

## **Background information for Hands In Service Ministries / Manos Hermanas**

Starting in 1964, Lee Baggett, M.D., worked as a medical student with the outreach clinics of the Hospital Mexico Americano in Guadalajara, Mexico, and starting in 1974, as a physician with the FMB / IMB of the SBC. He helped found Manos Hermanas in 1994 as a broader based organization to meet medical and other needs, and to share Christ across Mexico. Lee is currently President of Manos Hermanas, A.C., and Executive Director of Hands In Service Ministries.

Manos Hermanas' initial program in 1994, at the Governor's request, was to fit glasses and take medical specialists to see prisoners in the State prisons weekly as a part of their response to major destructive riots. Local pastors volunteered to help and were allowed to continue visiting those interested and to train leaders for the new congregations.

Manos Hermanas has been able to drill four deep water wells, build four arsenic removal units for clean community drinking water, import six semi-loads of food supplement for hunger relief projects, provide pure water and other help in multiple disaster relief situations, import computers to help set up school labs, provide medicines for multiple charity clinics, help improve regional goat genetics in a semi-desert area, as well as many other projects. Local brothers work with us to help their communities so that the work is more effective.

Besides our programs mentioned in the requests, Manos Hermanas currently is teaching ecological family garden workshops in 4 communities, reaching about 90 families. The children and the elderly are enthusiastic, as they can also help provide better health and inexpensive food for their extended families and neighbors. They enjoy being creative for their gardens, using walls, balconies, and roofs where there is no soil / space for traditional gardens.

We expanded the family gardens with an integral family farm project. We now produce quail, rabbits, and chickens in a small-footprint, vertical condominium format. The garden feeds the animals, and the animals fertilize the garden.

## **Current Projects**

We currently have alfalfa extract concentrate-processing units with two of the community workshops. The extract has an extraordinary content of a complete protein, with all the essential amino acids.

We also help outfit soccer camps for a like-minded athletic non-profit, as well as receive medicines and other tax-deductible donations to support faith-based free clinics, children's feeding stations, orphanages, old folk's homes, shelters, etc. We have nurses aid courses, training in sewing sellable items, beading sellable items, literacy, etc. in conjunction with our family garden projects.

### **Our Legal Status and How We Work**

#### Hands in Service Ministries:

"The Corporation is a broad-based, human needs organization that works to alleviate hunger, thirst, illness, poverty, lack of purpose and to improve quality of life, for persons in need both nationally and internationally. This organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational or scientific purposes within the meaning Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code."

(Purpose Statement, Certificate of Formation)

#### Manos Hermanas, A.C.

Manos Hermanas, A.C., has a similar Purpose Statement in its Organizational Document and its Donor Organization documents for its tax-exempt status in Mexico.

Our working philosophy is to meet needs and share Christ without distinction as to race, sex, politics, or creed of those served. All groups that collaborate with us in projects or programs must also agree to utilize our resources to meet real needs without distinction as to race, sex, politics, or creed of those served through formalized community development projects.

Our methods are to:

1. Detect needs and find resources to meet those needs, or
2. Detect resources and find ways to best apply those resources to meet valid needs.
3. Work with the local like-minded population to best serve their neighbors.
4. Work with the relevant authorities to best apply the resources in their areas.

## Our Financial Bases

Hands and Service Ministries and Manos Hermanas both operate solely on the basis of funds and in-kind donations received, and so do not have budgets.

## Statements of Income

**Hands In Service Ministries  
Statement of Income 2016  
January 1 to , December 31, 2016**

Balance on Books January 1, 2016	<b>\$78,978.68</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Deposits	\$52,398.94
In-Kind	
<b>Sum income</b>	<b>\$52,398.94</b>
<b>Grants</b>	
Donations	\$39,000.00
Donations in Kind	
Limbs International	
<b>Sum Grants Made</b>	<b>\$39,000.00</b>
<b>In Country Project Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,150.00</b>
<b>Operational Expenses</b>	
Professional Services	\$270.00
Office Expense	\$244.31
Travel Expenses	\$1,591.22
Bank Fees	\$315.00
<b>Sum Operational Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,420.53</b>
Total Expenses	
<b>Balance on Books</b>	<b>\$80,807.09</b>
<b>BOA Balance December 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$80,815.93</b>

**Hands In Service Ministries  
Statement of Income 2015  
January 1 to , 2015**

Balance on Books January 1, 2015		\$15,571.55
<b>Income</b>		
Deposits	\$136,603.13	
In-Kind		
<b>Sum income</b>		<b>\$136,603.13</b>
<b>Grants</b>		
Donations	\$69,000.00	
Donations in Kind		
Limbs International	\$30,000.00	
<b>Sum Grants Made</b>		<b>\$99,000.00</b>
<b>Project Expenses</b>		<b>\$3,500.00</b>
<b>Operational Expenses</b>		
Professional Services	\$270.00	
Office Expense	\$76.00	
Bank Fees	\$350.00	
<b>Sum Operational Expenses</b>		<b>\$696.00</b>
Total Expenses		\$103,196.00
<b>Income/Expense Balance to Date</b>		<b>\$33,407.13</b>
<b>Balance on Books Dec 31, 2015</b>		<b>\$48,978.68</b>
BOA Balance December 31, 2015		\$74,978.68

# Hands In Service Ministries

## Statement of Income

January 1 to December 31, 2014

Balance on Books January 1, 2014		\$8,007.52
<b>Income:</b>		
Deposits	\$44,523.51	
In-Kind	-	
Sum Income		\$44,523.51
Donations	\$33,400.00	
Donations in Kind	\$0.00	
Sum Donations Made		\$33,400.00
Professional Services	270.00	
Travel	1,644.59	
Bereavement	-	
Office Expenses	1,232.89	
Project expenses	-	
Bank Fees	412.00	
Sum Operational Expenses		3,559.48
Total Expenses		\$36,959.48
Income / Expense Balance to date		\$7,564.03
Balance on Books December 31, 2014		\$15,571.55
BOA balance December 31, 2014		\$14,071.55
Check received January 6, 2015 for December 31, 2014		\$1,500.00

## **Meet Needs and Share Christ**

### 1. One Step At A Time Program:

Work with Limbs International to supply and adapt leg prostheses for amputees.

We adapted our first prostheses in July 2013 for Don Juan, a leg amputee begging on the street because he could not work. His before and after photos are first on our Power Point grant request CD. Don Juan is now working again. Dr. Hiram Navarro, a Baptist orthopedic surgeon, directs the program and evaluates each patient. Different ones of the patients have been referred from local Baptist outreach medical clinics, family garden workshops, and other outreach programs.

A Baptist social worker evaluates each family to determine their situation and how much they can help with the cost of the socket. A local technician is helping with a discounted fee to build their sockets. A number of patients have left the program because they could not afford any significant funds to pay for their prostheses. Technology in the Community, A.C., a local non-profit associated with the Technological University of Monterrey, Guadalajara Campus, has helped to complete costs for some of the patients, but their funding will end next month. We need to help absorb a major part of this cost so that those who most need it can be fitted. Patients who had to leave the program for lack of funds will become our priority candidates when funds become available.

Manos Hermanas began this program over a year ago with a donation of prostheses by Limbs International, which has continued providing prostheses as they have received support. Manos Hermanas has received two donations of 10 units and a recent donation of 20 units, with 29 patients who are now in rehabilitation or working, taking care of their children, and studying again.

We received a grant from the High Plains Christian Ministries Foundation to purchase another 105 prostheses from Limbs International to continue and expand the program. We have fitted and rehabilitated some 49 more patients since then. Limbs International has continued to loan us units from another of their projects in central Mexico. About half of our units are still in the importation process. Trained, local pastor / chaplains work with each patient to provide needed emotional rehabilitation.

Limbs provided two training courses for local physical therapists, as few have received any training for rehabilitation because of the prohibitive cost of a functional leg / knee prosthesis for those who can scarcely afford food and shelter. The program is working well, but we need to move it more quickly because of the growing candidate list as our patients and others eagerly spread the word.

### Ecological Outhouses Projects:

Help families build their own ecological, ventilated, dry pit latrines in rural areas with no sewage systems. These can be clean and serviceable for many years (no smell, no flies). This helps break the fecal – oral cycle of diseases, which are a major cause of death in the third world, especially among infants and children.

We have been able to help build some 112 latrines in about 10 communities since we began in 2002. Many units, even those built in 2002, are still clean today.

The State Health Department of Zacatecas asked our help to stop a hepatitis epidemic in a small community that was spreading to a small city down stream. They then asked help for another community with a dysentery epidemic that was killing small children. They have thanked us for the marked decrease of fecal born diseases in different communities, up to 90% in some areas. These diseases are a major cause of death for children in Mexico under 6 years of age.

At the beginning, different county governments provided building materials and we provided the urine separator seats for the families to build their units. An area missionary would oversee the project and mission teams from Guadalajara and other places would make periodic visits to assist in critical phases of the construction. Home visits by the teams and Vacation Bible Schools are usually welcome in the communities. Most communities we have helped now also have a congregation.

New communities continue to ask our help to build their ecological latrines, but current county officials tell us that they now have different priorities and will not provide materials for these projects. Each family agrees to: dig their pit; provide sand, gravel, and the less expensive materials. We agree to purchase the more expensive construction materials: re-bar, lime, cement, bricks, and chimney pipe.

We have received grants to fund these from the Panhandle Baptist Foundation and the High Plains Christian Ministries Fund, as well as from different churches, organizations, and individuals over the years.

We purchase urine separator seats and construction materials, and provide travel expenses (gas, tolls, and food) for communities, pay expenses for multiple trips for construction team volunteers from area churches who live on the edge of poverty and do not have discretionary funds for travel.

#### Christmas Blanket project:

We have an ongoing program with Manos Hermanas, A.C., to provide “Christmas blankets” for families and individuals in poverty belts in high, frigid zones of Mexico. Manos Hermanas purchases rolls of heavy blanket material that is cut and hemmed to make family-size blankets for \$6 USD each. Different individuals, churches, and like-minded organizations have given to make it possible to distribute some 13,700 blankets since 2006. We have always come up very short on meeting the real needs.

We coordinate with community development committees, which provide volunteers to directly distribute the blankets, with the priority to provide for the elderly, the single mothers with their children, the sick, and the needy street people across a five state area where serve. These volunteers may be national Baptist missionaries in these areas, youth, men’s, and women’s mission groups from Baptist and other local evangelical churches, or like-minded human needs groups. They also share the Good News freely as they get to know the people.

Hands in Service Ministries currently works with different foundations and donor organizations that previously worked directly with Manos Hermanas.

#### Hospital Mexico Americano, S.C, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico:

This Baptist hospital has worked with Manos Hermanas, A.C., since its formation with professional assistance in many ways, funding, and in-kind donations of needed materials. They have partnered with us for many projects over the years, as now with our One Step At A Time and our Family Garden projects.

Limbs International, Inc.:

Has donated forty units of their prosthetic limb systems for the initial project and worked with us for another 105 units to continue the program.

Sponsored a training course from Hartford University, School of Physical Therapy for physical therapists to learn how to work with leg amputees.

Connected us with the Technological University of Monterrey, Guadalajara Campus, and with Technology in the Community, A.C., for student volunteers and for funding.

Continual guidance and counseling in getting the job done well.

Sponsored a second course with a bilingual physical therapist for another 24 national physical therapists and graduating physical therapy students to assist with the expanded program.

Christian Life Commission:

Has donated:

Funds for the family garden program to train families to grow their own food, even where land is scarce or not available by composting their soil, using recycled containers (plastic soda bottles, cans, pallets, etc.) as grow beds and wall, vertical, balcony, or roof gardens.

Funds for deep-water wells for communities in the semi-desert region of Zacatecas, Mexico.

And sponsored consultants to design a sewage treatment system for a major city.

**Other Cooperating Entities**

Leaf Nutrient, Inc:

Has a system for production of an alfalfa extract concentrate food supplement, which provides a complete protein with a high level of all the essential amino acids, plus vitamins and minerals. One-tablespoon daily mixed with the family's food (beans, rice, maize, etc.) can help correct malnutrition.

Has worked with us previously with projects, on in our State of Jalisco, and another in an indigenous region of the State of Oaxaca with very good results.

Is currently working with us in two communities in conjunction with our family garden projects.

We are currently seeking a feasible method of dehydrating the product for a long shelf life for easy storage and shipping. This would greatly expand its impact.

Panhandle Baptist Foundation:

Has helped Hands in Service Ministries with funds for “Christmas Blankets”, Sports evangelism projects in conjunction with the family garden projects, and other projects, as needed though the years.

Texas Baptist Missions Foundation:

Has donated undesignated funds for multiple projects and programs as needed, and for operational expenses.

Texas Baptist Border Ministries:

Has donated undesignated funds for multiple projects and programs as needed.

**Other Entities Which Have Worked With Us**

Texas Baptist Men:

Has helped Manos Hermanas with:

Nubian goats for a goat genetic improvement project.

Four community arsenic removal units with ion exchange technology to conserve water and not contaminate the soil with free arsenic waste products, as opposed to current reverse osmosis practice.

Multiple community water arsenic removal purifier units for disaster relief.

Amigos Internacionales Corp:

Provided and shipped two semi-trailer loads with 37,520 1 kilo bags of dehydrated enriched lentil based food supplement for our latest hunger relief project shipment in late 2012 for distribution in 2012 - 2013. Each bag provided 50 rations when rehydrated. Manos Hermanas had previously received 4 separate trailer load donations of soy based food supplement for disaster relief and hunger projects through Texas Baptist Men.

Agricultural Development Foundation:

Provided funds for disaster / hunger relief after hurricane for the Loxicha language region of Oaxaca in 2007. Families in this isolated indigenous region were at risk of losing their lands by migrating to cities to find work and food because their crops and animals were lost in the storm.

We provided sacks of corn for immediate food and “chicken packages” with 7 hens and one rooster to quickly produce eggs and meat for over 1,000 families. We followed with rabbit pairs for quick meat and hide production. We also distributed turkey pairs, garden seed packets, plastic pipe to bring water down from springs to homes, and bee hives.

This previously totally closed area now has a strong indigenous work.

**Question 5.1**

**Statistical Data 2013**

<b>Programs and Projects</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Families helped</b>	<b>Individuals Helped</b>	<b>Children</b>	<b>Rations</b>
Lentil Based Food Supplement	37,200 Kg	37,200	185,000		185,000
Family sized warm blankets	1,500	1,500	1,500		
Medicines for medical outreach clinics (1)	5,000	5,000	5,000	150	
Ecological Family Gardens	53	53	265	18	
Family Food Baskets	15	15	75		
Soccer balls	100			100	
Soccer Clinics (2)	8	8		8	
(1) We provide medicines for free clinics of the Hospital Mexico Americano and Public Health.					
(2) Rescuing youth from drugs and delinquency					

## Question 5.2

### Statistical Data 2014

<b>Programs and Projects</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Families helped</b>	<b>Individuals Helped</b>	<b>Children</b>
Family sized warm blankets	800	800	800	
Medicines for medical outreach clinics	400	400	400	
Ecological Family Gardens (1)	32	32	32	16
Family Food Baskets	66	66	330	
Cervical Cancer Screening (2)	165		165	
Soccer clinics / balls (3)	2 / 80			80
Prostheses for leg amputees	13		13	
Ecological Family Gardens	5	43	215	
Clothing and bedding donated	230	136	136	
<p>(1) Tlajomulco: 15 adults and 11 children, Arenales 17 adults and 5 children</p> <p>(2) Coordinated with State Family Health Services and Hospital Mexico Americano. Patients for culposcopy: 30, Patients for surgery 1, All patients received appropriate treatment needed.</p> <p>(3) Reach youth against drugs and delinquency</p>				

### Question 5.3

#### Statistical Data 2015

<b>Programs and Projects</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Families helped</b>	<b>Individuals Helped</b>	<b>Children</b>
Family sized warm blankets	1,300	1,300	1,300	
Medicines for medical outreach clinics HMA	108	108	108	
Soccer clinics /soccer balls donated (1)	2		59	59
Ecological latrines	11	11	55	
Ecological Family Gardens	5	90	450	
Prostheses for leg amputees	33		33	
Alfalfa concentrate (with family gardens)	2	25	75	
Physical therapy course	38		38	
(1) Reach youth against drugs and delinquency				