

Annual Report – 2002 Update



LifeNets

***Meeting Needs In Practical Ways
and Promoting Self-Sufficiency***

**Transforming Communities through
an International Outreach Effort**

www.lifennets.org

LifeNets: What We Do

Our mission is to help people in need and promote self-sufficiency

These are a few of the projects begun or completed by LifeNets in 2002 that have met real needs and transformed the lives of people and communities. They are steps that you, our LifeNets family, have taken to make a difference.



LifeNets feeds 195 AIDS orphans daily in Malawi.

Women and Children No Longer Pull Plows



LifeNets purchased a herd of 24 cattle for a village in the Mumbwa region of Zambia that were delivered in December, 2001. LifeNets trained the villagers in how to avoid water buffalo-borne Corridor Disease that had wiped out their herd and taught proper veterinary practices, calf care and feeding.

In 2002 women and children stopped pulling the plows and cattle now do that work. Heifers' milk provides vital nutrition to both children and adults.

This project is creating self-sufficiency – and the villagers pass on the gift of cattle and knowledge how to care for them to others as new cattle are born to their herd. In this part of the world, simple things can make a huge difference – the average life expectancy for a baby born in Zambia is 35.25 years, the unemployment rate is 50% and the inflation rate is in excess of 20% per year.

Giving Hope to Children and Education in Developing Nations



Sewing machines provide incomes in Guatemala.

Dedicated to helping feed street children and giving them a source of hope, each \$300 US that we send is feeding a child for a year in the "Light of Love" mission in Vinogradov, Ukraine. In addition to medical facilities we are supporting 195 AIDS orphans in the African nation of Malawi.

Medicine and food were sent to two clinics in Malawi. In other projects we raised funds to dig a water well in a community of sixty people in Nyanyara, Malawi so women would not have to walk two miles each way to carry water. Wheelchairs were donated to those who could not have afforded them. We funded students in Latin America and Africa who otherwise would not be able to complete their education and face high unemployment rates without professional skills.

Helping Victims of Disaster

Our long-standing support of children whose lives continue to be affected by the radiation from the Chernobyl nuclear disaster means that for every \$95 we donate, a child is able to receive a month's worth of rehabilitation and medical attention. We help 1,000 children per year now – the need is *many* times that number.

Teaching computer skills in Lipovets, a remote village in Transcarpathian Ukraine.

Standing in front of the infamous Sarcophagus over the doomed Chernobyl nuclear power plant.



LifeNets: Why We Do It

It is exciting to see the lives of people transformed. Giving and sharing with others reflects the kind of heart and hope that defines the kind of people we want to be. When those we help can help others, the circle of giving is complete.

We believe in:

- Meeting humanitarian needs to relieve suffering.
- Generating hope through opportunities to become self-sufficient.
- Working on the basis of mutual respect, honor and dignity with recipients and donors.
- Delivering services through local leaders whom we know and trust.
- Being culturally sensitive in the methods type and amount of aid we deliver.
- Leveraging donations through partnering with organizations who sell us products at a fraction of the wholesale cost that we use in our aid programs.
- Using governmental services such as the US Defense and State Departments to defray costs of container shipments where possible.
- Creating a circle of ongoing benefits. In many cases recipients are able to pass on aid, training and services to others. They are living examples of “Passing on the Gift” to their communities. This preserves individual dignity and reinforces the practice of giving to others and promoting self-sufficiency.



Our first calves in Mumbwa. Calves and education being passed on to others. Those who were in need now practice the way of give.

When someone who is hungry is fed, a need is met. When we can help them feed themselves and their communities, lives are transformed. LifeNets is our vehicle for creating these opportunities to benefit the lives of others who have a genuine need.

LifeNets: What You Can Do

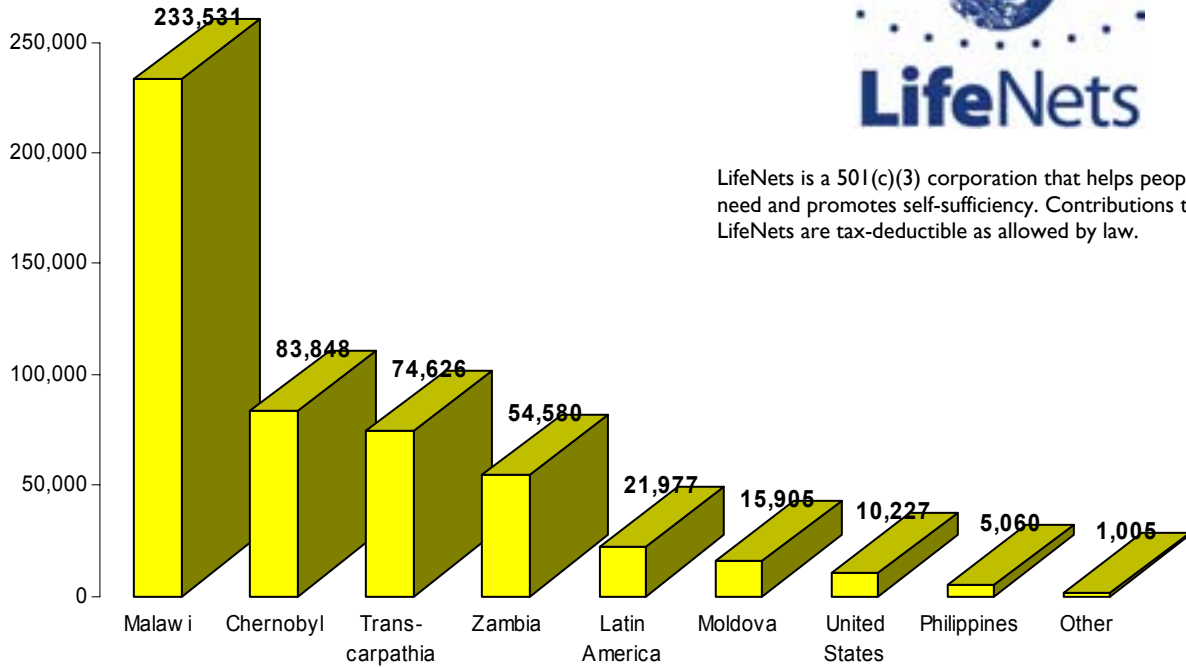
Your donations make the big difference. By making LifeNets your charity of choice and encouraging friends or organizations to do the same you can help those in need and promote self-sufficiency in the lives of those who want to make a difference in their communities. Select one of these programs, check out our web site (www.lifenets.org) for projects or donate to our general fund. 95% of donations went to the recipients in 2002.

Some of Our LifeNets Project Sponsoring Goals:

- \$4,500 builds a fresh-water well for an African community. Our goal is to construct four new wells between now and 2004.
- \$750 pays for one year’s tuition for our *Developing Nations Scholarship Program*. We want to increase the number of students supported to 80 from the current 50.
- \$500 funds one month of our 20-to-One Medicine for Africa program – pharmaceutical sponsors provide an average of \$20 medicine for every dollar donated.
- \$95 pays for one month of care at the *Chernobyl Chernihev Centre of Medical Social Rehabilitation of Disabled Children*, many who are victims of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. We wish to server 1,200 children annually.
- \$25 per month supports one child in our orphanage and street children programs. We are looking to care for 250 children.
- Please ask about other LifeNets programs that you can help sponsor.

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LifeNets International
2002 Program Expenses by Region



LifeNets is a 501(c)(3) corporation that helps people in need and promotes self-sufficiency. Contributions to LifeNets are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

**LifeNets International, Inc.
2002 Financial Summary**

GIFTS-IN-KIND AND REVENUES

Gifts-In-Kind

Pharmaceuticals	\$121,805
Medical and dental equipment and supplies	93,276
Donated services	34,390
Eyeglasses	20,400
Freight	15,000
Office and cleaning supplies	14,318
Hygiene, clothing and household items	12,469
Other Gifts-In-Kind	<u>15,474</u>
SUBTOTAL Gifts-In-Kind	\$ 327,132

Cash Revenues

Individuals	\$133,206
Foundations & Trusts	55,725
Churches and Groups	34,198
Corporate	11,282
Other Revenues	<u>664</u>
SUBTOTAL Cash Revenue	\$ 235,075
TOTAL GIFTS-IN-KIND AND REVENUES	\$ 562,207

EXPENSES

International Relief and Development	\$490,532
USA Projects	10,227
General and Administrative	<u>30,842</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$531,601
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$30,606</u>