

Words of HOPE

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An update from **Get HOPE Global**

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



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SPECIAL FOCUS: WHY I SERVE

We are delighted to introduce a new feature to the *Words of HOPE* newsletter. So many wonderful people are part of the work HOPE is doing, and our volunteers are key to enabling HOPE to reach vulnerable women around the world. We are excited to let you meet some of these special people over the coming months. This newsletter includes a special full-length reflection from speaker, author, and HOPE volunteer Beth Ratzlaff. We also have a story from Steering Team member Chrissia Bahl. Check page 2 for more!

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Justice Run

Get HOPE Global is again participating in this important fundraiser, and we need your help! This Colorado event, held at the beautiful Hudson Gardens in Littleton, raises funds and awareness to help in the fight against human trafficking.

We invite you to "Join The Fight" as we work to prevent human trafficking by empowering the vulnerable to rise out of the imprisonment of poverty and build a better future, full of hope.



Justice Run 2016

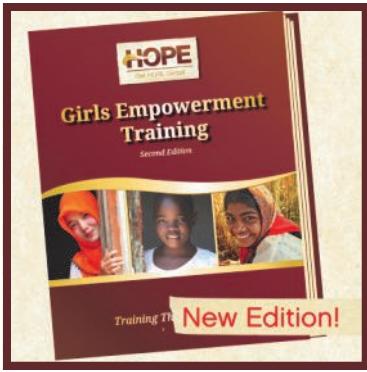
- **You can join us by running on October 1!** Register for this family-friendly event, indicating Get HOPE Global as the non-profit which will receive your registration fee.

<http://www.thejusticerun.com/register> Be sure to stop by our booth that day!

- **You can join us by donating!** Your gift to our team <https://www.crowdrise.com/get-hope-global-justice-run> will help provide the business training or the microloans to our women, girls, and students who are at-risk. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 through this event this year.

Thank you for being a champion of HOPE!

Updated Edition Now Available!



After completing the new **HOPE Business Program – School Edition**, our curriculum team went to work reviewing and revising **Girls Empowerment Training**. New content was added and many revisions were made to increase clarity, consistency, and readability. This new edition is now available in the Get HOPE Global online store.

A Visit to Haiti

HOPE was honored by the invitation to present at the annual HaitiOne Partner Conference in Port-au-Prince this May. This conference gathered nearly 200 global workers as well as national leaders who serve the people of Haiti through medical missions, business development, women's empowerment, human-trafficking prevention and rescue, orphan care, and other efforts. Read more about HaitiOne here: <https://www.haitione.org/home>

Julie Melton, HOPE's Executive Director, spoke about our business training and microloan programs and announced the nearly completed



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Creole translation of **Basics of Business**, sure to be valuable to ministry partners in Haiti. We are thrilled that the first Get HOPE project in Haiti will launch this month with Dayspring Ministries. Please join us in praying for this and other future projects there.

Training Leaders in Africa

We are thrilled to announce a unique partnership with GCI (Global Connections International) in which HOPE will plan and conduct 3-day **Train The Trainer** conferences in the coming months. Two HOPE team members will travel with GCI staff to Tanzania in July and then to Ghana in October. GCI and its ministry partners will invite potential HOPE program leaders to these conferences to



receive in-depth training in our business curriculum and microloan programs. We look forward to sharing the stories of more new businesses launched and lives transformed in Africa!

Why I Serve Chrissia



A few months ago, I decided to become more involved with Get HOPE Global. Psalm 127:1-2

Chrissia Bahl

reminds me that to live a significant life, I must make sure I invest in God's agenda. I believe women and girls in the developing world are on God's agenda. God's agenda also includes bringing hope to a hurting world.

The tools we at Get HOPE Global provide to women and girls in the developing world are unique. There are millions of women and girls who need to know that God loves them, but more people are needed to help HOPE connect to these women and girls. Get HOPE Global connects me to His work in the world, His agenda. Through HOPE God can use me to help bring hope to a hurting world.



The Joy of Wasting Time on Small Things

Small Things

I spend seconds, which slip into minutes and pile up into days, months, years, decades, doing the small things that must be done but will be forgotten by noon. First thing this morning I stretched, made my bed, ate a piece of toast and a hard-boiled egg, brushed my teeth, made a to-do list, (comprised mostly of things that are priorities to my responsible husband, and lower priorities to don't-bog-me-down-with-practicalities me) checked email, got side-tracked...

That was all "first thing." Most of my life is like that. I groan with King Solomon, "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." I long for the big, the grand, to make a difference, change the world, live up to even one of the



things the long-forgotten speaker at my high-school graduation surely promised.

How Jesus Wasted Time

Jesus did big things. He "conquered death and Hades," brought sight to the blind, set the prisoner free, raised the dead. How did He do these things?

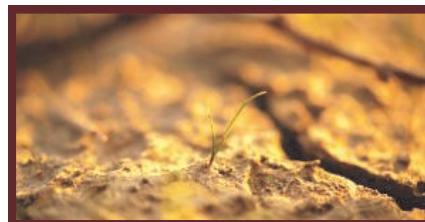
Former Archbishop of Canterbury Michael Ramsey said,

"the glory of Christianity is its claim that small things really matter...the one man, the one woman, the one child are of infinite worth to God." (quoted by

Tish Harrison

Warren)

Jesus "wasted" hours enjoying a



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long dinner at the home of a short-statured, much-hated tax collector. He sat beside a well in the heat of the day and conversed casually with a woman of questionable morals. He wandered around. He directed most of His teaching to just twelve. Sometimes He narrowed the class to only three.

How to Change the World

An adaptation of Dr. James Allan Francis's famous essay "One Solitary Life" says of Jesus,

"He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself...but I am far within the mark when I say that all the

armies that ever marched, all the navies that were ever built; all the parliaments that ever sat and all the kings

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that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life."

If I want to be like Jesus, I don't have to set out to change the world. Instead, like Him, I can focus on joining my heavenly Father in caring for small people. Not everyone does the same small things in the same ways, but everyone can do something. Here are a couple of ways.

Welcoming Interruptions

Jesus spent a lot of time during his three years of ministry walking around and welcoming interruptions by hurting people around him. This weekend I heard a conference speaker say that though he is an introvert, he makes it his goal never to leave the grocery store without speaking to at least one person. He thinks of silly things to say that make people smile. I could do that.



Beth Ratzlaff

Reaching Out to the Least of These

The smallest person in the world, as measured by influence or freedom, must be a woman in an impoverished country. Though each one is precious to God, she is expendable to almost everyone else. She is prey. Often she doesn't even value herself. One of the great tragedies of our time is that there is a constant stream of these women sold, deceived into lives of slavery, or trafficked.

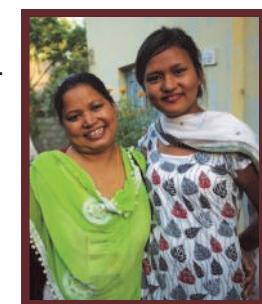


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If I run into that most undervalued and used woman in line at my local Safeway, I probably won't recognize her. My resources are small; the problem is big. I'm overwhelmed by it and tempted to do nothing.

I have found a small thing I can do about it. In addition to talking to sad women in grocery stores, I dedicate time, and a small percentage of my financial resources, to an organization dedicated to small people.

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One More Example: Loving the World, One Small Person at a Time

Through making connections with people ministering in vulnerable countries, Get HOPE Global equips local ministry leaders or foreign workers with biblically-based business curriculum. Microloans are also available where needed. Using these resources, and the teacher training HOPE supplies, a leader forms a circle of vulnerable women or girls.

Week after week, they offer a feast of dignity, hope, and know-how. One small circle at a time, they become shining lights in dark places. They have resources to feed their children. The children go to school and begin to have the strength to embrace hopes of their own. Light shines. Sometimes they employ other women or girls, and light shines brighter. Little by little, the world changes.

I serve with Get HOPE Global because it is my small way of joining God in the big work He is already doing. Each little person on this planet matters to God.

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