

Words of HOPE

November 2019

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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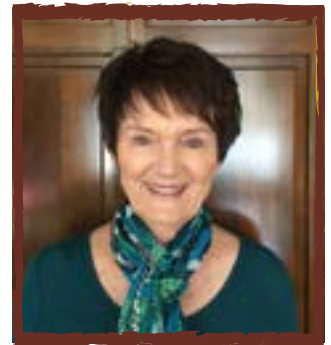
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From the Board President

It's a special honor and privilege to begin my term as chairman of the board for Get HOPE Global. Our outgoing chairman, Ruth Craig, will be greatly missed and deserves an enormous thank-you from all of us for her selfless dedication in the founding and growth of our organization. I am so grateful that Ruth, as our founder, will remain available to me and others for wise counsel and participation in various HOPE events. As vice chairman of the board for many years, I have seen and participated in HOPE becoming a reality from a vision placed in Ruth's heart to a now-thriving nonprofit entity. I look forward to the further expansion of HOPE's faith-based business training to even greater heights for God's glory.



*Susan Florentine
Interim Board President*

Steering Team



*Pictured L to R:
(back) Beth Ratzlaff, Vicki Keller, Julie Melton, Cassie Kimbriel, (front) Chrissia Bahl, Karen Suchomel, Michelle Baylor
Not pictured: Elaine Sauer*

Board of Directors



Pictured L to R: (back) Julie Melton - Executive Director, Sarah Shepherd Browning, Charlie Brown, Rick Judy, Joan Burkett, (front) Cathy Simmonds, Susan Florentine, Ruth Craig - Founder, Fran Donnithorne

Visit the **Who We Are** page at get-hope-global.org to meet our international directors.

Meet the Board Members

Sarah has served in several different volunteer roles with HOPE over the years. She brings energy, creativity, and experience from her years in the television production industry.

Charlie served as a HOPE advisor prior to becoming a board member. He brings experience with state government and nonprofit leadership.

Rick brings a wealth of business experience to the board as an entrepreneur and as a consultant for other individuals and businesses. His expertise also includes software systems.

Joan, a business owner for over 30 years, has hands-on experience with the HOPE program through her work with Dayspring Ministries in Haiti.

Cathy has served as our financial officer since the beginning. She has an eye for detail and brings a wealth of business experience.

Susan was on the founding team of HOPE. She brings a wealth of organizational history and hands-on experience, especially with the loan program.

Fran also helped establish HOPE. Her skills in curriculum writing and editing, as well as her personal experiences, are valuable assets.

News Bites

A taste of HOPE happenings

- The Train the Trainer **conference in Haiti** has been postponed until January due to political and economic unrest. Pray for peace!
- **HOPE Business Program: Starting and Growing Your Business** has been **translated into Creole** in preparation for the Haiti conference. It is now available to our ministry partners.
- HOPE was selected to participate in **The Tank**, a nonprofit event hosted by the **South Metro Denver Chamber**. Look for more information early in 2020.
- The 6-part **Train the Trainer video series** has been completed. The videos and training manual are available to all HOPE curriculum owners.
- September 29 was a beautiful day for the annual **Justice Run**. We are grateful for the ongoing partnership of **Front Range Christian School** in this fundraising event.
- HOPE is a new member of the **Billion.Global** ministry exchange as well as the **Missio Nexus** network.



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Growth Opportunity

We invite your participation supporting the growth of our programs in Tanzania and Cambodia. Our current needs include:

- **Stipends for Regional Directors**
- **Funding an increased number of HOPE Loans**
- **Accountability trip in 2020**

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Genesis Community of Transformation

Decades after the tragic genocide in Cambodia, the people still struggle to overcome the repercussions. Meet a typical Cambodian woman. She may go without basic necessities of food, clothing and shelter. Her daily life is full of challenges. She has had little to no formal education. She lacks confidence and has not been encouraged to develop problem solving or critical thinking skills. She has not learned how to have hope or even to dream.

Get HOPE Global's partner in Cambodia, Genesis Community of Transformation, is meeting women like this. They offer a holistic approach to address women's social and economic issues. The transformational training has begun in six locations in and around Phnom Penh. GCT's goal is to expand the program to each of the villages in Chak Angre Krom Commune in 2020 and eventually reach all 7 Communes

in Mean Chey District by the end of 2024.

With GCT's help, each woman grows in confidence and capacity as she meets weekly with other women and the program leader. The meetings provide relationship building and business training at a customized and comfortable pace.

GCT's Women's HOPE Business Program has four facets:

- 1) Leadership Development
- 2) Business Plan Development
- 3) Business Coaching and Market Development
- 4) Awareness Raising



Group work during business training



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In addition to teaching the HOPE business training curriculum,

GCT will also facilitate loans for these business women through a partner organization in Cambodia as well as some smaller loans through Get HOPE Global. As in any HOPE group, the members are also taught the importance of savings.

A recent report from local leaders in Cambodia included some of the impact and lessons learned so far:

- Women have ideas of their own, can give ideas to others and guide their children to continue their education.
- Women expressed where they were in the past, where they are now, and where they want to be in the future. They embraced a big dream for their personal life and business, set goals, and defined their business ideas.

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- They understand the importance of bringing something different and attractive to their community.
- They understand that innovation, thinking outside the box, is crucial to the success of their business.
- With businesses, the women's livelihood improved. They can help their families, especially in the areas of children's education and health treatment.
- In Cambodia women do not usually talk or share with others. The women in this project come together regularly and build good relationships with each other.
- With support and encouragement, women can lead well even through many challenges.
- Stories and interaction built into the Get HOPE Business Program

make the process of starting and operating a business easy to understand.

- Women who have gone through GCT's training have fresh ideas and more confidence to start their businesses. They attract customers because they are more confident.

We are grateful to God and to our partners at GCT for this report and for the excellence in which they are helping to impact the lives of impoverished Cambodian women.



Hands-on learning

Special Report

Cambodia

October 2019



Meet Navy Chann

Navy was born in Cambodia and was a child when the Khmer Rouge regime took power. She was separated from her parents, forced to work in labor camps, and fled to Thailand as a refugee. During this time of uncertainty and strife, she became a believer in Jesus. In 1981 the Lord brought Navy and her husband, Ly, together in marriage.

In 1985 they immigrated to Canada, but the needs of Cambodia were never far from their hearts. In 1998 they returned to work in community development through the Timothy Leadership Training Institute, Genesis Community of Transformation, and the local church.

Get HOPE Global is pleased to welcome Navy to our leadership team as Regional Director in Cambodia!

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