

Focus on this >>>

*“Be confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”*

*Philippians 1:6*



Ways to GIVE

A Quarterly Insight into the Hope Response Life

# Hope Response



Hope Story >>>

## Alejandra, A Latina Seeker turns Intercessor

*The God-shaped hole in a life cannot be filled with anything else but Jesus to be satisfied!*

The Promised Land for this Latina turned out to be everything hoped for with good work, a lovely home and mini-van, an education, and two healthy kids by a loving husband but she asked “with all this, why do I still feel so empty inside?” This was an open door to share Christ and His plan from the beginning for us which she received with full joy. It spilled over to her husband who came to Christ too and we began weekly to meet with them to grow in Christ. At times when we came, the room would be filled with 15 other seekers! This follower was then filled with the passion to pray. She grew in her spiritual gift to have city-wide influence that inspires intercession as her Hope Response to those who cry out to God in crisis!

## Following God’s Work

*Be ready for God sightings and divine appointments!*

*“I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron.” Isaiah 45:2. So do not fear, for I am with you.” Isa. 41:2*

Only God can move a Syrian refugee to call on us “Christians”, to come be the only ones at his bedside as he died of pancreatic cancer and pray to Jesus. Or to send a teen Latino boy to our doorstep at night for help from severe anxiety and so ready to receive Christ.

Or to have a Vietnamese father come in tears to the “Yesu” people in the apartment complex to beg for help as his 3 kids were removed from their home asking “what must I do to make things right?” There is no greater joy than to see a little



Iraqi Muslim girl listen intently to every story of Jesus and to run up to greet you, grab your hand and say “I love Jesus so much.” What about the Afghani mom of 5 children and no husband, whose eldest son says “I am the man of this house now and I want to know of Jesus Christ.” It was also humbling to hear the Karen teenage girl from Myanmar say “I am a refugee here because my people suffered for Jesus Christ refusing to become Buddhist.”

The final words of anyone are taken with great importance and every intent to carry out their last requests. Jesus as well expected this of his followers when he gave the Great Commission to “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...teaching them to

observe all that I commanded you; and, I am with you.” Matthew 28:19,20. “GO” to the congregation of the lost. Eph.4 says that those living life apart from Christ are “confused”, “corrupted”, “controlled” by many passions as we once were

until knowing Christ. We have been doing this outreach and seeking to develop those who come on “serve days” to join us regularly in this doing door-to-door prayer, home visits to hope respond, children’s day camps, and English and the Word of God classes. Teams going on mission trips for a summer would have invaluable experience working along side of us so that what they do can have real kingdom impact! Give your time!



Give the story of Jesus and be a spiritual mother or father!

Give Hope in Disaster >>>

# Do You Believe?

*"I thought I was sick with a terrible dizzy feeling. I stumbled to the doorway. The buildings across the street were really swaying. It was like being rocked in a boat, sounds of crackling, as in electric lines popping. I yelled out, 'God save me!'"*



## Mexico

A day that is feared and etched in the memory of a Mexican is 9/19, the day of "Killer Quakes" with the first taking 10,000 lives. This time on the exact same date, we now know that 6,000 were injured and 368 lost. The cry is still "God save us!"

## Africa

Democratic Republic of Congo this December faced the second largest outbreak of Ebola in history while at the same time the people hit their breaking point in suffering under the 18 year long dictator. Pressing for their free election but as the time arrived, they awoke to 80% of their voting machines were destroyed by arsenal fires. Yet they still did a vote and won! But over the years, Congolese have been put in over 5 refugee camps in Tanzania due to it all.



Hope Responders strategically go after the physical needs have been met and people begin to get open or search for meaning in their pain. We believe the feet that bring the "Good News" is like unto gold and silver. (Acts.3:6) We will go to Mexico and Africa.

## Summer Trips to Respond

We do believe that "God saves" and while we can explain the geological realities of why a natural disaster happens, it does not take away from the fact that it has been to many like a "wake up call" to think of God.

- Pray for the "open doors" vs. setbacks.
- Pray for the formation of the teams.
- Pray for the partners in local leaders.
- Pray for the resources that are needed.
- Pray for protection for all harm.



## The Open Door >>>

# A House of Refuge

*A place of refuge is "a safe place, one to where you flee to get away from people or places that are unsafe." We have sought to make our home exactly this kind of place. There have been times that an exchange student felt "culture shock" that affected their ability to adapt in a host family so we sent first to us to help before going home. Or a Spanish-speaking congregation that was asked to leave so the space they had been allowed to use could be given to another ministry, so we offered our home and yard for them to meet in until another way might open for them. Native elders coming for medical appointment were welcomed to stay the night in our home as well as receive spiritual refreshment. Weekly a home meal is made for Native or Latino youth facing struggles such as family conflict, drugs, self-injury, failures, and deep losses to hear from God's Word in safety! Also, training facilitators to do the same in their home or church!!*

Topics covered:

- ✓ Trauma and "Presence"
- ✓ 'To Be or Not to Be' thoughts
- ✓ Coping Options and Habits
- ✓ Living "Lost" and "Found"
- ✓ Peace vs. Anxiety
- ✓ God's Plan for Healing
- ✓ Power of Prayer
- ✓ Spiritual Dangers or Weapons
- ✓ Real Guilt and Shame
- ✓ God or gods of our making?

Pray for our home!



Hope Responders Weekly Small Group

## How you give?

*We thank those of you who have been faithful to pray and give and ask those who may feel God's call to do the same. Pray God raises up volunteers and Kingdom Investors to impact others for Him with us!*

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