



HOPE Response, Inc.

"Piantedosi Prayer"

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ZONE ZERO

A Hope Responders after the Earthquake

Ecuador suffered an **earthquake** of 7.8 magnitude on April 16, 2016, and "Zone Zero" is where HOPE Response took a team of "HOPE Responders" from May 23- June 8. We lived with them in their homes with plastic on walls, dirt floors and running water allowed 2x/week.

HOPE Responders are those who come in after the First Responders have worked hard to stabilize an area after a disaster. Their ministry is to bring the comfort of knowing Christ at just the time when emotions have the liberty to surface the pain and those questions of **"why God?"** or "Does God really care about me?" We shared how Jesus too

asked "My hast thou me?" when the cross. we suffer is we have seen with and the of John 9. know they choice in respond to



God, why forsaken He hung on Not all that because sinned as Job, Joseph blind man We let them still have a how they their own

suffering like 2 Cor.7:10 describes a **"godly sorrow"** that leads to being saved and gives life, but there is also a "worldly sorrow" that leads to death. Psalm 34:18 says "The Lord is near to the broken-hearted and saves the crushed in spirit," so guard your response from being a hard-heart that blames God and rejects His comfort and healing. Ever since paradise, we were created to be in a **personal relationship** with Him and often it is exactly that purpose He desires from out of the disasters in our life. We were able to share this message in the homes, schools, beach, and stores with at least 160+ who received Christ. (John 1:12) We designed tracts with this very message that the churches eagerly joined in being "HOPE Responders!" Many pastors shared events they plan to use these at in upcoming special outreaches.

OUTREACHES



TOGETHER IS THE KEY

Gifted for Building the Church

Ephesians 4:7-13 "He has given each one of us a special gift... to equip God's people to do his work and to build up the church." We do not cross into another culture because they do not have those gifted by God but because He calls us for "just such a time as this." Paul was a "Jew of Jews" yet he was called to the Gentiles by God. We seek to pass on to one another what He has entrusted to each other especially in times of need. Just as we see organizations from all over the world come to the scene of a disaster to minister to the physical needs, why should it not be the same for the emotional and spiritual needs that are not as readily noticed? We are his tools. These are the ways in which this happened:

- Designed a tract specific to Ecuador (a known picture of the earthquake used to connect.)
- Modeled sharing your "HOPE Story" (inspiring others to share their story)
- Performed puppet skits on Hope in Loss (June 1st they celebrate "Day of the Child" so our team used puppets to talk of Hope in Christ during times of trouble.)
- Partnered with locals for door-2-door visits (We went out two or three together several hours each day praying specifically and applying the message personally to win souls for Him.)
- Prayer ministry with leaders
- Trained Christian Leaders in the HOPE Response to Loss, Pain and Grief with materials in Spanish (PowerPoint/book)
- Internet training to begin from USA
- Youth Leader Development Exchange

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We appreciate whatever is the best gift you can give towards His ministry that still continues on!

