



# HISG Pulse Report

*Connecting Resources to Needs*

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## Community Development

CHINA- Chinese officials estimate that by the year 2040, the number of aged people in China requiring elder care will be approximately 500 million. These people are over the age of 65, many of whom either have no family to care for them or no family members willing to care for them. HISG is actively looking for ways to meet this need before it emerges.

Currently, we are scheduling containers of goods to be shipped to China to help elderly people already in the situation where they have no one to care for them. HISG is also pursuing a program to train Chinese people in elder care and set up a network of elder care facilities.

HISG's mission is to care for the most neglected and vulnerable members of society. This mission is being implemented in this very practical way in China, by linking the resources in our network to meet the needs of these elderly people who have nowhere else to turn.

## Disaster Relief

LOS ANGELES- Mark Sprenger, HISG Director of Disaster Response and Relief, joined state and local officials, FEMA, and U.S. Northern Command in the Federal Joint Field Office in Pasadena for the southern California wildfires relief effort.

Sprenger served as the Interagency Coordination Direction liaison, connecting corporations, non-governmental organizations (NGO), civic groups, and faith-based organizations into aid and relief operations. His role in the Joint Field Office was to assess what aid was given by the private sector, what more could be done, and provide an updated picture of needs and capabilities.

The wildfire relief effort was a significant undertaking, with over 10,000 people registering with FEMA for assistance. HISG played a key role in opening up avenues for groups wanting to help in the rebuilding process.

## Upcoming Schedule

October 28-December 1: HISG team in Darfur for relief  
November 26-28: Global Operations Center vision meetings

## HISG Operations

ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO- HISG is excited to announce the addition of five new regional offices to better serve the needs of people around the world. These new offices will provide their respective regions with a more permanent connection to HISG networks and vastly increase HISG's capability to connect resources to needs. The new offices are located in Vancouver, Canada; Amman, Jordan; London, England; Geneva, Switzerland; and Nairobi, Kenya.

The Vancouver office is directed by Rich Kao and is the headquarters for HISG-Canada. HISG-Canada will assist with HISG initiatives primarily in Asia.

Jamal Hasweh leads the Amman, Jordan office. This location will serve the people and countries of the Middle East and North Africa.

Tim Cross will oversee the London office. He and his staff will give HISG a permanent European presence.

The Geneva office is a joint venture between HISG and Global Hope Network International. Geneva is home to the United Nations and several major relief organizations.

Ibrahim Omondi is the manager of the office in Nairobi, Kenya. This office will provide a base for all of HISG's operations in Africa.

For contact information as well as pictures of the new offices, please visit [www.HISG.org](http://www.HISG.org).

## Department Focus- Warehouse

COLORADO- A central part of HISG's mission is moving supplies to underprivileged areas where they will do the most good. HISG has funded an 8,500 square foot warehouse in Fort Collins, Colorado where donations are collected and packed for shipment to needy communities and disaster relief efforts.

The warehouse is staffed by Jean Kaye Wilson and other volunteers from our partner organization, HELP International. There is virtually nothing that this team of volunteers cannot do. Through HELP International, HISG has shipped medical equipment, educational supplies, gas-powered electric generators, computers, clothing, furniture, mattresses, toys, baby supplies and food to every part of the world.

Please visit the [News section of HISG.org](http://News section of HISG.org) to see pictures of the warehouse and read more about how HISG is connecting resources to needs.