

## HOPE RESPONSE, INC.

(The Piantedosi Prayer)

APRIL 2016, (1st Edition)

Dear Family, Friends and Fellow Believers,

We have a change to announce! Effective as

of April 1st, we will no longer be missionary staff

with CHIEF, Inc. Instead, we have been

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with you how the Lord has led us to this move

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that brings together all the years of our ministry

experience!





Those of you who know us well, remember the 10 years of work among the Latinos, our "Buenas Nuevas Ministries"; and the 12 years with Exchange Students from near 45 countries; and in these last 10 years with Native Americans! Relationships continued and grew to intersect one with the other. Our own #OPE Stories led us to find a way to share Christ, "the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."

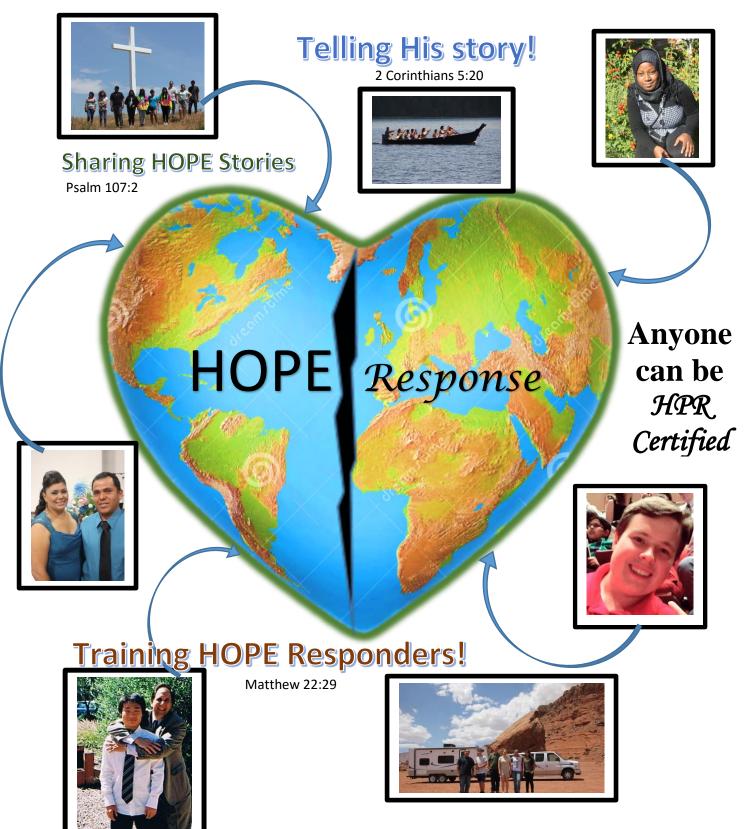
2 Corinthians 1:3-7

The Latinos crossing to the land of promise, found themselves asking "Does God really care?" Exchange students living in Christian host families explored "who is this God Jesus that their life revolves around?" And the Native Americans looking at their lives wondering "Why God?" The "God-shaped hole" at their lives wondering "Why God?" The "God-shaped hole in each one of us crosses cultural boundaries and will only find in each one of us crosses cultural boundaries and saving satisfaction in knowing Jesus Christ in a personal and saving relationship. These questions that come often in times of relationship. These questions that come often in times of crisis are what gave birth to our teaching the Bible's HOPE crisis are what gave birth to our teaching the Bible's HOPE RESPONSE to Loss, Pain and Grief as well as the HOPE RESPONSE to Family Love to become "HOPE Responders!"



# Scope of Opportunity

Healing the heart, home, human experience and gatherings by His word!



"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Acts 1:8



#### OUR Jerusalem is our city!

Our focus remains developing leaders that we call "HOPE Responders." We already have invitations to train from missional minded churches here. Youth and college students volunteer. Retirees have come forward ready to get involved both here and abroad and have time, resources and skills they eagerly want to use to serve the Lord in their "golden years." Those with a taste of serving at the CityFest of Luis Palau now want to do more whole person outreach than just once a year but need direction. The City of Tempe has invited all faith-based persons to help them become the model city for the Washington DC initiative to become "a trauma-informed nation" for whatever can give hope!

#### OUR Judea are native peoples!

Our heart remains with these God-given relationships in tribes across America. We will continue to serve in the ways that they invite us to come alongside of them as they reach their people. Together we are stronger and many are partnering with us as those who have become "HOPE Responders" with us reach out beyond their boundaries. Navajos going to Bedouins in Israel, Lummi to the French "wounded from terrorism", and more. Their historical/personal trauma, tribal conflicts of the past, and generations of loss, pain and grief helps them uniquely connect to those in pain to share HOPE!

#### OUR Samaría are foreigners!

Refugees and immigrants, widows and orphans, and many exchange students both in high school and college are here! Whether they are just excited to engage with an American or in true, traumatic need this is an open door for the "good news." Phoenix is home to thousands and we never know when they might return home to now be indigenous carriers of God's hope. China, Congo, Burma, Sudan, Pakistan or Syria are speaking English and open to our friendship. "Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of his household." Eph.2:19, Lev.19

#### OUR Uttermost Parts of the Earth are beyond us!

In every continent we have "open doors" increasingly from the relationships we have been given by God through our work with Latinos, Exchange Students and natives. We have already been to close to 25 countries with requests "to come and help us." In the emerging globalization of the world and English being taught from first grade on up each year there is tremendous opportunity with this present generation like never before. Latinos from our church plant have returned to Peru, Cuba, Argentina and more. Exchange Students from not just Europe and Asia but hard to reach areas like Turkmenistan, Pakistan, Bahrain, and Yemen come. Tragic events from earthquakes and tsunamis to terrorist attacks and ISIS have had people asking the questions "Why God?" and "Does God care about us?" and our response as Christians whether we are "goers", "receivers" or "senders" is critical to helping them have a HOPE Response to faith in Christ, comfort in their pain and vision for family.





### HOPE Response Team

Thank you to our board members who have joined with us to make this possible!











The leading of the Lord was for us to become multi-cultural, multi-generational, and multi-disciplinary in our focus and board. We have been blessed with dear friends who have ministered side-by-side with us in these many years. Kevin Barrett, of African American heritage graduated from Phoenix Seminary and has a medical and military background while his wife, Anna, has a heart for teaching Precept Bible studies and serving with Crisis Pregnancy Centers. Sharon LaRue of Lebanese American culture has worked as an Independent Financial Accountant yet served in Children's choirs, missions outreach, the Salt Mine Drama Team in England and after-school programming. Olivia, our daughter, now an 18 year old, attends Grand Canyon University studying Early childhood and elementary education with a special needs certification and loves children and singing for the Lord! Michael Dallas, a Native American who has served as a pastor and now a tribal council leader for the Salt River Pima Tribe sent his two daughters with us on our missions outreach trips. We are also considering a Latin American and Asian American to add to our board that we'll be considering soon!



We wrote a book in 2011, <u>The HOPE Response to Loss, Pain and Grief</u>, self-published, that accompanies our teaching with interactive sections. One board member after reviewing said "A fine, well thought out and intelligent book! It really touches one's soul—it can have a strong impact on the world, both non-believers and Christians alike, powerful stuff!" A 365 daily devotional, <u>HOPE Response to Life's Challenges</u>, is in process to accompany this as well. Also to come are the teachings that have been done of <u>A HOPE Response to Faith</u> and <u>The HOPE Response to Family Love</u>. \$10.00 (by donation on our website.)

We are grateful beyond words for the years of financial and prayer support that have enabled this ministry, and we humbly ask you to continue with us in **HOPE Response**, **Inc.**, and perhaps you will even be led to increase your gift as He has increased the scope of the ministry! Here are the ways you can give....

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- \_\_Mail to: 6548 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85251
- Online at our website www.hoperesponse.com
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- Sponsor for Hope Response books for needy x (
- \_\_\_\_Donate "gifts-in-kind", Email: minpianti@yahoo.com

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#### With other gifts:

- \_\_\_\_Teaching/Speaking Invitation
- Be trained as a "HOPE Responder"
  - ( )Local ( ) National ( ) Abroad
- \_\_\_\_Ecuador Response Team
  - Construction and Project Teams

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Thank you, Nick, Leslie, Olivia and Matthew