

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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Conference Participants in Tanzania

ministry leaders who were invited to attend the first Train the Trainer conference conducted by Get HOPE Global. What a thrill it was to spend three days with these 19 remarkable individuals. They embraced the lessons, assignments, and activities that would prepare them to confidently teach and lead new HOPE groups of budding entrepreneurs and business owners.

"It Filled Me Up!"

-Julie Melton, Executive Director

In July, I joined forces with HOPE team member Beth Ratzlaff and our project partner Jim Weber, president of Global Connection International. We travelled to Moshi, Tanzania in east Africa to seize a new opportunity for serving in the developing world. GCI has long-term relationships with Tanzanian

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Fun for the whole family!

A winner! Ken D. from Highlands Ranch ran for HOPE and won first place in his division. Congrats!



So grateful for enthusiastic supporters

Justice Run

The Justice Run is a family-friendly event designed to raise money and awareness for human trafficking and its victims. Get HOPE Global was pleased to participate once again in this annual event in Littleton, Colorado on October 1. We express our sincere appreciation to those who ran as a member of our team, to those who visited our booth, and to those who donated.

“It Filled Me Up!” (cont. from pg. 1)

The conference evaluations that the attendees submitted were very encouraging. We read comments like: “The conference covered everything required and fits with the

culture of the third world countries you target. It is practical and the teaching tips are very attractive, helping me to understand better.”

“This is a good

model of incorporating God’s word with business lessons. This has inspired me.” “My mind and my ideas of business have been increased. It filled me up!”

HOPE is pleased to announce the addition of a Regional Director, Tumaini Shalli, and her assistant, Alex Samwel. Tumaini and Alex will provide guidance and oversight for these newly trained Program Leaders and the HOPE groups they will lead in Tanzania. These two outstanding young professionals will undoubtedly help to ensure the success of our programs and we are thrilled to welcome them to our team!



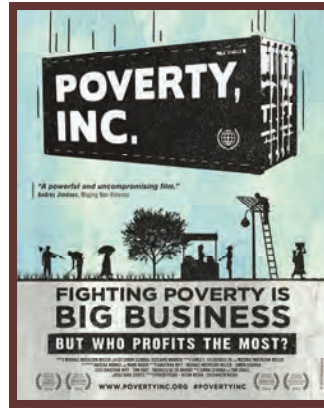
Tumaini Shalli



Alex Samwel

Because of the success of this conference, two others are being planned jointly with GCI. HOPE and GCI intend to travel to Ghana in late 2017 and to Cambodia in the spring of 2018. We look forward to sharing stories of more new businesses launched and more lives transformed.

Poverty Inc. Screening

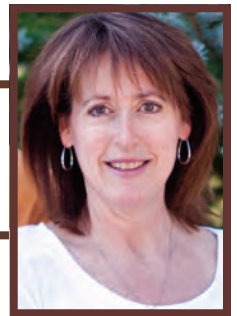


Get HOPE Global is partnering with Cherry Hills at Work (CH@W) to host a screening of the documentary film “Poverty, Inc.” The movie will be shown in the Performing Arts Center at Front Range Christian School. Join us on Sunday, November 5, at 6:30 p.m. to view the film

and participate in a panel discussion. Learn more at

<https://get-hope-global.org/poverty-inc/>

Why I Serve Karen



Karen Suchomel

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 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 had one very important thing in common—we would do anything to protect and provide for our kids. 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.

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Giving and Receiving Hope in Tanzania

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-Beth Ratzlaff, HOPE Trainer

They lean forward in red plastic chairs around square tables, plates piled high with rice, chicken, spinach, and fried potatoes. It is a rare banquet for most, I suspect. The scraps of conversation wafting towards me from the tables sound lively. The buzz made by fresh vision is similar in every language. I'd like to be part of this, but I'm not.

I don't speak Swahili beyond "Jambo" (hi) and the two words I learned years ago watching *The Lion King*—"Hakuna Matata" (no problem). My skin is pasty in contrast to the rich tones of theirs. I am foreign to this place. I feel a hard pinch of sorrow over this

because I already love these brilliant and beautiful Tanzanians. We came a few days ago. We will leave again very soon.



that does good here long after we've gone. We did not come to be the solution to difficulties here. In other places, like this one in some ways, I've come to paint a wall or help in some other small way. Those were good experiences. I'm glad I went, but I finished feeling vaguely uncomfortable. Did I really help? We are more

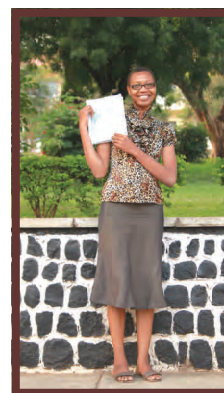
I realize, though, this is exactly as things should be for now. We desire to be good guests, offering our love in a way

alike than we are different. We love our children. We love God. We hurt and struggle at times. I want to do more than assuage my own prosperity guilt.

Our translators tell us that the animated conversations over lunch and during breaks are about the material from our Train the Trainer class. They discuss which businesses are truly needed in Moshi, Tanzania and its surrounding villages. They talk about how HOPE's Girls Empowerment

Training materials could be used to bring the hope of Christ to the villages where they were born.

Jacqueline, slender, tall, and elegant in her suit, sits to my left as I teach the afternoon session. In class, it becomes immediately obvious that



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she is a professional. Her knowledge of business finance exceeds mine. She doesn't need to be an expert to launch a group, of course. She knows many other things I don't know. She was born in a tribal village where polygamy and even female circumcision are still the norm. Physical abuse of wives is practically universal. She talks about how she plans to launch a HOPE group there with the materials and information she gathers from our conference. It is a way to introduce the hope of Christ to her home village.

I could never do what Jacqueline can do. Even if I left home, learned Swahili, and moved to that rural village, doors there would not open for me the way they open effortlessly for her. I don't even know if their round thatched roof huts made of cow dung have doors. God is calling her to this privileged task, not me.

More than ever, I believe in HOPE's approach. We came to Moshi, Tanzania to equip and empower. We deliver a powerful tool, give brief

instructions in operating it, and we leave. The business training will be conducted by these capable locals. Tumaini (whose name fittingly means hope) has agreed to coordinate the groups here, assisted by Alex. The newly trained group leaders will guide their groups through HOPE's biblically based business training, creating their own new choices and chances.

I am eager to hear what happens in the next months as groups are formed, business plans created, business launched, and funds repaid. I hope to return. I want to see and celebrate with my brothers and sisters here.



Tumaini Shalli and Alex Samwel

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A Letter from Alex

I hope this message finds you well. I believe your week in Tanzania was so good and hope you arrived well in America. To me... it has been a transforming time as we are coming to a point of knowing how to fish (Business Training) rather than being given fish (Financial Aid) everyday.

I want to thank you again for the heart you have. Please share our thanks and warm greetings to Get HOPE Global board members for their effort and support in training us... We really need to stand for our own, but this is a process that we have to see happening as we learn and adapt new culture. Thank you for making it happen.

I promise to value what has been invested in me but also to encourage and motivate others to apply what we have been given for it is a gift that can serve many under-privileged people.

I hope we continue sharing testimonies of what God is doing and also future plans on how Get HOPE Global can be a miracle in Tanzanian communities.

Please pass my love to your family.

Regards, Alex Samwel

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