



HOPE RESPONSE NEWSLETTER, JUNE 2016

# HOPE Response, Inc.



(Piantedosi Prayer)

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## Refugees Among Us

by Piantedosi Family

"The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God." Leviticus 19:34 Or

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." Matthew 25:35

### One Family's Story

Halawa and his family share about seeing their family farm and orchards for generations completely destroyed by political terrorists. Trekking miles, sleeping in camps, warming themselves besides burning trash heaps to then be transported to some foreign country. English learning and daily needs a struggle.

### Refugees and Immigrants

Burmese, Congolese, Iraqi, Turkish, and many others have joined the familiar Mexican immigrants that we have grown accustomed to. God is bringing the unreached peoples of the world to us, no longer waiting for us to say "send me!" Yet it seems that it is easy to just leave them to themselves in their own little community due to the language barrier and different

customs. Yet it will never be easier or safer for us to reach out as "...Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God." 2 Cor. 5:20.

### How We Can Make a Difference

"And one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?" James 2:16 These people most of all need Christ yet an open door to share comes with meeting a need such as furniture, household items, food and clothes as well as tutoring in English. Some of their youth speak English as well but just knowing you care brings a warm welcome. It is often shocking for them to know that it is a Christian that is doing this for them because of their experience and division. We told a Native Tanzanian pastor about our hosting an exchange student from the Zanzibar Islands in our home and he said "I cannot believe this, you welcomed a Muslim into your very home, to live with you?" We said yes! And he said "we must have you come to share your story of this with our Christian people for this love they must show here!"



### Widows and Orphans

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this; to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." James 1:27 The HOPE Response helps them grieve and yet see the hope possible through Christ!



### Train Up A Child

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6 Plan to play with a child and share stories of Christ!

# “HOPE Response” Camp at HOPILAND

This year will be the 10<sup>th</sup> year of doing the HOPI Christian Camp youth. So for the first time, we will teach the “HOPE Response” to the youth. Children are the true victims of loss, pain and grief as they are living dependent on their caregivers fully. So what do you do when you see their sullen face, grades dropping, or kicking the dog? It is important for them to know Jesus Christ and the HOPE found in His word.

They need to know Psalm 34:18 “The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saved the crushed in spirit” and to know that He has “put my tears in Your bottle.” Psalm 56:8 and so much more. There are 10 sessions:

- ✚ Why is there loss, pain and grief?
- ✚ Our Sin and Others Sin
- ✚ Get Help (Romans 13)
- ✚ Emotions and Responses (2 Cor.7)
- ✚ Get Open (Ephesians 5)
- ✚ Get Praying (Matthew 6)
- ✚ What we know of God
- ✚ True Forgiveness
- ✚ Get Encouraged (2 Cor.1)
- ✚ Pass it On

We are forming a multi-cultural youth team to help with the youth outreach of these and to share their “HOPE” stories.

You can sponsor a child by buying a HOPE Response workbook for one or several for camp. Or donate craft supplies or cover the cost of a team shirt that identifies them as the ministry team. Bibles are always needed!

## PRAYER NEEDED MOST OF ALL!!

- Pray for the sensitivity of the topic
- Pray the Holy Spirit heals the hurts
- Pray the HOPE gives power over sin
- Pray the family sees positive changes

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*The Ecuadoreans of Muisne depended on the mangroves and lived off the land.*

## Ecuador Ravaged by Earthquake

On April 16, 2016, at 7:58 in the evening an earthquake hit coastal villages about 110 miles from Quito, Ecuador at the point of 7.8 on the richter scale with 659 people killed and 27,732 injured. Praise the Lord for the 1<sup>st</sup> Responders to such tragedy of 13,500 military and police persons and countless agencies from other countries. Yet any survivor of such natural disasters will tell you that it is when all is settled and close to the anniversary that the storm hits their hearts and minds. The surfacing feelings, triggered reactions, invasive memories, reactive and protective fears are all what they most need help with. It is a time when people and children need help to turn towards God rather than blame God! So we are seeking to train the next wave of responders to go next June....

**HOPE Responders** Needed: Those with a heart for sharing this HOPE to children, adults, married couples, and elderly! We hope to form a team that has all kinds of abilities and giftings from music, to medical, to story-telling and to construction that are willing to learn how to share the HOPE Response teaching of Christ. Therefore, Spanish speakers preferred for this trip but not exclusively. There are those called to be “goers” and others called to be “senders” that are willing to come alongside of such a team as a strong prayer and financial supporter of the needs the “goer” will face.

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