

### Fall 2020 Newsletter



#### A NOTE FROM OUR FOUNDER, BILL FARRAR

Dear friends of Fountains of Hope,

I hope that you and your family are doing well in these challenging times! Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Fountains of Hope has had to rethink and focus on what God wants us to do to help God's people in need. FoH has pivoted from our water purification ministry by adding education and food outreaches for children at the schools where we have previously installed water purifier systems. We are working hard to go deeper in the communities where we have installed purifiers by also providing funds to ensure children get an excellent education. Initially, FoH is funding all the classrooms at two schools in Haiti by providing money towards the teacher salaries and food for the children in each classroom.

FoH has set up the "Hope Gives" monthly donation program where a \$100 (or \$50 half portion) recurring monthly donation can fund the salary for a teacher and provide nutritious meals daily for up to 30 children. For Christmas, instead of giving kids more toys than they would ever play with, I would like to invite you and your family to sponsor a classroom for a \$100 per month recurring donation! Where else could you provide the education and daily food needs for a classroom of children for only \$3.33 per day! You will get a photo of the classroom you sponsor.

We at FoH are looking forward to the day when we can travel and international airports re-open. To date, we have postponed seven purifier installation trips. We look forward to taking teams once again and installing our FoH water purifier systems, while also visiting the schools that we sponsor. I will keep you posted on future dates of mission trips but tentatively am praying that we can go to Haiti in December, Myanmar in February and Zimbabwe in March.

May God bless you and keep you safe and healthy!





#### HOPE GIVES ONLINE CAMPAIGN

Our mission and vision are expanding to include food provision and education for children in the communities in which we serve. We will continue to expand the FoH vision by building relationships with churches, ministries and organizations. Our country directors maintain existing purifier systems and identify future installation sites and needs along with meeting our school needs.

Fountains of Hope is in the midst of our "Hope Gives" campaign to help raise funding for the salaries of 50 teachers in Haiti for the year. Just \$100/month can provide a salary for a teacher, which will in turn provide opportunities for education for a classroom of children.

We will be premiering a video about our new campaign and the work of Fountains of Hope on Thursday, November 19. You will have the opportunity to become a monthly giving champion to our cause and to join us in funding teachers and food for children in Haiti. Bill Farrar will also be going live on our Facebook page at 12:30 p.m. on November 19th to discuss the importance of monthly giving to FoH.

#### GIVING THROUGH UNITED WAY

Please designate Fountains of Hope as the recipient of your gifts through the United Way

You can designate your company United Way donations to go to Fountains of Hope through the United Way of Central Indiana. Be sure to write in Fountains of Hope on the line at the bottom of the page. We are grateful for your support!



# United Way of Central Indiana

#### HAVANA NIGHTS EVENT GIVING RECAP

Thank you to those of you who attended our Fountains of Hope Havana Nights Soiree! We appreciate your support of the ministry of Fountains of Hope, especially during this crazy CoVid season. Your generous donations helped FoH to raise over \$36,500 in gifts and pledges that will provide for teachers' salaries, food for children in need and two FoH water purifier systems! We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generous financial gifts and ongoing support of YOUR water purification, education and food and disaster relief ministry. We are just stewards of what you give through FoH!

A special thank you goes out to David and Shiela Rocchio for hosting us at Bridgewater and seven of my Sig Ep fraternity brothers for suggesting that we conduct this Havana Nights event. I noticed that there were many who enjoyed the fine craft beers supplied by Joe Rocchio or sampled of some spectacular Bourbon Whiskeys. Thank you to Dave Rocchio and Allen Spencer for supplying the quality cigars!



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## BOARD SPOTLIGHT: PAUL SANDERS

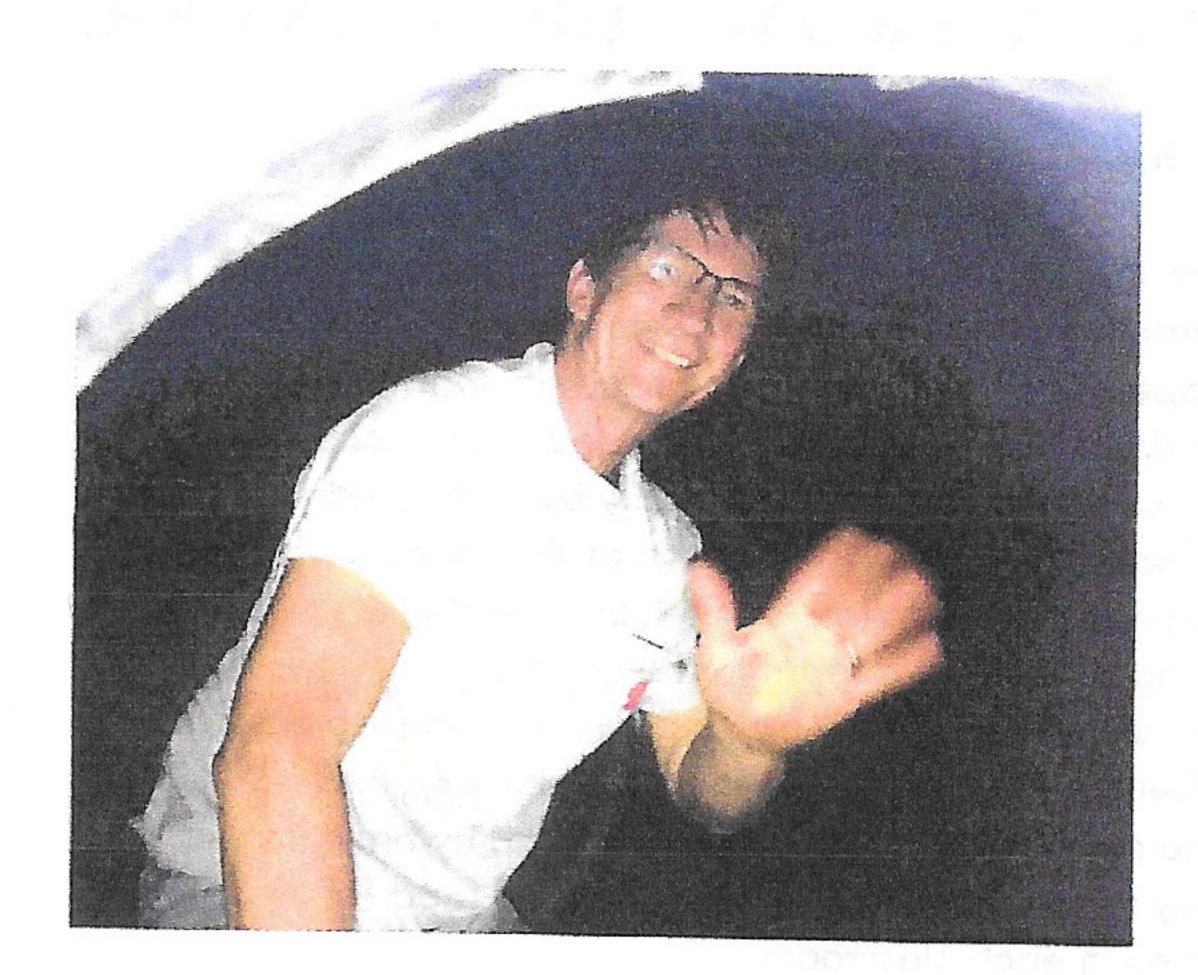
Paul Sanders reflects on his trip to Uganda and the impact that Fountains of Hope has had on his life

We landed at Entebbe, Uganda airport around 11:00 pm. It was a bustling micro international facility.

Very rustic, rudimentary, by American standards.

However, there was an effort towards progress, led by a professionalism about the concourse. We were met by an enthusiastic group of FoH associates. We headed out into the darkness on a well-traveled road riding in a minivan. The Ugandan version of a soccer mom with the whole team in tow.

There is a glaring contrast in Ugandan lifestyles. The educated are middle class seeking to prosper. The non-educated are on a daily search for water. Often the young boys and girls will tote 4–5 gallons of unsanitary water. They will walk 1–2 miles daily, to supplement the household needs.



Paul kneeling inside an FOH water tank as assembly begins

Three of us (FoH Director Bill Farrar, Mike Spratt, and myself) thought our purpose was to deploy four FoH water purification systems and review the installation of three bore holes (wells) for local villages, churches, schools, and an orphanage. These were our plans. God's plan is always so much bigger. We met incredibly faith grounded people, and their families. We had countless encounters with strangers just when we were seeking assistance (Uganda does not have Home Depot). We built relationships with local FoH support staff. We shared life stories and God's word. We saw accomplishments and tragedy.

The truth is, we were the ones receiving the life lesson in blessings. Life-long blessings. The challenges are far from being overcome. There is a lot more to be done.

Blessings in Christ, Paul Sanders - FoH Board Member