

HOPE RESPONSE, INC.

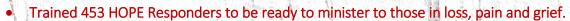
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Winter 2018

Dear Family, Friends and Fellow believers,

In this New Year we hope you will join with us to consider the ways in which God puts His very own "Divine Appointments" in your pathway. It is the opportunity for you to <u>get personal</u> and take in the moment. We can be so planned, so driven, so goal-oriented that we don't remain flexible enough to even notice how we may keep in sync with Him. In 1 Cor.13:9 we are told "we are laborers together with God" and just as you watch for the path of the wind so also we can be attentive to the moving of God's Holy Spirit. Consider what scenes come to mind of when "Jesus stopped" and was moved to compassion! The blind man crying out to Him by the side of the road heard Him say "what do you want me to do for you?" "I want to see." And he received his sight and followed Jesus. (Mark 10:46-52) He said "Let the little children come to me" (Matt. 19:14) Or the woman at the well or the sick man lowered through the roof. It is our prayer to raise up HOPE Responders that are known not just for going into all the world and making disciples but measured by what "stops them in their tracks" like Jesus to minister to those in loss, pain and grief. Be co-laborers with Him!

These are answers to your prayers in 2017



- Partnered with 22 churches in facilitating a community HOPE Response
- Joined with UnitePhx to provide a monthly service day for a 10 church coalition
- A Disaster Response team to Ecuador led close to 200 to Christ and 4 training schools
- Completed a devotional book of 120 day "HOPE Response to Life's Challenges"
- Held a Hopi Christian Youth Camp of 9 sessions on "HOPE Response to Family Love"



- Taught HOPE Responders of American Indian College Students
- Prepared 8 Ecuadorean Exchange Students for a year in the USA
- A refugee VBS of 150 nightly in a park on the "Life of Jesus"
- Host families for Thanksgiving shared with Syrian refugee families
- Partnered with Burmese Christians in a Christmas outreach
- Korean Christians involved in English and the Word of God classes



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- Spanish tracts and HOPE Response training
 HOPE Response to Faith Series taught in Spanish
- Children's Disaster Response Big Book designed
- Door-to-door teams and tracts in 3 languages
- Mentoring youth in ministry and preaching
- GCU Outreach Team trained in HOPE Response
- California HOPE Responders trained

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven." Matthew 5:16 "If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ." 2 Corinthians 4:3-5

Ministry Vision for 2018

NATIVE AMERICA



We continue with wide open doors among tribes as a help where needed. Some highlights upcoming are:

On February 3rd we have been given the privilege of sharing the HOPE Response training for all interested on the Salt River Tribe and developing youth for outreach.

Additionally, we have begun the process to start offering the HOPE Response in their jail.

We will join the Hopi Day of Prayer in March and deliver many things for the HOPI training house.

HOPE Response trainings and joint ministry are also being set up for several Native American tribes and taking youth along on these to share their stories.

LATINOS



Spanish-speaking teammates returned from ministry in Ecuador "on fire" and their stories have spread the desire for outreach. So out of this the youth have said they want us to begin with them door-to-door efforts monthly as they did over there. There will also be a missions-related activities that we do with them to develop leaders among the generations. A coalition of Latino churches here in the valley will also be receiving the Spanish version of HOPE Several Response training. have already expressed the desire to prepare to join the team to Puerto Rico this year.

REFUGEES

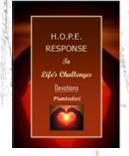


We are known in the refugee communities as Christians that always share the Bible's stories at their holiday events. Close to 200 attend so the Word is getting out. One young boy received a guitar for Christmas and the first song he learned to play was "Jesus Loves Me." Many of the children can recount the Bible stories we have told in detail. English classes with the Word of God continue in Mesa and Glendale complexes with several families. An Easter "Good News" Event in a park will be done this year March 31st and Christmas on Dec. 8 and others as God leads.

DISASTER RESPONSE



HOPE Responder's come in after First Responders have left. The intent is to come alongside those with their feelings surfacing and God questions on their minds. We are forming our teams for going to areas hit by the **Hurricanes Harvey in Texas** and Hurricane Irma in Puerto Rico. We will focus on those **Native Tribes near Houston** as those with less help. This will be July 9- 29th. Discussions also began on partnering with the Navajo **Nations Christian Response** Team for training their disaster response teams for outreach.



Our NEW devotional book, the *H.O.P.E. Response to Life's Challenges,* was published and released on January 2, 2018. It was written to encourage people to be in the Word daily for hope with life's difficulties. If you would like to have this for yourself or others in your life or ministry please let us know. The suggested donation for it is \$5. Pray that it saves and builds.

Join us as a HOPE Responder!

We are so grateful for those of you who have stood by us as we have become the HOPE Response ministry and are only able to carry all this out by faith in God's provisions through you! We are praying that God will raise up more HOPE Responders who feel the call to give if they can't go. Every gift, small or large, monthly or once in a while, is appreciated and needed!

2 Corinthians 8:2 In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. 3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, 4 they urgently pleaded with us for the privileae of sharina in this service to the Lord's people.