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Greetings!

It's been several months since our last eNews and we don't know where to even start reporting our stories! We've had an incredible year with a great variety of ways in which we've helped disadvantaged people. We have also done significant disaster relief in the Philippines after Typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda. It is reported on our website at <http://lifenets.org/typhoon2013/>.

We first want to THANK YOU for your continual support of our programs. Our dedicated team of workers here in the United States and in the countries where the projects are carried out makes all of this a great success.

We want to specifically thank all the supporters for three fundraising events on three successive Sundays in May and June. On May 18 Ambassador Bible Center students hosted a charity auction and variety show that raised \$6100 for operating youth camps in Mexico and Colombia. You can read about and see photos at <http://abc.ucg.org/news/class-2014-hosts-charity-auction>.



Bev Kubik

On May 25th the Lethbridge, Alberta United Church of God raised \$2000 in a yard sale for LifeNets projects. That story can be found at <http://lifenets.org/lnmisc/lethbridge2014/fundraiser.html>.

Finally, on June 1 two bands, *Victorious* and *J. Rowdie and the Noisemakers* donated their musical skills for an outdoor concert in Loveland, OH and \$3000 was raised for our Ukrainian Vinogradov Street Children's program. Also, a Ukrainian dance troupe performed between the band's performances. We featured this on our Website at <http://lifenets.org/vinogradov/benefit14/menu.html>. We are so grateful for the generosity of

donors at these events. They also helped promote our causes to the public.

At this moment we have seven people serving as volunteers for humanitarian projects in Thailand and Ukraine. We've steadily sent more people to serve in areas of need as this helps develop future humanitarians.

I invite you to visit our blog and subscribe to it as we post stories every week about the latest happenings. One of our dedicated volunteers, Robert Curry, in Colorado maintains this blog at <http://lifenets.wordpress.com>.

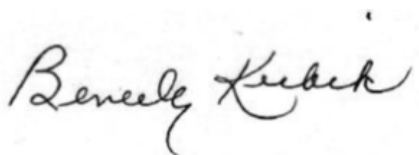
On this blog there are some major stories NOT included in this newsletter, but are worth taking a look at as they tell our story of how care is extended to people who otherwise would not have an opportunity to better themselves. After 15 years we've refined our methodology to be efficient and always looking to OUTCOMES as the determination of a program's success.

We also have our Facebook Page at <http://facebook.com/lifenets> and Twitter feed at <http://twitter.com/lifenets>.

Thank you again for your interest, support and financial gifts to our mission to help in practical ways, help people become self-sufficient and pass their blessing on to others.

Thank you for making LifeNets the charity of your choice.

All the very best to you....



Beverly Kubik
President

Denny's Tractor in Thailand

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In January of this past year the Luker Foundation working through LifeNets made a \$10,000 donation to the the Legacy Foundation in Thailand for a much-needed tractor. It will be used to prepare soil for planting inside paddy sections. A smaller tractor is best to operate in the limited space of each paddy. To hire a tractor to do this job is expensive and they are big so they tend to destroy the built up sections that divide the paddies.

What was purchased was a small 24 horsepower diesel tractor with power take off. Buy purchasing locally it comes with a warranty.

We just received this photo and announcement about the tractor:

Hello Vic and Bev,

Here is a picture of my son Bronson using the Kabota tractor now called the "Denny Tractor" in honor of Denny Luker, to till new soil for planting. We were able to receive donations for a front blade and rear PTO tiller. It is fantastic! We thank you and Mrs. Luker again and again for this very useful tool. We are calling it the "Denny Tractor." Denny Luker probably would have never dreamed he would have a tractor named after him!!



Love to the family,  
Leon and Gloria Sexton

Website: <http://lifenets.org/thailand/tractor.html>

## Developing Nations Scholarship Program



Helen Banda Chichaya from  
Zimbabwe

Our biggest budgeted item for the year is our scholarship program that serves students in Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Armenia, Philippines, Guatemala, Colombia, Ukraine and other countries.

We are so thrilled to see young adults graduate with degrees that will provide lifetime benefits in their profession. Take a look at some of our successful scholarship students of late and their stories at <http://lifenets.org/scholarships>

On our visit to Zambia in April 2014, we came across one of our successful scholarship recipients Helen Banda Chichaya who was visiting family in Lusaka. We had previously seen her in January 2013 in Zimbabwe. She is already now teaching grade five. She graduated in August 2013. Her scholarship was for three years. Her father Luke Banda is a deacon in Lusaka and one of our LifeNets volunteers.

In January 2013 I made a short video of our Zambia/Zimbabwe scholarship recipients including Helen at <http://youtu.be/A-j5awNGXGM>

## LifeNets Australia Helps Guatemalan Children

LifeNets has supplied school children in Guatemala with \$2500 worth of school supplies, uniforms and shoes. The funds came from LifeNets Australia and have made a lot of children happy in the UCG congregations of Quetzaltenango, Guatemala City and San Marcos.

LifeNets board member Mark Rorem coordinated this project.

Pastor Sr.Robledo writes the following::

On behalf of the students and parents of the congregations of the Church in Guatemala, thank you to LifeNets for this valuable contribution to the education of our children and youths.

We focused on providing a bag of complete school supplies. We used a wholesale bookstore which offered very favorable prices, benefitting 62 students from the pre-primary level to university level. For the children in most need we also purchased a pair of shoes and uniforms (blouses, vests).|  
Many thanks and please receive our gratitude.



Children receiving gift from Australia LifeNets

Affectionately,  
Jose Israel Robledo Serrano

Muchas Gracias LifeNets!!!  
LIFENETS APOYANDO LA EDUCACION EN GUATEMALA, C.A.

More happy photos at <http://lifenets.org/guatemala/guatschool2014/thanks.html>

## **Central Indiana TRIKE Project for Disabled Children in Central America**

LifeNets is pleased to be a supporter of Life Gaps School in Central Indiana since 2000. The newest project for these teenagers is manufacturing the TRIKE which is sent to Guatemala, Honduras and other places for disabled children.

The program involves hand-crank tricycle for those unable to use their legs due to polio, missing limbs, diseases like spina bifida and more. Founder and Director of Life Gaps school Jerry Cooks says the following:

"I have (with the help of 3 men) developed "jigs" so that my students can in an assembly fashion measure, mark, cut, sand, primer paint, finish paint and ship the trike. The product cost INCLUDING shipping is approximately \$250. I purchase the necessary materials and we construct. The trike will be sent to Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala and more."



Read story and more photos:

<http://lifenets.org/lifegaps/trike.html>

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