

Words of HOPE

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An update from **Get HOPE Global**

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

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From the Board President

As we continue to traverse through this challenging chapter of the COVID global pandemic, a divisive Presidential election and worldwide social unrest, we all have reason to feel stretched, even fatigued, by the current climate.

Yet reminders abound that God is good and leading us into the next chapter.

Earlier this month, the privilege of gathering, via Zoom, for our quarterly board meeting filled my cup and provided encouragement for the days ahead. God continues to transform lives through the Get HOPE Global ministry. Our time spent discussing the current initiatives, praying over action items and planning for the future left me overflowing with HOPE and joy!

As I step into the role of Board Chair, after serving in many capacities since 2012, I follow the visionary leadership of Founder Ruth Craig and dedicated service of outgoing Board Chair Susan Florentine. It's an honor to serve in this new capacity and I look forward to walking alongside each of you as God continues to open doors for Get HOPE Global. I trust God's omnipresent light will shine through each of us -- the entire worldwide Get HOPE Global team -- every vital volunteer, prayer partner and HOPE circle leader, because even now we thrive.

As our curriculum teaches participants to dream, my big HOPE is that we may continue being the light, stoking the flame in one another and igniting new sparks worldwide.

Sarah Browning

Board Chair



"I can testify that our lives are no longer the same again. Thanks to Get HOPE."

-Christine, Program Leader in Kenya

Become a HOPE HERO

Our biggest need currently is to add to our list of HOPE HEROES - those champions who give to the work of HOPE through their monthly recurring donations. These regular gifts allow us to better respond to emergency needs as well as the growing number of HOPE groups in new locations around the world. Let's add your name to this list of HOPE HEROES, helping to equip and empower at-risk women with business training and HOPE loans.



We will send a thank-you gift to each donor who sets up a recurring donation by Feb. 1, 2021. It's easy to do here: <https://get-hope-global.org/donate/>

Our gratitude starts with these current faithful HOPE HEROES:

Vickie B, Michelle B, Carol B, Cora Jean L, Anita M, Julie M, Christine M, Danielle S, Sherry S, Suzanne S, Karen S, and Shelly V.



Gratitude from Ghana

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?

Died He for me, who caused His pain—For me, who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Our Regional Director in Ghana referenced this hymn as he sent his thanks for the COVID-19 relief funds we sent: "...That HOPE group members in Ghana should have such a relief from Get HOPE Global whilst they are repaying their loans and in some cases have even defaulted in repayment. Indeed it is Divine Love. Unspeakable Gift.

We are ever grateful to Get HOPE for this love gift in the midst of COVID-19 pandemic. It is a big relief to the women especially when the lockdown in Ghana has been extended. I am praying for God's wisdom and guidance to help me meet the desperate needs of the women with this gift.

May the Resurrection Power strengthen the HOPE Team in all endeavors. Abide in His protective wings in these abnormal times."



Ghana HOPE Team member, Dufie, assists with disbursement of relief funds.

-Paul Y., Regional Director, Ghana

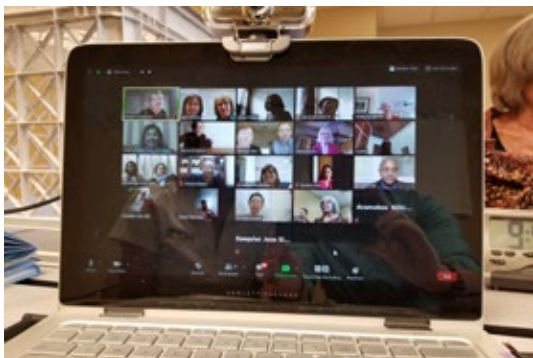
We share Paul's heartfelt note of gratitude with all of you who prayed and who responded to the financial need in order to help ease the suffering of our HOPE women during this time. Thank you!

Colorado Gives Day

Colorado Gives Day is an annual statewide movement to celebrate and increase philanthropy in Colorado. Get HOPE completed a detailed application process and is able to participate for the first time.

Donations can be scheduled at any time to be processed on December 8 as part of the Colorado Gives Day festivities. Donations scheduled for December 8 will receive an additional boost from the \$1 Million Incentive Fund.

Visit our profile at <https://www.coloradogives.org/GetHOPEGlobal/overview> to schedule a donation today! #GiveWhereYouLive



Ministry Partner Spotlight

Get HOPE Global has enjoyed a long connection with Tirzah International over the years. Under the leadership of the new Tirzah president, Kirsten Dickerson, we are excited to see new projects unfold.

The mission of Tirzah International is *to stand strong with a network of global women leaders who are impacting the world with God's love*

in the face of injustice. Tirzah partners with local female leaders to create opportunities for women to discover their God-given potential and combat injustice through micro-enterprise and leadership development initiatives.

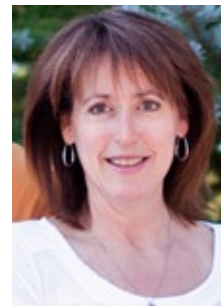
The leadership teams from both organizations recently hosted a virtual Train The Trainer conference to train and equip local Tirzah leaders. Program leaders from Brazil, Ethiopia, Northern Africa, India, Kenya, Myanmar, Serbia, Sudan, and Zimbabwe attended online. We warmly welcome these new leaders and look forward to supporting them as they implement HOPE programs in their communities.



Why I Serve

Everyone knows that becoming a mother changes you, but for me, having two babies in a developing South American country changed me beyond what I had experienced from having my first child in the States. My heart ached for the young mothers I saw living in poverty that didn't have access to the amenities that I did. But we mothers had one very important thing in common – we would do anything to protect and provide for our kids. I met many women over the years and was so impressed with their desire to work hard for their families, and earn a living with respect. It was frustrating to see all the challenges that they faced.

I'd been asking God since that time to show me some way that I could use the skill set that I developed in the professional world to help women who lacked the advantages that I have. Based on my experiences, I knew these women wanted more than a handout. Finding Get HOPE Global was a God thing and a true blessing for me. As soon as I learned more about the organization and met the wonderful women who serve here, I knew this was the place I was meant to serve.



Karen Hohe Suchomel, HOPE Assistant Director



I wish to inform you that I have trained about 500 young apprentices of various skills using the School Edition Curriculum. It has greatly impacted these future young entrepreneurs. Certificates were awarded to participants after completion of the training.

-Paul, Regional Director in Ghana

Case Study: Tanzania Pilot HOPE Loan Group

Our Regional Director, Alex, followed up with the 15 women in Mwanza, Tanzania who completed the HOPE business training program in February of 2019. All 15 women repaid their HOPE loans. They also reported the following results:

- 13 of the 15 businesses are still operating
- 11 of these businesses are reported as stable, growing, or doing better than expected
- 9 of the women were able to escape a difficult living situation
- 7 are now able to pay school fees for their children
- 11 are now able to pay for the medical needs of their family
- 9 women report that they now have more self-confidence
- 5 women desire more advanced business training
- 1 woman is now serving as a Program Leader for another group of women
- Plus - 5 women accepted Christ as a result of the HOPE program!



These women were empowered - with education, with business capital, with a supportive community, and with the power of the Gospel. They have hope and possibilities for a better life!



Meet Julieth

Julieth grew up in an Islamic family then later believed in Jesus and began a new life. She has a heart of serving and cares for her family of ten, including four from the community that she has taken in who desperately need help.

As a member of this pilot loan group, Julieth used her HOPE loan to expand and improve her poultry business, buying additional chicks and needed vaccinations. Now, 18 months after she repaid her loan, her business is still growing, she is able to support her family, and is making better life choices. In addition, she now serves with Alex on the Tanzania leadership team.