





LifeNets

MEETING HUMANITARIAN NEEDS
DEVELOPING SELF-SUFFICIENCY
PASSING ON THE BENEFIT



Annual 2008 Report

LifeNets: 2008 at a Glance...

Our mission is to help people in need, promote self-sufficiency and, where possible, enable the recipients to pass their benefit on to others.

Highlighted below are just some of the projects that have met real needs and changed the lives of people and communities in 2008. Thank you for helping us make this difference!

Developing Nations Scholarship Fund

Since 2001 the LifeNets Developing Nations Scholarship Fund has helped many young people realize their dreams. It has given them a profession and will benefit them for the rest of their life. We have helped young people become architects, accountants,



engineers, computer specialists and much more. Our young people become pillars in their communities and in their churches. Each scholarship averages about \$1,000 per year. Currently 43 students in the countries of Malawi, Zambia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Ghana and Kenya receive scholarship grants. We thank everyone who has helped give these young people a future. Without your help they would not be able to go on to higher education. Here are some comments from students:

Zere from Zambia: "After my studies I would like to become an economist and work for a bank. Thank you so much for my scholar-ship at the University of Zambia."

Andre in South Africa: "I have finished my studies and am now working as a mechanical engineer. Thank you, LifeNets, for helping me with a scholarship!"

Shadrack in Malawi: "I'm about to finish my studies in journalism. I am seeing my future dreams come true."

Latitia in Malawi: "I'm in the second year of studies studying hospitality and tourism management at the Malawi Institute of Tourism. I am pleased that God has done something with me. I couldn't have managed it on my own and consider LifeNets the Net of my Life."

The Wheelchair Project (WWW.LIFENETSWHEELCHAIRPROJECT.ORG)

In 2008 we matched 101 donated wheelchairs to people who otherwise would not have been able to receive one. Our online program is unique as people list their unneeded chairs and people who need them can examine what's available online via our Web site



www.lifenetswheelchairproject.org. When the donated chair has found a qualified recipient, the donor receives a tax receipt. Our work has been noted by the "Life" section of *USA Today*, *Real Simple* magazine, *Indianapolis Monthly* and other newspapers.

We want to thank volunteers from all over the United States who helped us collect and redistribute these chairs to those needing them.

Here's one of many happy notes we have received:

"My chair arrived yesterday. I must say it has been worth the wait. Never in a million years did I expect to receive such a nice chair. It was everything I could dream of. The tilt system is a dream because it allows me to take the pressure of arthritis off my back and get some relief. While that option alone makes it a great gift, there is one far greater. The gift of mobility. I can only walk about a quarter of a mile before my feet start to hurt excruciatingly and it allows me to be pain free and to get out there and do what I have to do. No more waiting for rides, now I can take myself. Although I've yet to do it because I'm still getting used to the chair, I look forward to being able to attend church again because of my chair. I just wanted to say thanks to the nice lady, her husband, and her dad who have blessed me with such an awesome gift. Sincerely, Happy in Phoenix"

We always need more chairs! We have two potential recipients for every one who donates. Can you think of a chair that is not being used and collecting dust? It may just be the one to significantly change someone else's life.

Two Missions Abroad

Ukraine

Cindy Harper, who has a master's degree in teaching English as a second language and lives with her husband Daniel in Cherbourg, France, planned a summer program to teach English and help with a day camp. She and her husband are both experienced in working with children and youth. The project was joined by retired school teacher Ken Zahora from Indianapolis, Indiana, and university student Stefan Saxin from Gothenburg, Sweden, from June 15-29, 2008. Our project involved teaching English classes each morning during the summer camp. They used the Genki English program that involves lots of movements, songs and games, to which the children responded very well. As the children learn and grow, knowledge of English can give them a distinct advantage in both school and future employment. In 2009 we revisited that program and added the *Rosetta Stone* program to continue teaching English even when we are not there.

Malawi and Zambia

LifeNets sent Jennifer Myers on a mission to Malawi and Zambia to teach simple business concepts to those who received Livelihood Development grants. This took place the last two weeks of June 2008. What she taught included: What is needed to start a business; what makes a business different from its many competitors; planning and anticipating; money management and bookkeeping; and the importance of mentoring and working together.

"Revival" Center for Medical/Social Rehabilitation of Disabled Children in Chernihev, Ukraine

Since 1996 we have been helping a center for rehabilitating disabled children living 40 miles from the infamous Chernobyl nuclear accident site. Many children have been adversely affected. Three doctors took it upon themselves to start their own center to accelerate rehabilitation for children with mostly nervous-system diseases. Starting with 30 children and a small part-time staff, they have now expanded to where they are a model center for all of Ukraine. Founder Dr. Vasyl Pasichnyk has received the highest national award from the president of Ukraine for his courageous pioneering work. We feel privileged to have made significant contributions in expansion, treatment of more children and equipment. The center now serves nearly 190 children per month and houses 30, soon to be 60, overnight. Our level of support has been maintained at \$15,000 annually.

Other Ongoing Projects and Special Events

We couldn't cover all our projects and activities in this report. You can see much more on our Web site www.lifenets.org

- Medicine to three clinics in Malawi and Zambia.
- LifeNets Orphan Care Center in Balaka, Malawi.
- Livelihood development projects in Malawi.
- Vinogradov, Ukraine Street Children's Program.
- Agriculture, Water and Farm Credit Program in Zambia.
- Teen alcohol abuse prevention program in Estonia.
- Major fund-raisers in New Jersey and North Dakota.
- U.S. Chapters in North Dakota and Puget Sound, Washington.

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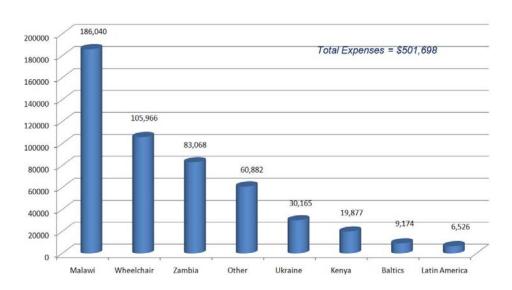
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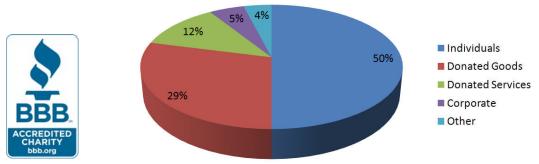
Program Expenses



Detail of Major Expenses:

MalawiSupport for livelihood development program, college scholarships, orphan programs and clinicsWheelchairValue of wheelchairs and related costs for distribution program in the USZambiaAgriculture, cattle and water program to help subsistence farmersUkraineFunding of orphanage and support of medical center for the rehabilitation of disabled childrenOtherIncludes humanitarian support in areas including the Philippines, Moldova, South Africa and Estonia

Funding Sources



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