



# *Hands of Hope International*

*Helping hands for a hurting world*

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My Dear Friends,

It is with a heavy heart that I must inform you of the passing of Bill Kennedy. Bill was the husband of Jackie, my Administrative Assistant. After 35 years in law enforcement, Bill retired as a police captain four years ago. He was only 61 years of age.

Many of you have met Bill and Jackie, and some of you have not. I feel it is very important to share with you some things that you may not know. I would like to begin by saying that Bill and Jackie were considered part of our family. For the past 35 years, we have shared Christmas, Easter, birthdays and anniversaries, and countless other events together. As charter members of Cypress Church, they were involved greatly in helping me make the Cypress dream become a reality. Jackie has been my right hand in the development of *Hands of Hope International*, and she and Bill devoted countless volunteer hours to the advancement of the *Seeds In HIS Garden (SIHG)* Children's Home in Africa. In spite of his deteriorating health, Bill was especially helpful in our office (technologically) and with our mailings (creatively). He loved *Seeds In HIS Garden*. In fact, just a few days before he died, he expressed his deep desire to go to Africa to work as a volunteer at the home and with the Kenyan police.

Because of Bill's love for *SIHG* and the great amount of time he devoted to it, we have decided to establish a *Bill Kennedy Scholarship Fund* for deserving *SIHG* children. Becky has recommended that children must apply and qualify for scholarships, and that the qualifications include grades, behavior, community service, character, and faith. Some of you may have already contributed. If you haven't and would like to, you may do so by using the enclosed envelope. I am pleased to say that 100% of your gifts will go into this fund.

Bill will be greatly missed by Jackie, their son, Spencer, and countless friends, including me! Through the *Bill Kennedy Scholarship Fund*, we will keep his memory and selfless example of helping others alive!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wayne M. Adams', with several loops and flourishes.

Wayne M. Adams  
President

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Enclosure