We are nearing the beginning of the third year of the Covid-19 pandemic, and yet we endure. Currently, many of the countries that we invest in are learning to live within the pandemic’s limitations. Organizations have found new ways to teach, or to heal or to feed in a pandemic environment. As we begin our annual fundraiser, we thank you for your past support, and we humbly ask you once again to help us in our mission by sending a check to 1302 Waugh Dr. #257, Houston, TX 77019-3908 or by donating at www.allpeoplebehappy.org.

**Update on the Foundation’s Progress**

At our quarterly Board of Directors meeting in August, six Project Grants were awarded: *Education Across Borders, Green Empowerment, LifeNet International, Maji Safi Group, Project Alianza, and Ugandan Water Project*. Earlier in the year, the second year of the Challenge Grant to Green Empowerment for “Renewable Energy Access in Uganda” was awarded. Thus far in 2021, we have put in solar energy systems in 24 primary schools in our Opportunity Project “Solar in Tanzania.” The pandemic has put a renewed focus on the need for clean water, and as detailed below, three of the recently awarded project grants are aimed at providing clean water to communities in need.

**Clean Water a Necessity of Life**
Education Across Borders (EAB) works with the Haitian immigrant living in The Dominican Republic. The increase in Haitian immigrants has swelled the population, creating more outdoor human waste and the pandemic has exacerbated the need for clean water. AllPeopleBeHappy has invested $10,000 for the building of five new composting latrines for ten families to share, the purchase of water filtration systems that will provide 55 families with clean water, and the hiring of an administrator and part-time staff who will train and evaluate efficacy of the water filtration project. Each family will pay a nominal deposit for the filtration system to ensure ownership and accountability. In addition, families receiving latrines will be required to participate in
Ugandan Water Project is a new partner for our Foundation. Their approach is straightforward yet impactful.

“When schools in rural Uganda do not provide clean drinking water, young students face severe repercussions as a routine part of their school days. Children must regularly miss class to make long journeys to the nearest water source, risking long-term educational setbacks. According to data collected from nearly 200 schools, 83% of children with no water on school grounds risk intolerable hazards like rape, assault, and wild animals on their journeys to a water source. Lacking options for treating pathogen-laced water from lakes, rivers, or ditches, children get sick or die.”

The Foundation’s $10,000 grant will provide 550 Ugandan primary school students at two schools with on-site rainwater collection systems, water filter stations, and handwashing stations, coupled with water and hygiene education. These self-contained clean water systems will eliminate children’s need to leave class in order to collect water from far-off contaminated sources. This solution has proven not only to eliminate water-related safety concerns and support students’ health, but also to redeem an average of 90 collective hours of increased time for instruction per school per week.
Green Empowerment is a long-time partner of the Foundation. Our recent $10,000 grant for a water project in Bolivia is part of a larger $80,000 effort. It builds upon work of two 2018 AllPeopleBeHappy Volunteer Service Award grant recipients. “The community of San Marcos is located approximately 50 miles north of Rurrenabaque, Bolivia, situated along the banks of the Beni River. San Marcos is only accessible by boat – a voyage of approximately 4 to 5 hours in good conditions. The location of San Marcos in the Amazonian lowlands along the Beni River puts it at high risk for flooding. Since record-breaking extreme flooding in 2014, the community has been working with the local government and Green Empowerment partner Practical Action to increase their resilience to natural disasters. This project will be used to demonstrate to local government officials a series of new, flood-safe potable water system designs, which can be replicated for future projects and ensure continued public access to clean water during emergency situations. This design will consist of a deep-drilled well of at least 50 meters depth (neighboring communities show evidence that water at this depth is available and free of iron contamination) with elevated flood-resistant casing and head cover, elevated concrete water tower, a chlorination system, and metered distribution system with taps in each home as was developed as part of Steve Meicke and Lisa Hall’s volunteer work. Along with the construction of the new water system, this project will also include essential community hygiene and system operation and maintenance training. The objective of this project is to provide safe drinking water to 140 people living in the community of San Marcos, as well as demonstrate to the local government models of appropriate engineering design for potable water systems, which are resilient against flooding. Through this project, Green Empowerment hopes to set a new standard for the design and implementation of water systems with key government partners in the Beni River region to help increase the success and resiliency of future projects.”