

Words of HOPE

AN UPDATE FROM Get HOPE Global

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*Get HOPE Global
envisions a world where
at-risk women are
hopeful, empowered,
and free!*

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From the Board Secretary

Picture yourself driving over Guanella Pass on a perfect Colorado day in October. The colors are at their peak, the sun is brilliant, the sky a dazzling blue, and you feel almost overwhelmed by the beauty in every direction. God has outdone Himself yet again. Maybe you feel inspired to take up painting to try to capture this beauty on paper, or in a poem or a song. Capturing God's inspiration is a holy challenge. A worthy mission.



About fifteen years ago, Ruth Craig set out to capture the inspiration she was feeling as she saw the desperate need of women and girls in the developing world—their need for business training and their even greater need for Jesus. She took on a holy challenge, and Get HOPE Global was born.

She surrounded herself with volunteers who became her Steering Team, women who also felt this sense of inspiration, women who also wanted to be part of this worthy mission. (I was one of those volunteers.) Months and months of brainstorming and writing and rewriting and editing, at times in mortal combat with the secret powers of the computer, finally led to our first curriculum, followed in time by two more. The membership of the team changed over time, and several moved into roles on the Board of Directors. (I am one of those, too!) One by one, the original board members have stepped down, making room for newly inspired women and men, ready to take on this holy challenge. Now it is my turn to step down, but truly, being part of Get HOPE Global from its beginning has been a tremendous privilege and a worthy mission indeed!

Fran Donnithorne, Board Secretary

Thank you, Fran, for your many years of service!

Welcome Back

HOPE is pleased to return to in-person events. We are grateful for the reach of technology, but also take delight in meeting new people and reconnecting with old friends face to face. Here's where we've been recently:

- Missio Nexus conference in Dallas, Sept. 22-24
- The Tank fundraising event with South Metro Denver Chamber, Oct. 28.
- Mission Connexion SW in Phoenix, Nov. 5-6

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News from Around the World

Cameroon

Our partners at Tirzah, International hosted their leaders from countries in Francophone Africa for an annual conference. Fifteen of these leaders then joined HOPE for a virtual Train the Trainer conference on August 9-10. These women will now be prepared to teach others in their own communities.

As this partnership with Tirzah leaders continues, new loan opportunities have arisen. See the back page for more details!



Ivory Coast

New Program Leader Aramatou, a member of Tirzah, is leading a HOPE group of 11 women.

Uganda

Under the leadership of Irene, HOPE loan recipients are persevering through pandemic shutdowns and are set to complete their program early in 2022.

Cambodia

Group members successfully completed their business training and recently repaid their HOPE loans at 100%. Learn more from Samith, a member of the Cambodia group, on the following page.

Ghana

Our many HOPE groups continue to experience COVID related challenges and restrictions that impact their ability to meet and conduct business. Our Regional Director, Paul, meets individually with the women as much as possible.



Tanzania

Twelve HOPE loan groups have recently repaid their loans at 100%. Our Regional Director, Alex, and several other Program Leaders are poised to begin teaching new groups of women this fall.

We occasionally receive reports from other groups who are also using our business curriculum with good success. We've recently heard from active training groups in Haiti, Uganda, and India.



“Growing in Hope...” Samith's Story

Samith participated in a HOPE business training group in the rural Prey Veng province of Cambodia. Here, translated from Khmer, is Samith's story in her own words.

I was 13 years old when the Khmer Rouge took both of my parents away. Then they came and seized about 100 of us kids and our caretakers. That night one of the older ladies came to me and said “if we run tonight we have a 1 % chance of surviving, but if we stay it is 100 % certain we will die.”

That early evening her eight children, my sister and I followed her out of the camp. We ran to a different village. Soon after that the Vietnamese liberated the country from the Khmer Rouge, my sister and I returned to our home village in Prey Veng. We learned that 5 of my brothers and sisters had been killed, along with my parents. Three of my siblings survived.

I got married when I was 21 years old. I have 4 children. Unfortunately, my husband followed his father's footprint. They both are gamblers. I suffered so much from the debts they made that our marriage almost broke up. Our older daughter had to stop schooling and move to the city to do factory work to help with the family's needs.

One day, my brother-in-law, who lived in a different province, visited us. He told the Good News of Jesus Christ to us, and we became Christian. My husband still gambled in secret. But God's word made my husband feel ashamed and slowly his life has been changing. He stopped gambling.

I didn't have a chance for education since I grew up during the war time. I longed for learning. I'm so happy to be able to get training with Get HOPE Global's program. I always look forward to the training time where I can learn both God's word and business.

Now I am very happy to raise more chickens, ducks, and fish, and grow vegetables. I have food for our family. Even when we have guests visiting, or our children come to see us, I don't have to buy food. This year my family agreed to raise 4 more cows. We thank God for meeting our daily needs.

Samith

HOPE Class Member

Prey Veng, Cambodia



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Our Current Need

New Loan Groups

As a result of our partnership with Tizah, many new leaders in West Africa have received HOPE training (see "News from Around the World" on pg. 2). They are now ready to start business training groups with women in their communities.

These groups of women will soon be ready to apply for HOPE loans. We anticipate this need to total \$13,500 in loan funds, which will support many women in new areas.

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