

Words of HOPE

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

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Back to School

September means back-to-school for my two children, and this year it brought a back-to-school opportunity for me too! Over the past two months our HOPE team participated in the online Innovate course offered by the Chalmers Center (more details below). We pulled out notebooks, post-its, even markers and scissors, and dove deep into rich teaching and hands-on activities.

As our team continues to interact, both in-person and online, I am reminded again of the power of learning in the context of community. I enjoy the mental stimulation of a new idea gained through reading or a lecture, but learning alone in my basement only goes so far. There is a much richer impact when I explore new ideas deeply through conversation and interaction. Our team has a common goal but each voice at the table adds something unique. It is a joyful gift from God to be part of a group that values creativity, growth, and intelligent compassion.

*Michelle Baylor
GHG Administrative Director*



Innovate Training

The HOPE Steering Team in Colorado joined with two HOPE leaders from Tanzania to participate in a 10-week Innovate course. Offered by the Chalmers Center at Covenant College, Innovate helps poverty alleviation ministries develop a deeper biblical view of poverty while also learning powerful design thinking tools. The goal is to develop creative, sustainable solutions that help the specific stakeholders served by our ministry. Our team read articles, watched videos, listened to teaching, dialogued with other teams, tested a wide variety of hands-on creative tools, and spent hours in team discussion and shared work. We've learned so much and look forward to applying our knowledge as we continue to improve our programs.

Milestone: 5 Year Anniversary

Get HOPE Global was founded in 2008 with the same mission and vision that continues to guide us today. The founders originally envisioned that our business training and microloans would be tools used mainly by US-based global workers as they ministered to women in the underdeveloped countries where they served. However, the HOPE programs are now being used by more and more local leaders in their own communities. These leaders are building on the relationships, trust, and knowledge of the local culture that they already possess.

This history has led to a milestone that we are excited to celebrate! Five years ago the sudden growth of the HOPE program in Ghana required the addition of our first field staff member. Paul Yeboah, an experienced HOPE Program Leader, was hired as a Regional Director. He provides oversight of many Program Leaders and groups in various regions of Ghana. Paul is a businessman, mentor, family man, and is a well known and loved leader in his church and local community in Accra.

We are grateful that Paul's capable and compassionate leadership continues and we value his important role with Get HOPE Global. Thank you, Paul!



In Their Own Words...



These are excerpts from stories shared by Kshamata, a microenterprise initiative in India using HOPE training in cooperation with Tirzah International.

"I never thought my life would take such a huge turn. I am earning today and also educating myself. My children are so proud of me and this makes me so happy. I want to expand and grow this business where my income exceeds my needs. Thank you so much for your support!"

-P., Program Participant in India

"I am so happy now. My income has increased and I now save almost a double amount. My neighbors are so surprised that I have managed to grow my business. I was battling one crisis after another but now life is more stable. My son will get regular education and I am hoping to settle him in a big job when he grows up."

-S., Program Participant in India



Where is HOPE Happening?

Enjoy these snapshots from HOPE training groups around the globe.

Road to Hope completed its first HOPE business training group in Mathone, **Haiti**. These business owners worked together to form a beekeeping co-op.



Business training group members in Mumbai, **India**, present their marketing plan ideas. This group is the business initiative of the local organization **Kshamata**, in connection with **Tirzah International**.

The Get HOPE Global steering team in Colorado was blessed by a visit from Wanji, a program leader in **Kenya**. Wanji had the unique experience of teaching the HOPE Program to a group of men as part of her work with **Project Adopt a Village (PAAV)**.



*Alex and Rehema Samuel*

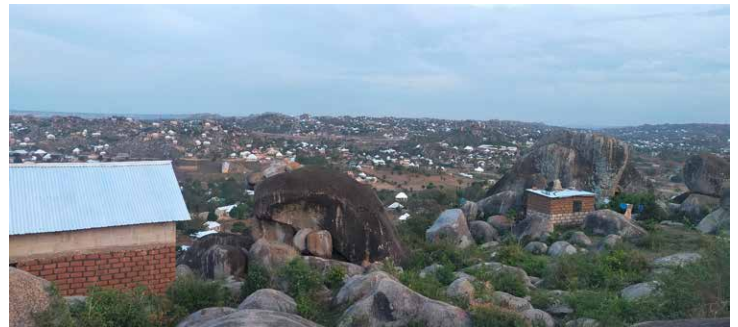
Helping Without Hurting in Africa

By Alex Samwel, Tanzania Regional Director

Serving vulnerable women and girls living in difficult environments, I witness the hardships that many communities in Africa are going through. In recent years, I have met with various people in the community, including God's servants whose main job is to connect people with spiritual services.

As I work to empower vulnerable women in the Tanzania lake zone, I strive to bring in other stakeholders' support to help move the women's empowerment agenda forward. Some of these community stakeholders are local government leaders and religious leaders.

For any community development program or project to be sustainable in an African context, it is very important to consider the inclusion of all stakeholders. With Get HOPE Global our stakeholders play an important part in the Tanzania HOPE Program. They are involved in the process to not only recruit beneficiaries but also to help in loan repayments.

*A view of the Tanzania Lake Zone**Leaders of HOPE training groups with local pastors**Alex and Pastor David*



Receiving “Helping Without Hurting” in the mail

I have been able to use the book for mentoring sessions with local pastors. Even though these pastors may be driven by the Holy Spirit, they may lack managerial or leadership skills, hence affecting the church growth in Tanzania and Africa as a whole. If local pastors and community leaders can be equipped with some program management and leadership skills, then the gap will be bridged. I still see the need for capacity building training for the local pastors in the areas of women empowerment in particular.

It was a great thing for me to receive the book, *Helping Without Hurting in Africa*, sent directly from the HOPE team in the USA in 2021. After reading it, I saw how learning and taking action myself has great worth to my personal development. This concept of doing for ourselves has been missing in my community. This is what motivated me to start sharing the book with others. Regardless of their roles in community development activities, both local government and religious leaders lack some skills to help them play their roles well. It is with due respect that I pay attention and set time to help meet and train them.



Community leadership meeting in progress



Interviewing Pastor Julieth as part of a research assignment for the Innovate course

In addition, I plan to use the skills from the recent online Innovate course provided by The Chalmers Center to help more local leaders and pastors struggling in leadership and management so as to ensure the sustainability of both donor and locally funded projects in the Tanzania lake zone. More focus will be helping women, leaders, and pastors, fostering the vision of Get Hope Global and helping to restore the broken relationships and to bring about God's story of change in the lives of others. As our Executive Director stated, “That is truly worth celebrating!”

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