Designs For Hope and our local partners stood on the steps of the new church that was being planted in the region. I remember looking around and surveying the dry and difficult terrain. We were told that water scarcity is a problem in this area and people were suffering greatly from a lack of available water. On this particular visit, the temperature reached 116 degrees Fahrenheit, and I recall thinking how difficult life must be under these circumstances. We then entered the building and prayed that this church would have an opportunity to provide for the spiritual and physical needs of the surrounding villagers. I left thankful for these missionaries.

#### Project spotlight: Undisclosed area in Asia

**Overview:** Prior to drilling, the church planters received news that villagers had attempted to drill two different wells in this community in the past, yet no water was found either time. They began to pray for a successful project and in July 2020, drilling took place at this location on the church property (you see on the left). Their prayers were answered when we were able to find an abundant amount of water on the first attempt. Soon after, we fitted the well with an electric pump in order to supply enough water for the entire community.

The woman you see in the photo is a local Hindu woman. She cheerfully comes to the church every day to take water. Although she is Hindu, she acknowledges the help of the One True Living God and offers thanks to Him and to those who helped provide this water. Please pray for this woman and for the other villagers who come to receive "church water". Pray their eyes are open to their need for the Gospel and that they would repent and be saved for the glory of the One True God.



## PROJECTS

Water has been the theme of this update! Even though we don't consider ourselves a "water ministry", we implement a lot of water projects. The reason: we listen to the needs of our partners and act appropriately. Clean water is a need for EVERYONE...from Flint, Michigan to Central Cuba to Uganda to India and beyond. Listening in order to hear, then acting with empathy and compassion to the needs that exist allows us and our partners to be effective in life-changing missions. This takes us to Cuba where we have invested in drilling and installing electric pumping of 10 water projects this quarter.

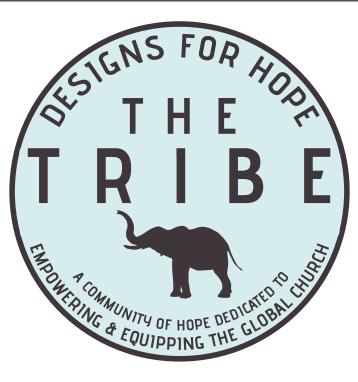
#### Project spotlight: Los Pinos, Central Cuba

**Overview:** The Cuban government is responsible for providing potable water to communities throughout the country. Typically, large water trucks will pull up to the center of the village and wait for a few hours as those who live near by run out with buckets to get enough water for the week (hopefully). If the truck doesn't show up or if you miss the stop, there is little you can do to have this need met. Designs For Hope is partnering with a denomination in Cuba to begin drilling water wells and installing holding tanks at churches in these villages. That way, there is always an opportunity for those in need to stop by and meet their needs, to be prayed for, and to be loved on. Even though this is a challenging country to work in, we are very excited about the opportunities we have to partner with ministry work that is taking place on this island nation.

The picture to the left is during the installation of an electric pump at the Los Pinos Church. The man on the right is the pastor and the man on the left is our church partnership director. Pray for hearts to be open to the Gospel here.

### PROJECTS 2020 Q3 IMPACT REPORT (5)

### THE TRIBE A COMMUNITY OF HOPE DEDICATED TO EMPOWERING & EQUIPPING THE GLOBAL CHURCH



Designs For Hope would not exist without the support of our donors and volunteers, and we are beyond grateful for every individual, church, or business who has contributed to empowering and equipping the global church through this ministry. However, we have seen over the 9 years of existence a special bond between this ministry and those who donate on a monthly basis. When an individual or family commits to systematic support, they tend to be more engaged, more involved, and more excited about the impact of this ministry. As we were discussing the connection to our monthly supporters, our team described them similarly to a "Tribe" in Africa.

A Tribe, by definition, is a very distinctive and close-knit group or community of people linked by social or religious ties who typically who follow the same leader. What better way to describe our monthly supporters than as a group of people with a distinct mission to equip and empower the church around the world SO THAT the gospel can be proclaimed to every nation, every tribe, every people, and every language...in Jesus' name.

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With this new distinction our dedication to making sure your donations are being used in the most efficient way to equip and empower disciple-makers stays the same. But, as part of The Tribe, our monthly donors will receive exclusive gifts, receive special insider reports and content throughout the year, and early sign up for certain trips.

If you've been considering joining, there is never a better time to this community of hope.

# UNTIL THE WHOLE WORLD HEARS

Our leadership team has spent time praying over the vision and direction of Designs For Hope as we move into 2021. While our mission never changes, to equip and empower disciple-makers in developing regions, our strategy in fulfilling this mission can move forward in various ways. While we will continue to support, disciple, and empower our current parters around the globe, we will be targeting a majority of our effort next year toward partners who are working in populations of high lostness. While everyone in the world has basic human needs, our heart as a ministry is to meet basic human needs while always pointing people to their need of the Gospel. Our 2021 strategy will allow us to use "missional resources" like clean water, solar energy, pastoral training, etc. to break down barriers in communities and villages where there is NO gospel presence. Our hope is to be able to provide support and opportunities for our partners to share the love of Christ with the unreached so they have an opportunity to hear the good news and believe. We can provide clean water to someone...and it may give them health benefits for a lifetime, but if they die without Christ, we have done nothing. Our end goal is eternal.

This new strategy is to support partners who target Unreached People Groups. The Joshua Project defines Unreached People Groups as those with less than 2% Christianity. This means that we will be supporting missionaries who are going into areas where Jesus has never been preached. Please pray for this new strategy and for the opportunities to invite people to a relationship with Jesus for the very first time.

We will be needing additional financial support as we ramp up this strategy. We are seeking an additional \$20,000 per month for project and partner support in 2021. Will you consider helping us reach the unreached with the Gospel? If you would like to have a conversation with us on ways you can get involved with raising support for UNREACHED, we would love to hear from you. Please email us at: info@designsforhope.org and someone will respond promptly.

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## **VOLUNTEER** UPDATE



In spite of living in a COVID Pandemic where the world has slowed to a crawl, we have had the support and help of our champions! Up to now, we have already logged nearly 1,000 hours of volunteer service from individuals, families, churches, and businesses who have given of their time in order to equip and empower disciple-makers in the global church. Most of this has come in the form of building Solar Cubes for pastors and church leaders in the developing world. In 2020, our goal was to provide solar cubes, water filters, and pastoral training to 1,000 pastors. Thus impacting 1,000 churches...and 1,000 communities.

Volunteers and DFH staff have reached our Q3 target of building 750 solar cubes! What an accomplishment! Our first quarter solar cubes and water filters were shipped on a boat and have made it to African soil. That means that "missional resources" are ready to be put in the hands of 288 disciple-makers. Our African partners are still under a significant lock-down and are waiting for the opportunity to begin travel for the purpose of theological training and distribution of these resources. We are now working on sending two more shipments to the African continent in the very near future. Look for updates to come out soon.

We knew early on that we didn't have the financial commitment to purchase materials, build, and ship 1,000 solar cubes and water filters; however, we proceeded in anticipation that these funds would come. We are still needing \$60,000 to finish this goal. Please consider joining us to finish strong in this project!

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## BENEFT DINNER

The past 7 years, we've hosted a Designs For Hope Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction. But...like all things happening in 2020, we're having to adjust to life in the COVID era. We as a team have decided to move away from a large central gathering this year, which unfortunately means that there won't be an 8th Annual Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction. We really wrestled with this decision but felt it best to limit exposure in a jammed-packed room for three hours.

But that doesn't mean that we're not celebrating all that the Lord has done through this ministry, nor does it mean that we're not intending to share with everyone the direction that the Lord is leading us next year.

Instead of a large gathering, we're going to be asking you to host an event in your home with one or two families. It's a more intimate "Celebration Gathering" in order to talk specifically about the work and ministry of DFH. Feel free to find any day or evening during the month of November to host this event...but we ask that it's done in that month. We will be providing a "host box" that includes information that we typically share at the benefit dinner, including our Annual Report, some stories of how the Lord has been working in Designs For Hope, and a link to a video that will communicate the work accomplished this year, our vision for next year, and some other exciting ways you can get involved.

Although this isn't typical of how we celebrate the work and vision of DFH...what has been typical this year? If you know now that you'd like to be a host, please go to the DFH website and sign up under the tab "Host an Event". If you have questions, feel free to email at info@designsforhope.org



## CPC CHURCH TO CHURCH PARTNERSHIP



What is a Church to Church Partnership?

Designs For Hope is a partner driven ministry. We partner with churches both locally and internationally, and we thought it would be good for our local church partners to be matched with one of our international church parters so that as you pray for Designs For Hope you can also pray specifically for one of the partners we serve. Likewise, your church needs will be prayed over by your partner church internationally.

If you don't know a name, a face, or a situation...it's difficult to personally and specifically pray for them. A Church to Church Partnership allows you to get updates on ministry activities, success stories, prayer needs, and more on a regular basis and in return you agree to send ways for that church to pray for your needs. What better way to be involved with Designs For Hope than for everyone to pray for one another?

If your church would like to be an invested Spiritual Prayer Partner with one of our partners, please let us know by emailing us at info@designsforhope.org. Mention that you'd like more information about the C2C Partnership Program.

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