

## LifeNets: 2012 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 varied projects that have met real needs and changed the lives of people and communities in 2011. Thank you for helping us to make this difference!



#### Wheelchairs (lifenets.org/wheelchair)

Since 2000 we have helped provide various kinds of wheelchairs in a unique matching program that has been featured in *USA Today* and *Real Simple* and other magazines. For the year we had 154 total donations nationwide. We matched 82 and had 399 requests. Here is one story from a vet that touched us:

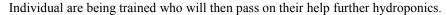
"I am a disabled veteran with spinal injuries acquired while serving our country. I have been waiting for some time for a chair through the VA but there seems to be a long wait for my name to come up. I have a chair that is on its last legs and can not find parts for it."

After he received the donation he wrote:

"The chair and ramps are indeed perfect for my daily needs. I'll get a picture sent to you as soon as I can. I won't forget. Thank you for all you do. I wish there were more people and non-profit organizations like you. You are a Godsend for sure."

## Guatemala Hydroponics (lifenets.org/guatemala)

We helped sponsor a mission trip to Guatemala in which young adults helped develop a a hydroponic and organic farming infrastructure. This helps heavily urbanized people produce food for personal use and to sell where there is little conventional garden area.





### Dunya Orphan School in Kenya (lifenets.org/kosele)



We identify worthy efforts already running but are struggling and need a lift. Kosele Dunya Orphans school in Kenya is one of the ones we helped in 2012. It is operated by Joseph Onura. He has provided for widow projects as well as the school for the orphans. The school has 56 orphans, 32 of them are total orphans, meaning they have lost both parents. Joseph writes:

"I appreciate the love you have shown to me, our orphans and our unfortunate children. Again I thank you for the support we have received for the project, may God bless you and the work you are trying to do. We have seen a great change in the school because of food, our children are very happy and enjoying breakfast and lunch all the time in school.

#### Developing Nations Scholarship Fund (www.lifenets.org/scholarships)

By far, the largest LifeNets program is providing higher education opportunity for young people. In 2012 about 60 students were supported by our fund. The cost per individual varies, but the average cost per student is approaching about \$2,000 each year. Scholarships recipients are varied; they can be seeking a four or five year college degree, a one year certification, a vocational degree or finishing secondary school. We serve people in the following countries: Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Ghana, Ukraine, Armenia, Philippines, Brazil, Mexico, Guatemala, Colombia and Chile.

Giovane Macedo and Laura Macedo from Montes Claros, Minas Gerais, Brazil are very grateful for the LifeNets scholarship that they are receiving to help them in their graduate studies Due to the scholarship support from Lifenets, they are now able to further their qualifications in the hope of better employment opportunities in Brazil in the future. Laura is currently pursuing a video-conference based degree in pedagogy through a Brazilian University. Likewise Giovane is enrolled in a degree on Systems Development and Technology through the University of Paraná.



Giovane and Laura Macedo

#### **Brazil Cattle Project (lifenets.org/brazil)**

LifeNets started a new cattle project in Brazil to assist people in the indigenous tribal area of Maloca de Moscow with the purchase of six heifers. The recipients have fenced the area with barbed wire and built a special enclosed area for breeding. The plan is to help them to build up to 20 heads of cattle. The population of Maloca is mainly farmers who grow mandioc, sugar cane, and wheat.

#### Vinogradov, Ukraine Children (lifenets.org/vinogradov)

Since 2001, with the generous help of the Scharpen Foundation and a few others, we have supported the "Life of Love" Mission directed by Vasyl and Irina Polichko who having no children of their own have cared for neglected and abused children in their Trans Carnathia

children of their own have cared for neglected and abused children in their Trans Carpathian town for years. We The help has been primarily for the operation of a soup kitchen for street children in a remodeled police station in the center of Vinogradov.

In the summer of 2012 we sent another delegation of young people to work a summer day camp at the Mission. They helped not only teach English but helped with children's activities. This project has been joyous to us as it has provided help for the children, but an unforgettable experience for the volunteers. This was the fourth time in five years that we provided this venue.

The work of the Polichko's has been instrumental in dramatically changing the lives of children destined to failure. They now become responsible citizens. We have provided technical school scholarships for some of the children who have grown up and who now have meaningful professions.



Project manager Jorge de Campos with Brazilian cattle



#### **Other Ongoing Projects**

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 for Malawi clinics
- Revival Centre in Chernihev, Ukraine
- Kenya Goats and Cattle
- Kids for Cows
- Salima, Malawi Prenatal Clinic
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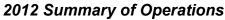
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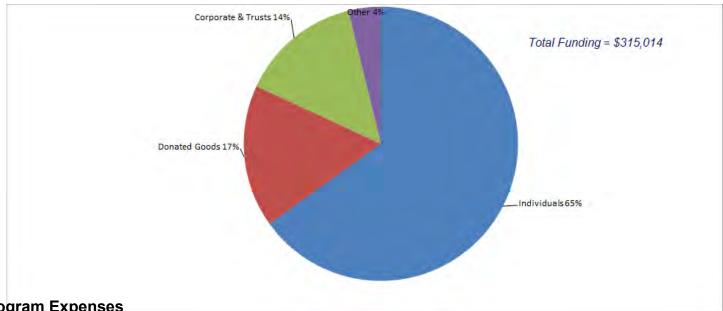




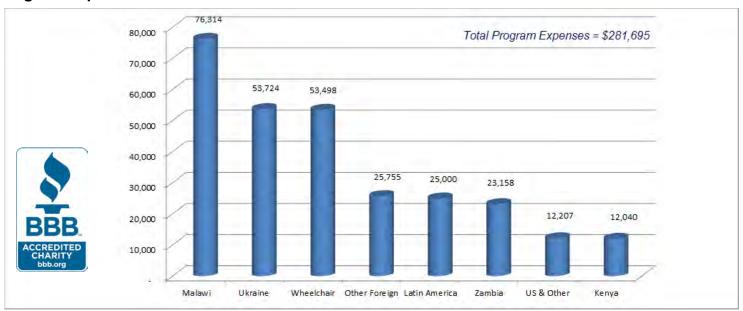
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## **Funding Sources**



#### **Program Expenses**



#### Detail of Major Program Expenses:

Malawi Support for livelihood development program, college scholarships, orphan programs and clinics Ukraine Funding of orphanage and support of medical center for the rehabilitation of disabled children Value of wheelchairs and related costs for distribution program in the US Wheelchair Other Foreign Support in various countries including Brazil, S. Africa, Philippines, Nigeria, India and Thailand **Latin America** Scholarship program

Zambia Agriculture, cattle and water program to help subsistence farmers

**US & Other** Includes humanitarian support primarily for educational and medical assistance

Kenya Funding for orphanage and cattle projects

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