
Desana Inc Annual Report 2011



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Romans 13:8 Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Chairman's Remarks - George Houk

Loving one another. A tough thing to do. Right? Easy to love yourself. But to put others first all the time. Much harder. This past year for Desana was all about loving one another. Trying to put others first.

Our year started much the same as it has since we began in 2007. We were planning our Spring Dental Mission to Peru and later the OSF Dental Campaign. Board members were busy trying to line funding for the Peru and Russia Projects. We had a trip planned to Uganda in April. We had been talking to an organization, The Children's Future Foundation of Kiganda, for almost 8 months and had decided to take the trip to Uganda. You see, God had been putting Uganda in front of us for a while. We always found a reason why we should not go. Too dangerous. We don't have the funding for anything else. We are too busy with our current projects. But we finally decided that we had run out of reasons and that we would go and see why God was sending us to Africa.



George Houk and students from Highway Secondary School

Kathy and I landed in Entebbe Uganda on April 19, 2011 and our lives changed forever. That trip opened our eyes to the REAL needs in this world. I know our projects in Russia do great things for the children and are very important. So are our dental missions to Peru. Kathy said it best

when she said, “I think God was just testing us in Peru and Russia we had to prove ourselves, then He sent us to Africa!” So now we have added Uganda to our ‘Project List’.

Our good friends Kathi and Brian Gilleland wanted to get more involved with Desana. (Warning - do not ever tell us that if you are not ready “to get more involved”.) Kathi and Brian helped us work the OSF Dental Mission in Southern Peru - and ‘got hooked’. When they returned to Nashville, they decided to expand the small Christmas in Nashville Project into a full project that would work with the children in East Nashville. Kathi and Brian connected with two teachers, Jen and Katie, at Kirkpatrick Elementary School in East Nashville. So now we have a larger presence in Nashville thanks to Kathi and Brian. Brian has been elected to our Board of Directors.

What a year 2011 was for Desana and for me personally. I never dreamed when Kathy had the vision to start Desana that we would be working on four continents improving and enriching the lives of children all over the world. It is only because of God that we can do this. He continues to put people into our lives and sends us the challenges and then gives us the courage and funding to carry out what He has asked of us. To God ALL the Glory! Thank you Jesus!

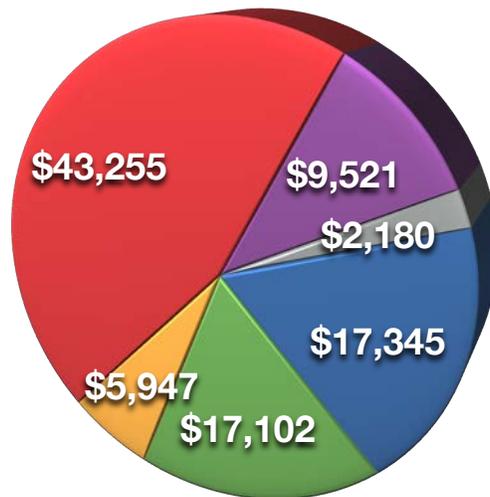


Kirkpatrick Enhanced Option School Children Entertain at Thanksgiving Dinner

2011 Project Expenditures

Our total expenditures for 2011 was \$95,349. This was up from 2010's \$56,680 or a 64% increase over 2010.

2011 Totals



Desana Projects 2011 Update

New Project Director



Andrew Ssemwogerere

Desana has always had a local project director to manage the projects. We feel it is important to have someone that is local and understands the customs and language. We are very fortunate to have Andrew Ssemwogerere as our Uganda Project Director. Andrew brings compassion and caring to our projects. He is very good with the children. He knows his way around the country and Andrew is willing to work long hours for no pay because Desana does not have any paid employees. We are all volunteers and

Andrew fits right in. Andrew came on board as we decided to add Uganda to our project list in April 2011. I am sure we would not have been able to get set up and put everything into place with the help of Andrew. He not only knows his way around the congested streets of Kampala, he knows his way around the politics of this country. Thank you Andrew.

Uganda



Our largest project in 2011 was state of the art classroom and office building at The Children's Future Foundation of Kiganda, Uganda Highway Secondary School - \$29,255. Kiganda ia a small rural village about 2 hours west from Kampala. When we arrived in April we found a community full of love, energy, the desire for education and the most wonderful people we had

ever met. This community did not have electricity and they did not have clean safe water. When we asked the students what they would put at the top of their 'want list' thinking that it would be running water, they told us they wanted a new classroom so they could learn better. They wanted a science lab and a library for their education. Water was not even on the list. They were more focused on their education than on having to carry water 3 or 4 hours everyday. Since we rely on the input of our local director, we decided to build the school building first. This building was funded by Perfecting Faith Ministries International of Cane Ridge (Nashville) TN. Construction started in May and the building was completed in November. Many dignitaries attended the building dedication. This facility is rated one of the best in all of Uganda. It will allow Highway Secondary School the opportunity to become a testing center for the National Exams. Now students that attend HSS have a greater opportunity to move on to the University.

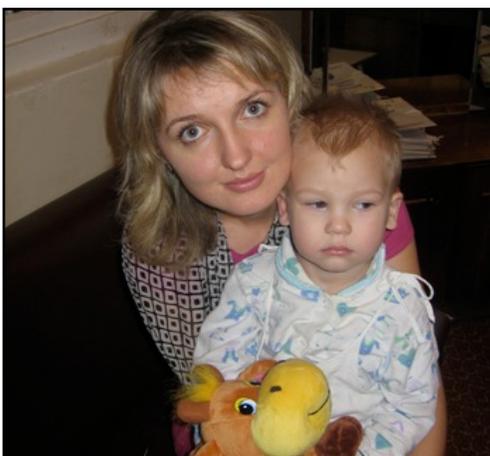


Desana provided the first ever Field Trip for 60 students from Highway Secondary School. The students visited the starting point of the Nile in Jinja, toured Kampala in the bus, visited Bujagali Falls, and had a fabulous lunch at a hotel with a swimming pool.

In addition we supported another \$14,000 at various other projects: The Child Development Center of St Thomas Church in Mubende by supplying Jerry cans for a nearby community and the start up of our newest project: From the Heart House in Kampala. This is a project that works with the street children of Kampala, orphans, and children neglected by parents at the Naguru Remand Center. Our December visit to Uganda was to set up this project. There was a lot of ground work to be done before the project could begin operation in 2012. Our Uganda Project Director, Andrew Ssemwogerere worked hours and hours with our Uganda attorney getting the necessary paperwork to be granted a Uganda NGO status (501(c)3 for Uganda). Andrew visited property to rent, set up legal documents, met with attorneys, met with banking officials all trying to lay the groundwork to form Desana Uganda. At the end of December, Andrew had everything in place for our trip to Uganda in January 2012 to finalize everything and start the From the Heart House Project.

The total 2011 support in Uganda was \$43,255.

Russia



Our second largest Project Group is Russia which is run by Elena Antropyanskaya Hibbler. We have been active in Russia since 2007 and Elena has been our Project Director since the beginning. Elena has a special love for the orphans in her home town of Nizhny Tagil. Elena has dual citizenship - US and Russian - so she is invaluable to our Russian Projects.

DesanaGiving supports the Kind Heart Shelter in

Nizhny Tagil - this is a day shelter that is available to children. Here they can receive help with their homework, have a hot meal, it is a place to do laundry, a place to play and have fun with other children. Many of these children come from abusive homes and this shelter is a safe place to gather. Desana has been supporting this shelter since 2007.

In addition to the shelter, we support Petrokamensk Hospital for the children that are waiting to enter the orphanage system. Elena will make sure these children have fruit, milk, food books and educational materials and love and understanding while they are being held in this place. The shock and trauma is great at this time and Elena and her friends try to make this time easier for them.

Zaimka is another orphanage that is supported - Desana provided birthday gifts for each of the children in this facility. Each year, Desana provides a summer BBQ for these children. this orphanage keeps family units together so brothers and sisters will stay together even tho they have been put into the orphanage system. Karpinsk is the orphanage for handicapped or special needs children. Desana has been active here remodeling bathrooms, building a sensory lab, updating playground equipment for special needs and visiting these children that have been forgotten by their families. Elena is always coming up with new ways to help the children in the orphanage system. In 2010, she started the cooking class for orphanage graduates. This class grew in popularity in 2011. The class teaches life skills to these orphanage graduates.

Desana 2011 support for Russia Projects was \$17,344.

Dental



Our Dental Projects came in third for total support in 2011. Desana has been conducting two dental missions each year for last few years.

In March Dr Michael Houk and his dental students from the University of Nebraska School of Dentistry arrive in Peru ready to treat as many people as they could in three days. The students are only given a short time off between terms so this mission has become a quick three days of work and one day to tour. I think Dr Houk (Desana Board Member and Director of Dental Missions) wants to expose his students to some dental situations that they will not be able to see and treat except on the dental mission. “These students perform at levels of seasoned dentists,” said Dr Houk as he beamed with pride “I am so proud of them and how hard they worked. The compassion they showed brought tears to my eyes.” In addition to a regular dental practice in Sioux Falls, Dr. Houk teaches at the University of Nebraska School of Dentistry. Dr Houk has established a ‘local practice’ in the community of Yanahuara - a community close to Urubamba, on the way to Machu Picchu.



The Dentists Without Borders (OSF - Odontologos Sin Fronteras) has been supported by Desana for the last several years. Desana provides the dental equipment and funding for this campaign that treat over 4,000 people that, for many, have never had dental treatment. This year the campaign was held in extreme southern Peru in small rural villages. This year's campaign again treated over 4,000 people and performed over 5,000 procedures. OSF President Hector Somocurcio lives in Lima Peru and Vladimir Oblitas Cuba who lives in Cusco set up and run these dental campaigns. DesanaGiving is looking forward to the 2012 campaign. For more information on OSF, visit their website: www.odontologossinfronteras.org

Desana 2011 support for Dental Projects was \$17,102

International Scholarships

Our scholarship program was originally set up for Peru but in 2010 it expanded into Chile. 2011 brought the project to Uganda. The International Scholarship Program is administered by the Board of Director. Applicants fill out an application which is reviewed by the Board. Based on the funding, scholarships are awarded to qualifying students. Students must maintain appropriate grade point averages to keep receiving the scholarship.

Desana provided scholarships to Secondary School Students, University students, a dental student as well as specialty education such as tour guide.

Desana 2011 Support to International Scholarships was \$9,521.

USA Projects



Our friends Kathi and Brian Gilleland (Brian is a Desana Board of Director) asked us if they could come along on our OSF Dental Campaign they did and they got hooked. They had already agreed to run our Nashville Christmas Project but after the trip to

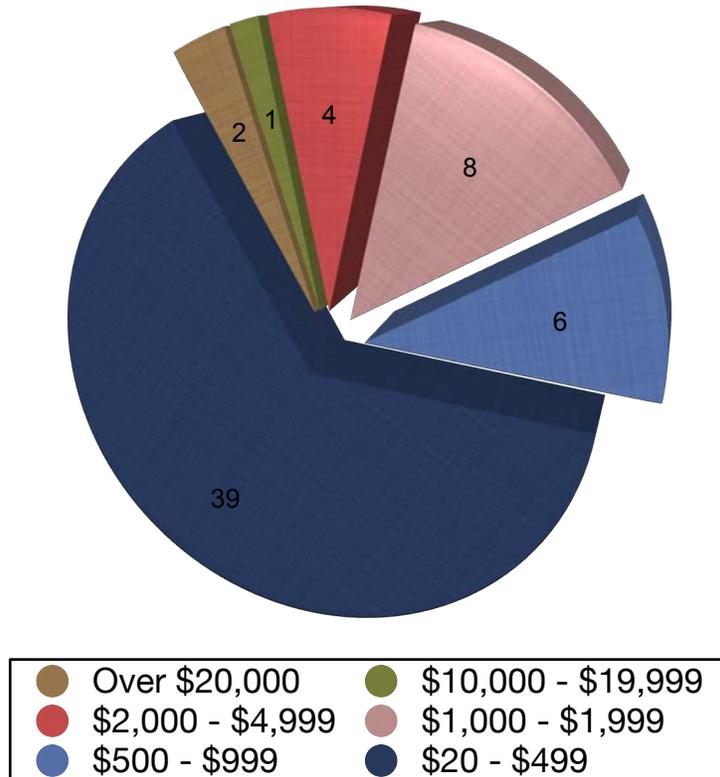
Peru and thinking and praying about their role in the USA Projects, Brian and Kathi greatly expanded out impact in Nashville. They found Kirkpatrick Enhanced Option School (KEOS) and two teachers, Jen and Katie and the new project was born. The Gilleland's worked long hours putting together a plan for the remainder of the year. Starting all of this in August. After meeting with Perfecting Faith Ministries International Outreach Director - Elder Claude, a Thanksgiving food box program was born. Brian and Kathi partnered with other companies and organizations in Nashville to enhance the services provided to KEOS. PFM provided and helped deliver food boxes to many of the homes in E Nashville. Desana also helped with the Thanksgiving Dinner at KEOS and Kathi and Brian provided a Christmas to families of KEOS that would otherwise not have had a Christmas. In a very short time, Brian and Kathi put together and funded a full project for this E Nashville neighborhood. Congratulations to them for their hard work developing and funding this project.

Desana 2011 Support to our E Nashville Project was \$5,947

Donor Report

In 2011 Desana had 60 regular donors that contributed \$92,798. This number is almost double the amount that was contributed in 2010. As God added projects to our list, he provided the funding. Desana is very fortunate to have several very generous donors that believe in what we are doing. All of donors are very important to us because we cannot do anything without our donors. So, Thank you.... Thank you... Thank you to our donors!

Number of Donors per Category



2012 Outlook

As I am writing this annual report, we are well in to 2012. We have been very fortunate to get our Kampala Project up and running by March thanks to our Uganda Project Director and our Founder Kathy Houk. There were many road blocks and diversions but they stayed on course and the project opened as planned on March 1st. I will be so happy to give the report next year about this wonderful project that is changing lives in Kampala and changing the lives of those that are volunteering. More next year.....

2012 is going to be a good year for DesanaGiving. Our Church partners are an awesome group. We have a Lutheran Church in MN, a Baptist Church in Texas, and Gospel Bible Based Church in Nashville that all support us and our programs that are doing the work for The Kingdom.

I know we will have an awesome year.....

Thank You Jesus...

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Russia: Elena Antropyanskaya Hibbler

Uganda: Ssemwogerere Andrew

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