

Words of HOPE

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An update from **Get HOPE Global**

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

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From the Founder

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the sun..."

My season with HOPE has reached its final chapter. What a journey - what a rich and rewarding season - what a ride! As I step down as Chairman of the Board, I am filled to the brim with gratitude and poignant memories. I'm also filled with hope!

Get HOPE Global is in strong and capable hands with Julie as Executive Director, with Michelle in her ever-expanding role, with Susan, Fran, and Cathy graciously agreeing to serve during this time of transition, with a dedicated Steering Team, and now with our newly commissioned Board of Directors. My thanks to all of you. I also want to lovingly thank and recognize all those who have gone before you.

May your hearts continually seek God in prayer - and overflow with praise.

-Ruth Craig



*Ruth Craig
Founder and
Chairman of the Board*



*Cathy, Fran, Susan and Ruth
Founding Board of Directors*

With Loving Gratitude

The entire HOPE Team recognizes the excellent and inspirational leadership of Ruth Craig. She has poured herself into this important work of empowering women and advancing the Kingdom of God. Words cannot adequately express the love, admiration, and gratitude we feel for her as we continue to carry out the mission and vision of Get HOPE Global. Thank you, Ruth!

In Their Own Words

Turn the page to read actual loan applicant stories

Attention:**King Soopers Shoppers**

Did you know that you can now link your grocery store loyalty card to the nonprofit of your choice? Log in to your grocery account and click on "Community Rewards."

Select Get HOPE Global

as your charity (ID#JF327) and your purchases will automatically help us earn a rebate.



Behind the scenes with JP and Beth

In Their Own Words***Loan Applicant Stories***

Often the microloan applications we receive are heart-wrenching to read. Circumstances are sad. Life for many of our sisters is incredibly difficult. Hopelessness defines them.

"M has a low level life as her husband is a drunk man. She has been facing gender based violence that affects her well being. With her two children, they have been running to their pastor's house for safety. She needs God to change her husband and have a better family."

"D, age 18, has struggled all her life going to school almost everyday without food nor pocket money. Now she is a junior high school graduate but the family can not afford to further her education. There is a serious financial crisis in the family and she has lost every hope she has in life. The entire family is really suffering. Her father is sick and has not worked for almost 10 years. Her mother is a farmer and takes care of 6 children. Looking at what her family is going through D has already lost hope in life. She has always wanted to work but lacks startup capital. She is at the verge of becoming a victim of teenage pregnancy or being trafficked into slavery."

"E has the zeal to do something for herself. She had no hope before, but Get HOPE Global brought hope to her. Now she has lots of confidence in herself and knows that she is on the right path."

These bits of stories from women just starting the HOPE business training continue to make us grateful that the HOPE programs have found their way into these at-risk communities, and lives are about to change! Thank you for joining us in this important work.

New Video Resources Coming Soon!

Why? We are committed to equipping our local Program Leaders who may lack confidence and leadership skills.

What? A series of 5 training videos that are engaging and easy to understand

Who? HOPE Program Leaders who are nationals and have no opportunity to attend one of our Train the Trainer conferences

When? Available later this summer - free of charge - to all curriculum license holders and ministry partners!



New Groups Underway!

(Article submission from Alex Samwel, a HOPE Program Leader in Tanzania)

I believe I was born and called to empower others.

When I see and talk to vulnerable families here in Tanzania I realize three problems: human trafficking, poverty, and spiritual downfall. Thank God we have a means through Get HOPE Global that transforms the poverty mindset that dominates in my community.

We have business curriculum and HOPE loans to help women and girls start small businesses and we have the Bible, the word of God, to restore the Kingdom mindset and values to depressed people. By combining resources, we will have a big impact, shared vision, and a meaningful

partnership. I have seen firsthand that our program contributes to national development efforts, sustainable development goals and God's Kingdom.

I always thank God for the opportunity to

work with Get HOPE Global. As a global leader, leading the Mwanza, Tanzania program, I currently have 5 teams with 75 women who have received their loan money after successful training in our business training classes. They are currently working, but also get time every week for leadership training. So far, the program has touched 90



Entrepreneur at work

women: 15 in the pilot group and 75 in the current groups, but we hope to grow big! The program has helped women in my region to engage in economic activities, and also to empower them to save and borrow, and to equip them with necessary business skills and knowledge. We have realized that microloans given to people with no business skills have resulted in bigger debts and fears in investment activities. So, our main goal is to support

vulnerable people.

I have a team of 5 leaders from the church who support me, and we share



Alex at the Train the Trainer Conference in Tanzania

HOPE materials translated into Swahili



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the same values in communal empowerment. I have also trained 6 additional HOPE Program Leaders who will later start business training groups. We have more women interested in joining the program, and we keep praying that God gives us more resources to help them. We are very serious – very serious – and careful about choosing program members to avoid loan defaults. And we are aware of bad people who can hinder our growth, so we take this

seriously to choose good partners and good members to involve in our programs.



Program participant's "Big Hope"

My team and I believe that it is easy to attain sustainable development goals in a world where people have hope, people are empowered, and people have a mindset of freedom. In that manner, I am motivated to work on these empowerment programs to give vulnerable people the chance to change their history.

Please, please keep the Tanzania program in your mind. And, please, keep praying for us day to day. We love you!



Mt. Kilimanjaro, Tanzania

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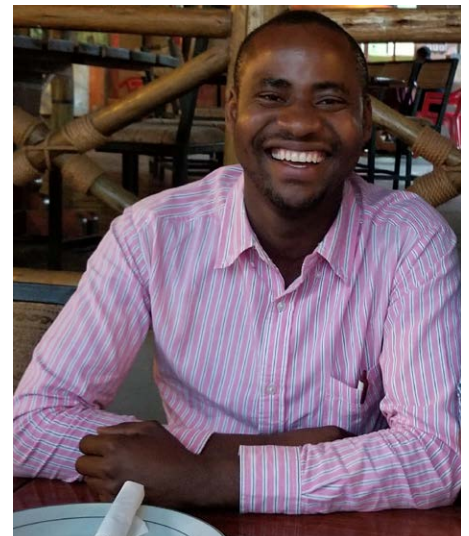
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Alex Samwel - Tanzania Program Leader

Our Current Need

As you read in Alex's Special Report, the HOPE program in Tanzania is growing! We are committed to managing this growth in wise and measured steps. In the coming months HOPE will require funding for additional HOPE loans, an accountability trip to oversee the project, and support for local leadership there. We invite you to **donate today** to invest in the future of at-risk women and girls in Tanzania.

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