



# The HOPE Response

In Tanzania, Africa



## Hope Response is... The "Good News" of Christ to the Nations

We have for years looked for every chance possible to reach the nations for Christ that God brings among us. It is the relationships here with refugees, exchange students and ministries to Africans that the "open door" came for us to go there for 5 weeks to minister of how Christ fulfills any loss, pain and grief as the ultimate "Hope Response."

What was it Jesus preached? He had not yet been crucified, buried nor risen again? Luke 4:17ff tells us "And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written: *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the Good News to the poor, he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."* And he closed the book...saying unto them, *"This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."* He cares about the poor, the broken, the captives, the blind, the oppressed and those in need of Him--- in body, mind and soul. So Jesus said *"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind...and your neighbor as yourself."* Matt.22:37f



## Reaching the Unreached

*A Muslim man who heard the Hope Response message in the Sober House said afterwards....*

*Today I was convinced that I must pray to Jesus for the hope of Paradise!*

*-Kaseem H.*

Imagine with us these "open doors" as if you were to share the story of Christ! It will make you ask yourself which countries really are "closed" and if the same could or would be done here?

- 🚩 Student body of colleges and universities brought to hear in full assemblies
- 🚩 Live in a Muslim home and taken to every relative's home in the area
- 🚩 Speak to government directors and minister of home affairs
- 🚩 Led to talk to those in hospitals and Sober Houses by the Medical Director
- 🚩 A day with Maasai girl's rescued from FGM or the head man of a polygamous "boma"
- 🚩 Interact with street kids in many orphanages who were saved
- 🚩 Urged to come pray for the sick or troubled in many village homes
- 🚩 Desperate women coping with HIV, domestic violence or sexual assault



# Partnering with the Church

## Local Church

The Family of God is meant to bless one another with the spiritual gifts that God has given for the purpose of "building up" the body of Christ! The Hope Response to Loss, Pain and Grief was so welcome as it ministered to them first so that they could comfort others.

**CHRIST Comforts!** 2 Cor. 1:3,4

- Trainings to Pastors
- Area Conference of 200+
- Hope Story Workshops



Full-time pastor has gone without salary two months and church rent due.



Hosts and translators.

**YOU CAN HELP** by Pastor's Support \$100/mo, Pastor Seminary \$600, Speakers \$450, Projector \$375, Tent for church building \$4,000, Pastor ministry vehicle \$ 5,000

## Spiritual Forces

Traditionalism involving witches, curses, charms and demons expressing themselves openly was more common than here. Yet... "Also, many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices."

**CHRIST Saves!** Acts 19:18

- Home-to-Home visits
- Sharing HPR tracts
- Prayer for deliverance



Charms to be burned publicly as in Acts 19.



Over 1000 registered witches

**YOU CAN HELP** by paperback Bibles in Swahili \$4 each and tracts \$200 with "Get Help" contact info to be given door-to-door and on visits.

## Discipleship

Loss, pain and grief can lead one to reach out to God for the first time yet it also challenges the Christian. Why is this happening to me? Why isn't God protecting me? Entitled. Or is he punishing me for my past? The Hope Response builds disciples.

**CHRIST Endures!** Matt.16:24

- Form Hope Response groups
- Theology of Suffering studies
- Baptisms



**YOU CAN HELP** by sponsoring the cost of translation into Swahili the HOPE Response workbook \$350 for use in small groups and colleges.

## Outreach

There was an advantage we saw we had in being the "white Americans from the USA" that people wanted to talk with us and hear what we had to say. So doors opened wide and with our great translators we had a wide scope of outreach to share Christ from the point of meeting them in their loss, pain and grief. Likewise Paul, a "Jew of Jews" was sent to the Gentiles -with great success!

**CHRIST Reconciles!** 2 Cor. 5:11-13

- Street Sharing with tracts
- Speaker to college students
- Community gathering places

In Life's Challenges



Go where they are at and turn talk to be about Christ.



Be prepared in season and out of season to give a reason for the hope that lies within.

**YOU CAN HELP** by Topic booklets \$2/ea., tracts \$100/case, Radio program \$80



# Helping the Vulnerable

## Maasai Tribe

The moment we arrived, our first day was spent with these Maasai girls who were rescued from FGM (Female Genital Mutilation). Their parents are given a “dowry” in a child marriage and the future husband collects his bride once puberty has happened. When a girl goes through puberty then the preparation for her husband begins with the circumcision of her parts with no anesthesia and often rusty blades. As a wife she is able to be shared with all the Maasai men that are the same age as her husband because by their tradition they are polygamous. Thus the resulting spread of HIV, pain and trauma even death. This tribe is over a million strong living so poor and remote. So what is a Hope Response to this?



**How does Christ as a “Hope Response” impact trauma, HIV, abuse, FGM, polygamy, orphans, addiction, suicide and education?**



*Daoudi, a Maasai man we met, share his story. As a child he saw a church being built while herding the cattle far from his “boma”. He went one day to peek in the window to see what they were doing and it was a school teaching them how to read a book about the man on a cross. Upon his return home he shared with excitement what he learned and his father cut his gut as a warning to never go again! But his spirit yearned for it so he continued at great risk of life. He received Christ and learned to read. Christians paid for him to go to school all the way through to university. Now he knew that it was the prompts of the Holy Spirit saying “return home” to help your people for they suffer greatly. He married a woman, Anna, also Maasai that he met in school, had a baby girl and returned. He said “it is because of Christ that Anna will be my only wife and my daughter shall never know FGM, and by God’s help we will do a school that can help people read the Bible to know Christ too.”*

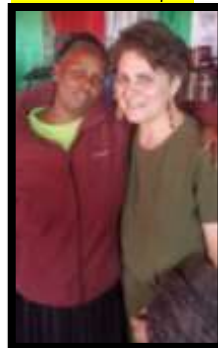
Homesick 12 year old girls fearing for life.  
**Sponsor a girl \$35/mo**



Vocational Skill training vs. marriage  
**Send Fabric \$140**



Husband’s ways leaves women victims of HIV.  
**Microbusiness \$40**



Reunified couple’s House of Refuge  
**Hope Wkbk \$20**



Preschool gives a head start in Christ  
**Reading Books \$50**



Christ saves one to save many  
**Support \$100**



# Arizona Bridges from Africa

## Refugees



Refugees from Africa as well as other countries have been rescued from war-torn and disaster areas of the world. Olivia has begun this year to teach in a charter school this year that has many refugees and immigrants that volunteer class assistants would be very helpful. We believe that God has brought them for His purposes especially when we it may be the "last days." Matthew 24:14 says "And this **Good News about the Kingdom will be preached through all the world for a witness to all people; and then the end will come.**" **JOIN US AS VOLUNTEERS**

- Every 2<sup>ND</sup> Saturday for Refugee Apartment Outreach
- English and the Word of God (Syrians, Yasidi)
- Any School Day Classroom Helper with refugees
- Christmas Outreach (12/14 Kurds, 12/23 Africans)

## Exchange Students



Our journey with Tanzania began in 2013 hosting a Muslim girl from Zanzibar, Tanzania. A Christian leader there said to us "speak of this love that you have for Muslims as this is what our people need to hear to reach out to them." While here she asked me to get her a full Bible in Swahili to read as she is from an area of 99% Muslims not able to. We stayed with her for a while when we were there. Her cousin seeks to come study which is our country's greatest "diplomacy initiative". Yet now as a man feels free to know Christ. His mom asked us to teach her "Christ's Hope Response." **PRAY FOR AND HOST A STUDENT**

- Pray for Muslims and other students here to know Christ.
- Host an exchange student and minister 1:1 as a family.
- Social host a college student and share Christ.

## Tribal



We enjoyed a visit to the Chaga Tribe near Mount Kilimanjaro and enjoyed the native process of making coffee. Songs made just for crushing the coffee bean reminded us of the "bird songs" of the Hualapai. Even their traditional homes are similar as you can see. We have a team of native youth from our weekly Hope Response group that will be going on *mission* over Fall Break. Pray for the many tribes we work with and **OUTREACH TEAM DEVELOPMENT** for now and in the future.

- 9/27 Navajo Christian Leader Connect with Salt River
- 10/8-11 Hualapai-Supai Fall Break Mission Trip
- 10/16 Yasidi People (weekly for 12 weeks)
- 10/20 Salt River High School Homecoming
- 11/17 Hopi Memorial Service on past Elders

## Disaster



West African descendants in the Bahamas were hit with a Cat.5 hurricane. 70,000 homeless, 50 dead and 1300 missing. Some made it to West Palm Beach but many desperate needs remain for all helping and heart-breaking stories! **PRAY FOR HOPE!**

*The Piantedosi Family*

Thank you for your amazing prayer and financial support in a time of our great need! As you remain faithful and we respond together to the "open doors" the Lord leads us to enter may we see Christ be known as the HOPE Response!

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