

Piantedosi Prayer

HOPE Response, Inc.



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Thy Kingdom Come

...Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" Mt.6:10

What will heaven be like? Imagine, the nations will praise Him together and the body of Christ will be united as one before Him just as Christ prayed in that garden of Gethsemane. John 17

Earthly kingdoms and rulers have come and gone with the promises of hope yet only to make us want all the more the "King of Kings" and his righteous rule. This is the message that we bring no matter what the race, religion, age and gender that "This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is no other name under heaven given among men by which

we must be saved." Acts 4:12 This was exactly the salvation that Jesus came to accomplish, not as a great rabbi, or another prophet but as the very Son of God. "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

We, as believers in Christ are the evidence of his kingdom established in our hearts. "Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. THEREFORE, GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS..." Matthew 28:18,19

So together with you, we will do this! Ask Him, your Master, what has He entrusted you with as far as



PRAY TOGETHER AND CONSIDER...

talents, resources, time and the passions of your heart He has developed in you. Like Matthew 25, how will you be found as a servant to have multiplied and to hear "Well done, good and faithful servant, you have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much!" Consider the ways you can join us as you read on.

Special points of interest:

- Ecuador HOPE Disaster Response Trip
- Refugee English Classes in the Park and Bible Stories
- Hopi: Christian Leaders in Training Home Center
- Latino "HOPE Responders" Training

PROJECT: HOPE Disaster Response (Volunteers Needed)

The earthquake in Ecuador has left many that were already poor to now living in tents and feeling hopeless in a time they need to rebuild. When first responders are gone is when reality sets in.

It is a time that the cry rises up of "why God?" or "does God even care about what

happens to us?" Their world is turned upside down and they need hope. Like Paul in Acts 3:6 we say, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ... rise up and walk!" What if it were you?

May 23—June 7 Our team

goes to Ecuador to minister the HOPE Response to Loss, Pain and Grief. Please donate towards the:

Cost of air travel \$1,000

- Van rental \$100 per person.
- Cost of tract/book printing
- Mobile puppet stage
- Victim Needs

Project: HOPI Training Home

The HOPI Christians we have worked with for ten years have a dream now! Having come full circle though loss, pain and grief desire to rebound by "passing it on."

God has blessed them with several buildings and a small but mighty congregation that want to reach their people and the world. So the thought came to mind for them to invite *Leaders-in-Training* to come for a weekend, week, month, summer or longer to engage in "hands-on" ministry among them. Whether they come to preach, teach, counsel, plan outreach events or do door-to-door visitation and witnessing they will be so encouraged by the Hopi that it will feel like home!

They have asked us to help with their vision in these ways:

- Construction Workers and Supplies
- Beds, Furniture and house items
- Plumbers and Electricians
- Mechanics
- Bible College Student Visits
- Church Leader Retreats
- VBS Workers & Craft Supplies

They were inspired by several Native young people that we brought on our mission trips and others who have come to Christ that the Hopi's have helped mentor. Ronald, a Hopi youth, they raised money for him to go to a music school in the summers.



Project: HOPE Responder Training

HOPE Response trainings introduce a person to Jesus Christ or help one grow in their relationship with Christ! There are 3 areas of focus where there is a season of openness to the hope in His Word. In times of...

1. Loss, Pain and Grief
2. Family Love and Conflict
3. Faith Seekers

There are programs that

"HOPE Responders" reach out spiritually with hope that leads to life today and eternally!

train all walks of people to do CPR so as to respond to a physical "heart attack." Yet in times of loss, pain and grief or when one has family conflicts there is the experience of spiritual "heart attacks!" A HOPE Responder, in essence, learns to do HPR for those seeking God in these times. There are even those who may have all their needs met but

still feel an emptiness inside or have even grown up in the church and need to experience "faith" in Him.

We need your help in leading others to faith and to multiply **HOPE Responders** by

- **Monthly regular financial support**
- **Volunteer Translators for Spanish, Swahili, Arabic, Turkish, etc.**
- **Printing costs of books for HPR Training (\$100 sponsors 10 people at a ministry training outreach)**
- **Sponsor printing HPR tracts**

Project: Refugee Response

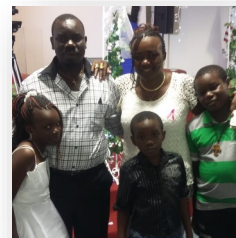
Refugees have been being received since 1975 from Indochina, then Vietnam, then the Soviet, Laos, Cuba, Kosovo, Burmese, Congo, Iraq and now Syria. Leslie has been involved with literacy/English centers as far back as 1980 for Laotian's while in Bible college. Why?

Because the heart of God is in 2 Peter 3:9, that "The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise,...not wanting anyone to perish, but for all to come to repentance." Missionaries have been sent all over the world that the nations may come to know

Christ, but not enough. We see that God the Sovereign has allowed *some* of the nations to come here! We seek to be found faithful to be His messengers of the "Good News." If this is your heart you can join us in these ways:

- **March 13: English begins in the Park with Bible Stories. Others have already started**
- **Adopt-A-Family: visit, help and invite**
- **July 24-28: VBS for refugees**

**NEED: Arabic/English Bibles-\$500 for event
Craft Supplies-\$500 sponsor event
Dry Erase White Board on Easel
Food for event-\$500**



Project: Road Warriors

HOPE Response is always on the go! Each year we have taken a youth team on a "Mission Road Trip" and the van now has over a 100,000 miles on it. Each month we go to Hopiland which is a 600 mile round trip. We had calls to go to many tribes which are in remote areas and our SUV now has over 205,000 miles on it. We know the commission is to "GO and make disciples..." so we will take the training to the people. We come along-side of ministries and help with outreaches even if they need the use of our van or SUV for an event....ALL TO REACH THE LOST!

We have several hard-working ministries who could also really use an SUV, church van or a second-hand school bus so they can pick people up for the ministry. Even old cars or mini-vans. They can be donated to HOPE Response and will receive a gift in kind receipt. The vehicle will be

given to a ministry or family as needed.

We have slept on air mattresses in native churches to do ministry and in tents with teenage teams to facilitate youth camps.

If God has given you the means to help in any of these ways....we would be grateful!



HOPE Response Travel Trailer and Van

- Tires replaced (\$600 each 6 months)
- Mechanic services
- School Bus or Van, (even cars)
- Portable Event Tent
- Blow-up Mattresses
- Small hauling trailer



Project: Service Exchange

We seek to serve with a purpose: to advance the kingdom of God and that others may come to know Jesus Christ in a personal relationship.

Mobilizing the church to use their spiritual gifts for the building up of the church is one of our great privileges. Eph.4:11 "And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." It is with guided opportunities to serve that spiritual gifts are discovered

and exercised which is part of our **HOPE Response to Faith!** The complete training in this area includes:

1. Biblical Literacy (Overview of Bible)
2. Spiritual Giftings (Test and practice)
3. Witnessing (Share your HOPE story)
4. Apologetics (Defense of the faith)

We match the needs God makes known to us with the skills, talents and spiritual gifts of those seeking to serve "in His name." Mk.9:41 Every 2nd Saturday with UnitePhx

we provide service opportunities from 8am—12 noon. We have taken people to visit refugee families, had holiday events like for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and set up a learning center for kids.

Some current service needs are:
 Preaching and Teaching
 Cooking
 Music Mix Lists
 English teaching
 Children's teachers
 Videographer
 Accountant
 Mechanic
 Floor Tilers / Painters / Roofers
 Home visitation teams
 Audio/Visual Recording
 Puppet and stage design

"Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

Project: HOPE Response Investor Club

HOPE Response is growing in its reach and therefore is in greater need of support. Those of you who know kingdom work also know that there is even greater need "that we may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil, for we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." Eph.6:11,12 So we need **INVESTORS**

who will support us in intensive prayer, time and/or resources. In the fall, we will be hosting an banquet to inform and inspire any of those you would recommend to us would be good to attend.

If you share our passion and support this ministry please help "Fill a table" with:

- Prayer warrior recommendations
- Multicultural Board member referrals
- Kingdom investors gifted to give
- Grant writers



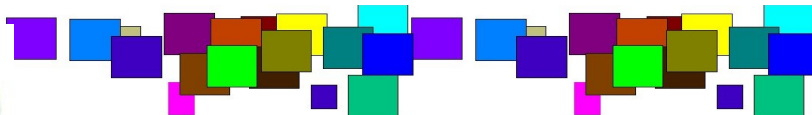
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HOPE Response, Inc. is a global, non-profit organization that trains any individual as a "HOPE Responder"! We reach out with a compassionate response to the whole person. A HOPE Responder seeks to help heal the heart, home, human experience and gatherings of those suffering!

Loss, pain and grief can come from trauma and tragedies but also wrongs done by others or even from choices we wish we had not made. Our "response" to these matters! It can lead to either further hopelessness or life-giving hope!

We believe that every soul was created to be in relationship with God in order to be fulfilled! That connection with God was broken by sin and paradise was lost. Ever since then the soul's search has tried to fill that "God-shaped" hole with that which does not satisfy.

God made a way for us to be restored to life! Through Jesus Christ, God's own son, who became flesh and lived this life without doing anything wrong. He was the promised one ever since that first connection was broken! He had to become broken for us. Life is given when we tell him all our brokenness and trust Him to take it and make us new. It is when His life is in us that we become whole and fulfilled wherever we are at!

The Piantedosi Family

Ministering since 1994, then led to found HOPE Response, Inc. as their "magnum opus" bringing together their years of various ministry among the Latinos, Native Americans and literally the nations of the world through exchange students from almost every country. Realizing the Lord has brought the nations to us, we must respond.

We were blessed with our daughter, Olivia, who is studying Elementary Education and Special Needs at Grand Canyon University. Then twice blessed, with our son, Matthew, who is a sophomore in High School and plays football and basketball. They are active as well in our ministry!

Nick received his Master's Degree at Phoenix Seminary and Leslie from Biola University. We church planted in AZ among Latinos the Buenas Nuevas Ministerios while also working in Christ-centered mental health. Ten years with CHIEF Ministries among Native American tribes and Exchange Students.

Dear Fellow Believers,

We greatly value your care and confidence over these many years of ministry. You have joined with us in so many outreach events



that God has provided for us, because He truly goes before us. You have thrilled with us in the stories of how God has transformed lives or open doors in surprising ways! He has promised in our Great Commission that "I am with you always!"

Thank you for your prayers, your gifts, your actual labor with us in projects and encouragement in our calling to serve Him!

*In Him,
The Piantedosi's*