

We have seen winter come in early and cold this year in Texas after a record long hot summer. We have also seen one of the worst “winters” in our economic history too with many feeling the pain of job losses and financial strain. Despite the real problems in the economy God has been faithful to us and we have been able to minister and we have heard wonderful stories of God’s provision.

Finances:

This year has not seen the level of giving we enjoyed in 2008 and like many of you, we have had to cut back a little on our plans. Despite the financial hardship that has spread across the globe we have still been able to operate normally and fund some significant Kingdom projects. We have also seen a steady flow of support from faithful individuals.

Total Receipts: \$39,790; - Total grants: \$40,442

Activities: Ministry Support

During 2009 we continued an important aspect of our ministry by supporting various ministries both financially and technically. We have continued to support mission ministries and have given advice to a number of emerging ministries here in San Antonio in topics such as setting up their entity, advise on the leadership structure, clarifying their purpose and objectives, and also providing support and counsel to its leaders. We have also been able to bless ministries with our in-house technical skill set of web site expertise; building / construction advice and management / team related consulting.

Activities: Teaching and Training

Both Steve Samaniego and Duncan Vincent (the founders) were invited to the Czech Republic in October of this year to address a conference of Christian business owners and leaders together with a few church leaders. The conference was hosted by a network of local businessmen and church ministers.

We were invited to be the keynote speakers for the three day event which was held in the beautiful historic town of Litomyšl (pronounced ‘Lit-toe-mishal’). Litomyšl is about 2.5 hours out of Prague.

Duncan opened the conference and taught on the Kingdom of God and our responsibility as business owners in using our resources to forcefully advance “His Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven”. Steve spoke on various Kingdom business issues with particular insight on Debt and Wisdom.

The teachings were clearly new and gladly received. These were made more widely available by the daily reports of one of the delegates (and reporter) who published them on the ChristianToday.com online news paper.

All the sessions were taught in Czech and we had an excellent interpreter who made the usually hard task of teaching in another language a breeze since he was so gifted and had a deep understanding of the topics and the English language.

Activities: missions

Child Legacy International - Malawi.

The past year has proved difficult for our friends, Child Legacy International in Malawi. They have been hit with a significant drop in funding for their ongoing project and have experienced real complications and frustrations in completing the clinic project during the general election period in Malawi. At some point it looked uncertain that their work visas would be renewed. However this is

Activities: Missions

Deliverance Church – Kenya

In our 2008 report last year, we mentioned that we were considering opportunities and needs in other parts of the world including Kenya. Little did we know at that time of the coming destruction, turmoil and violence following the general election between rival ethnic groups of majority Kikuyu, Kalenjin, Luo and others. Most of the violence occurred in Eldoret and Nakuru; these are the towns our contacts are located in. Mercifully they escaped with their lives and families’ although the scares of this trauma are still very present. The most sickening violent acts were carried out between former friends, neighbors and even church members.

The problems and needs are even greater now following the violence. We have therefore committed \$35,000 as part of a matching fund drive, to start Jatropha bean farming and teacher training.

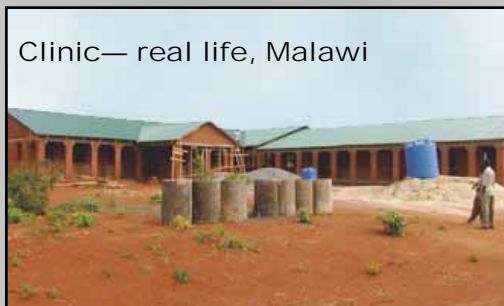


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now behind them and their water well projects have paved a way of favor with the authorities. This year our support continued as we were able to give \$10,000 to help in a \$100K matching fund campaign that a generous partner had set up for the funding of wells in the needy regions of Malawi (*BTW—the \$100K was reached—and matched!!*).



Clinic— master plan, Malawi



Clinic— real life, Malawi

The pictures show the actual clinic progress compared to the concept.

Jatropha bean farm – Gulbarga, India.

2009 saw us continuing to fund the Jatropha bean farm in Gulbarga as the project completed its set-up. The land has been purchased and Jatropha bushes planted. We have goats on the land and a water supply from a new bore well.



Activities: *missions*

Doctor's Office San Antonio, TX – USA.

While most of our missions help and activity has been overseas in the developing and third world countries, we have a desire to help our locality. This past year we were able to dedicate about \$15,000 to specifically target the poor and needy in San Antonio. In cooperation with a Kingdom minded Doctor and his office staff, we set up a new program to help the uninsured and poor get the medical help they need in order to get back on their feet and back to work. For the program to work we needed to work with a trustworthy doctor's office that would maximize our grant without personal gain. We were able to work with such a person who generously offered to assess the medical services provided at the basic Medicare approved rates. So far we are practically helping about 15 to 20+ families a month. Once they have been screened and their true need identified, they are told that a Christian ministry in the city has provided a grant to the doctor's office so that their care can be paid for.

Next year:

We plan to continue our missions based support to the poor and needy in parts of the USA as well as the nations we are currently working in and have established contacts in, including India, Malawi, Kenya to name a few.

We plan to continue our support for some of our ongoing projects as we see fruit and faithfulness from what has been sown into them to date.

We also plan to strengthen and mentor Christian business owners to fully realize the Kingdom aspect of their calling and help them to transition to advancing the Kingdom as opposed to running a nice Christian business!

We hope to increase our received contributions from our partners and from those who have the means but to date have not found a suitably efficient channel to work through.

Have a fruitful 2010 for Him and thank you for your prayers and support. (John 15:16)

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