

Annual Report – 2003 Update



LifeNets

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

**Transforming Communities Through
an International Outreach Effort**

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LifeNets: What We Do

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

Below are a few of the projects that have met real needs and transformed the lives of people and communities in 2003. You, our LifeNets family, are making a difference through your support.

Sustaining Life: Supplying Fresh Water in Malawi

Water is essential to life. The biggest cause of disease lies in contaminated and unsafe drinking water. Wells, such as the one pictured on the right, minimize the risk of disease and provide the wonderful convenience of easily accessible water, something most of us take for granted. Two years after the request to drill a water well in Nyanyara, Malawi, the project is now complete and providing a source of clean drinking water for more than 60 people. Previously many of them had to walk up to two miles for water.



Well provides clean water daily for 60 Malawians.

Improving Life: Providing Opportunity Through Education in Developing Nations

For three years LifeNets has provided scholarships for more than 50 students annually in Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Colombia, Peru, Chile, Malawi and Ukraine. This has been one of our more successful projects and completely fulfills our mission in helping young adults acquire professions that will help them become self-sufficient and be able in turn to help others. Money is raised partially through special events such as the annual Ambassador Bible Center Charity Evening, car washes and other activities.



Auction at ABC nets over \$2,000 for Developing Nations Scholarship Fund.

Supporting Life: Continuing Commitment to Disabled Children in the Chernobyl Area

For the past eight years we have helped support three doctors in the Chernobyl area. One was the head pediatrician in Chernobyl at the time of the world's worst nuclear disaster. The doctors have taken it upon themselves to develop a rehabilitation center for children affected by the nuclear accident. Starting in a humble fashion by being given an old Soviet building, they helped 30 children a month. This expanded to 60, then 120 and now they are looking toward expanding the center to care for more than 200 children a month. They need help to continue this valuable service to their children. In June 2004 Victor Kubik and his wife visited the center. The love and concern that the doctors show for the children is truly inspiring.



Accessing Life: Wheelchair Program Provides Mobility for Dozens in the U.S. and Abroad

Through our Web site we receive a steady stream of donations of both manual and power wheelchairs. We also receive as many requests for wheelchairs. This has become a valuable service to many here in the United States. LifeNets acts as a clearinghouse for these donations and aids in the shipment of wheelchairs to needy recipients.



Happy recipient of custom power chair that gives freedom to get around.

Saving Life: Shipping Life-Sustaining Medicines

Every four months we continue to help our two clinics in Malawi with life-sustaining medicines that they could not otherwise afford. We also send medicine to the Mumbwa region of Zambia.



Sharing Life by Giving Hope: Other Projects

Dr. Chilopora of the Chizeni Health Services (one of our clinics in Malawi) continues to monitor and work with 200 AIDS orphans. We are committed to helping him with this need. We continue to fund livelihood development programs in the Philippines and Malawi that help to create jobs that provide a living for the families. In South Africa, Ukraine and the Philippines we help support youth camp programs. In the United States we support a special school that reaches out to troubled youth needing special attention. This is just a quick overview of some of our projects. Thank you for helping us with all these programs!

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 are. 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 type and amount of aid we deliver.
- Leveraging donations by partnering with organizations who sell us their products at a fraction of the wholesale cost.
- Using governmental services such as the U.S. Defense and State Departments to defray costs of container shipments.
- 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.



In Vinogradov, Ukraine LifeNets is giving smiles to 40 street children who now have hope instead of uncertainty.

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. Donate to our general fund or select one of these programs, check out our web site (www.lifenets.org). We work hard to keep overhead costs low. 95% of donations went to the recipients in 2003.

Can You Help Some of These Project Needs?

- \$750 on average pays for one year’s tuition for a student in our *Developing Nations Scholarship Program*. Can you help us with one of these scholarships? This program is one of our best values as it gives a young person a wonderful opportunity in poor countries with high unemployment.
- \$600 funds one month of our Medicine for Africa program – pharmaceutical sponsors provide an average of \$20 worth of medicine for every dollar donated. Medicines go to the two clinics LifeNets helped build and also a remote community in Zambia.
- \$95 pays for one month of care for one child for the *Chernobyl Chernihev Centre of Medical Social Rehabilitation of Disabled Children*. Many of these children are victims of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. The Centre will serve 1,200 children annually.
- \$25 per month supports one child in our orphanage and street children programs.
- Please ask about other LifeNets programs that you can help sponsor.

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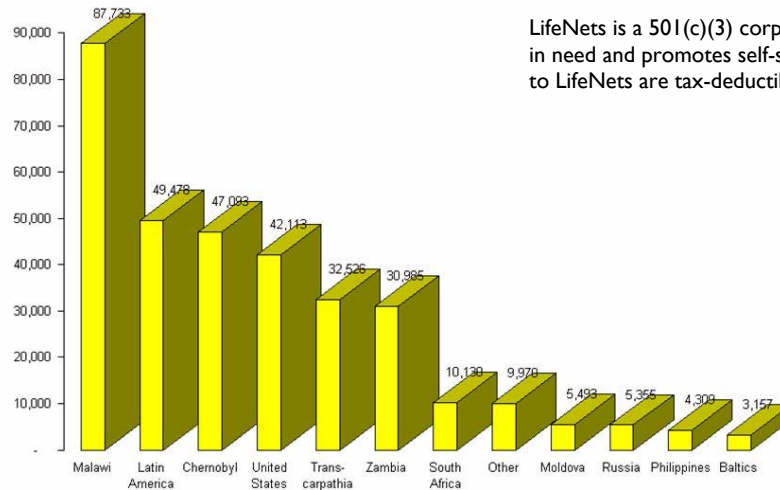
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2003 Program Expenses by Region



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. 2003 Financial Summary

GIFTS-IN-KIND AND REVENUES

Gifts-in-kind

Medical and dental equipment and supplies	\$195,329
Pharmaceuticals	84,821
Donated services	32,907
Eyeglasses	13,225
Office and cleaning supplies	1,293
Hygiene, clothing and household items	2,795
Other Gifts-in-kind	<u>5,030</u>
SUBTOTAL Gifts-in-kind	\$335,400

Cash Revenues

Individuals	\$122,778
Corporate	21,163
Churches and Groups	10,034
Foundations and Trusts	4,612
Other Revenues	<u>3,273</u>
SUBTOTAL Cash Revenues	<u>\$161,860</u>
TOTAL GIFTS-IN-KIND AND REVENUES	\$497,260

EXPENSES

International Relief and Development	\$286,230
Domestic Projects	42,113
General and Administrative	<u>26,533</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$354,876</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$142,384</u>

Note to LifeNets financial statements for 2003:

Gifts-in-kind includes donations of medical and therapeutic supplies for the rehabilitation clinic in Chernobyl totaling \$172,509. Because these items shipped to Ukraine in February 2004, they were included in inventory at the end of 2003 and our financial statements show an excess of revenue over expenses of \$142,384. Without the Chernobyl inventory items, expenses in 2003 would have exceeded revenue by \$30,125. Complete financial statements available on request.