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Year end report



Vital Seed

As the sun sets on 2008, its time to reflect on the past year we have enjoyed here at Vital Seed and we would like to let you, our contributors, grant recipients, ministry partners and friends, share in some of our highlights.

Finances:

This year we were pleased to see our grants and financial gifts at 292% more than last year, totaling \$178,269. Of course we were only able to do this through the support of our valued and faithful contributors. Some give a small but faithful amounts each month and others one time gifts.

Our primary funding source is still via the generous contributions of Sevis Systems and this year we were blessed to have received the largest gift to date. The support of Sevis Systems has continued to enable us to forcefully advance the Kingdom of God through our activities. While this source of funding is greatly appreciated we still need to develop a wider pool of contributors in order to sustain our work. Please pray for us in this.

Activities: church buildings



2008 was a memorable year for us and for Cornerstone World Outreach church in Sioux City, Iowa. After a long journey with various obstacles of finances, contractors, advisors and budgets, we were delighted to be present at the dedication services for their new worship facility. Even though we were involved with the project for a number of years we were blown away by the finished product. Despite the constraints and difficulties encountered by the church, the quality and look of the building is truly

excellent. We were thrilled to witness the fully functional building after our years on the project in which we provided project management leadership until such time as a trustworthy contractor came on board and finished the whole project.

Here in San Antonio we were also as pleased to see the completion of a remodeling project of Glad Tidings Church. At first we became involved in construction advice and this lead into us funding a professional Architect and also providing a significant capital grant for the work itself.

On the same theme of church building advice, we have been involved in a number of consultative activities here in the USA, Kenya, UK and Czech Republic. The willingness of these pastors to solicit expert advice has not only helped them avoid the many pitfalls in commercial construction but has also advanced the Kingdom by avoiding unnecessary costly mistakes that all too often occurs.

Activities: ministry support

After a 'cold call' we unusually were able to help launch a young Hip Hop artist's ministry in Wichita, Kansas. *Preacha Bwoy* (aka Ryan Morrow) contacted us after he Googled "Kingdom business ministries". After a period of due diligence we were able to fund his ministry launch to enable him to purchase recording equipment and other technical items. Ryan demonstrates a gritty determination to reach out to an often ignored (by the church) culture through an engaging and relevant medium of Christian Hip Hop music.

We have continued to be blessed to know and partner with *Prepare International* as they do the work of training pastors to lead the much needed new church plants in the most godless parts of Europe. We have also seeded into *Broken Hearts Ministries* here in the USA who provides a ministry of reconciliation and counsel to pastors and church leaders.



Activities: missions

This year we have continued with our support of Child Legacy International and have continued to help as the Rogers family moved to the project land in Malawi to build the health clinic, school and vocational business school. We recently provided funds to enable them to get their own satellite phone and internet system as communication with the rest of the world was very expensive at best and not possible at many times.

We also completed our funding for a leprosy ministry in India. Using the ministry as agents we were able to finance the land purchase to facilitate a sustainable project for lepers and their families. The 10 acres of land is now fenced and with water. Plans to produce and sell the non-edible bio-fuel bean "*Jatropha*" are under way along with farming goats on the land.

Activities: training and advice

This year we have provided numerous ministries and Kingdom businesses with support by the way of mentorship and advice.

Those we have helped have ranged from financial investment consultants, building contractor, Motivational Speaker & Life Coach to home-grown "Mom & Pop" businesses, missionaries, food bank ministries and prayer ministries. We have received enquiries from all over the world, including the USA, Europe, Asia and the African continent.

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Our contacts in Belarus have expanded and we completed the full funding of a Kingdom publishing and printing ministry/business. "Positive Print" is a Christian printing and publishing house that will not only print commercial items but has Government permission to print a Christian ethos youth magazine, a news paper and also to provide a full design and publishing service. As astute entrepreneurs, they saw an opportunity in the Belarussian printing sector and filled it. Their aim is to fund missions work in Belarus and other Eastern European countries.

We were delighted by news of the outcome of our 2006 grant into a church in Prague. The church now runs a profitable coffee shop and due to upgrades to the sound and lighting, is able to rent its facilities during the week – they are now able to fund their next church plant. We have committed to do more of the same with them in the coming year.

Some of our projects

Clinic master plan, Malawi



Land for Leprosy project, India



Glad Tidings Church, Texas



Café & Church, Czech



Printing business, Eastern Europe

Next year:

We already have plans to work with some of our friends in the Czech Republic to host a Kingdom Business conference. We have begun looking at a huge opportunity to help in the re-building of the war-torn nation of Burundi. We have met with an influential leader with close ties to the president. The needs are immense and the church has the opportunity to lead the way. The task is too big for us alone and we strive for your prayers and support. We are considering at this time invitations to see the work and needs in India and other countries in Africa including Kenya, Malawi and Burundi. Pray for us so that we wisely allocate our time and resources.

Lastly, in this time of great political and financial turmoil, let us encourage you to hold fast to your faith and not waver from doing good as you continue to help us in advancing the Kingdom of God. Our God is good and his children shall not beg for crumbs!

Have a profitable 2009 for Him and thank you for your prayers and support. With blessings,

**Duncan Vincent, Steve Samaniego—founders of Vital Seed
and the members of our Board (Alan Vincent & John Bibb)**