

Be the Church

A bimonthly newsletter from Restoring HOPE that shows how we MULTIPLY and EQUIP others to restore hope in their communities and friendships.

A Bimonthly Newsletter

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Community Impact

Learn about how we equip people in our community to live a life of compassion.

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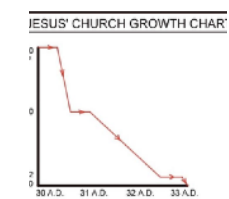


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Upcoming events

November



Partnering with Celebrate Recovery Living Word COG to supply the food for a full Thanksgiving meal to families going without.

December

The Santa Cause



Santa brings presents and meets kids at their house that would not have a fun Christmas morning, as many others experience.

January



We Care (1)

Visiting the elderly shut-ins with care packages and our time.

Ambassador Corner

meet people that we support



Josh & Liz Ratliff are active in the West Coast Sex Trafficking rescue efforts with our friends at Magdalene HOPE. Josh risks his very life each time he goes out to the streets and helps a person escape their pimp and then driven to a safe house.

Message from our Community Impact Director

Jessica Bohman

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Jessica is our Executive Assistant and Community Impact Director. She has professionally worked serving people with Autism since 2000 and has over five years experience in C.A. as a service coordinator. She oversees our office needs and our 2nd step action efforts for Families Dealing with Special Needs/Autism. As a survivor of childhood abuse, she also oversees our 2nd step action **counseling** and encouragement for other Survivors of Abuse.



Snow is coming! I thoroughly enjoy snow, says the one that grew up in sunny California. As we head into the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons we were excited once again to deliver warm winter clothing to kids that needed them. We also continue our partnership with Cornerstone Community Church and helped once again with their Food Backpack program.

Turkeys and presents are just around the corner. Please feel free to join us for any or all future events.

Our next campaign cause is The Santa Cause.

Jessica

Impact Events we organize

Foodwagon



the Santa Cause



Warm them up



We Care



Fix it



Other programs we partner with.

Food Backpacks



Cornerstone Community Church

Diaper Drive



Pregnancy Care Center

Thanksgiving Meals



Celebrate Recovery Living Word COG



Parish House



Living Waters Farm

Back to School Backpacks



Our next Impact Event

CHRISTMAS SEASON The Santa Cause



What: The Santa Cause

Who: 10-50 kids

When: End of December

Where: Buckhannon, WV

Meadowland Trailer Park
& other areas there is a need

How can you partner with us?

1. Pray for the event
2. Prep for event
3. Help deliver presents
4. Make a tax-deductible donation (each child costs around \$20)

If you are aware of other kids who will go without Christmas presents, let us help you bring the gift of love to them... and actual gifts. Let us know before December 15 so they can be included.

Warm Them Up Highlights

Due to confidentiality we will not show those that we gave the warm clothing. Below: are some of those that helped during our Warm Them Up event.



Food Backpacks Highlights

We are able to help Cornerstone Community Church's Food Backpack program which provides meals for kids over the weekends during the school year.



In Memoriam - Steve Ratliff -

Restoring HOPE wants to pay our respects to the father of Josh Ratliff and very close mentor to Jessica Bohman. We will miss you greatly, Steve Ratliff.



Message from our Executive Director

Matt Bohman

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Matt has been serving churches and helping people understand the Bible since 1992. He oversees our Day to Day operation and our **Multiplying** (coaching/proactive) efforts that include 1) **consulting** churches toward biblical mission 2) developing teaching & training material 3) training relationship/ministry skills and teaching Bible/religion and 4) our Ambassadors of HOPE **resourcing** movement. He also oversees our **Showing** 2nd step **counseling** efforts.



The Winter season is upon us and I am teaching particples. How fun!

Our DLC, classes, and workshops are in progress, as well as, providing training at our local CR. I continue leading the second half of a CR step study for a bunch of men (still) desiring to make their lives healthier and counsel others at different times. We continue to consult leaders and organizations toward better organization and efficiency. As always, if you need any encouragement or some of our training workshops - we are happy to oblige.

Matt

We invite you to partner with us and Be the Church *Monday - Saturday*. With all the evil and bad news we hear each day why not consider being that bit of good news others can talk about. Acts of Kindness and Encouragement require very little of our finances and time. It all comes down to: What are you willing to do?

Maybe you have a hangup that you just can't shake and need someone to help you navigate past it. If we can't offer you the counsel you need then we will help you find the right person.

If we can help you in anyway, it is our desire to do so. Whether that is improving how you view the world and yourself or helping you become a better friend, we want you to have the skills needed to enjoy life and live a life of compassion. Our training is available and structured for your situation.

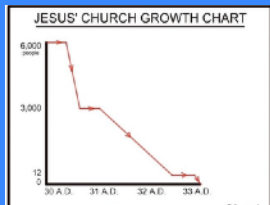


We offer our workshops :

- Improving YOU
- Being a Better Friend
- Worldview Development
- Leadership Development

We offer Consulting.

Helping leaders and organizations follow Jesus' example and strategy to restore H.O.P.E. and become a better organized and efficient group and / or leader.



We offer our DLC.

If you are interested in hanging out with other leaders and learning from experienced ministers then our Disciplemaking Learning Community is for you. Our objective is to explore how to be a better follower of Jesus and minister as we learn the Bible and theological basics, together.



We offer our classes :

If you are interested in taking a college level class at a slower pace and for much less the cost, contact us. Each class meets once a week for 2.5 hours. Full scholarships are limited.

What we are offering Fall '17:

- Greek 101a
- Greek 102a

One day I will learn Greek.

But for now, I'm figuring out how to sit & crawl.

Our Ambassadors of HOPE

Our endorsed
Global Impact
equippers

Dave Garda



Dave is a pastor & coach, with **Cadre**, who has prayerfully come alongside 100's of churches in most every state, province & 23 plus countries since 1979.

Rennie Garda



Rennie serves as a mentor, coach, trainer and volunteer encouragement specialist with **Cadre Ministries**.

Jack Bohman



Jack has been pastoring since 1975 and founded **We HELP THEM** which equips church leaders while being a care giver to the care givers in crisis.

Our endorsed *Regional Impact* Ambassadors of HOPE

Doug Bennett



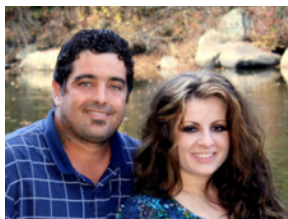
Doug founded **Magdalene Hope**, that helps prostitutes being trafficked and offers them a way out to escape their pimp, detox and safely restart their life elsewhere.

Annie Lobert



Annie founded **Hookers for Jesus** which is an organization that helps prostitutes in Las Vegas leave that lifestyle.

Doug Spears



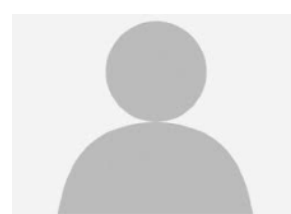
Doug is the Northern WV rep with **Celebrate Recovery** that helps those with hang-ups, hurts or habits to overcome and recover from those addictions and behavior.

Ben Kelley



Ben works with **Remember Nhu** which is an organization that rescues little girls from sex trafficking and provides them, now orphans, a place to live and get an education.

Helping our Vets



This place has not yet been filled. We desire to fill it with someone that works with our military vets.

Our endorsed *Community Impact* Ambassadors of HOPE

Dan & Liz Baker



Dan & Liz have opened up their home to people for long term stays and meet needs around them. Their lifestyle example was the catalyst for starting Restoring HOPE.

Kit & Joann Kindred



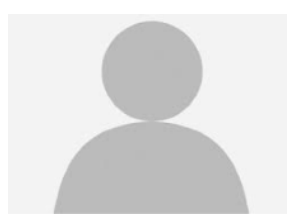
Kit & Joann have been caring for and training people all of their adult life. Now retired they have not stopped and continue to think out of the box ways to help people.

Josh & Liz Ratliff



Josh & Liz had been having an impact on their city for several years before getting involved with rescuing women being trafficked up and down the West coast.

Unknown



This place has not yet been filled. We desire to fill it with someone that has an impact on their neighborhood and city.

Matthew & Caroline Barnett



Matthew pastors at the Dream Center which rescues people in hopeless situations and has radically transformed his L.A. neighborhood and city.

Our Community of HOPE Intern



Community HOPE After being a member of our Community for six years, Jerry Scott encountered Jesus in 2015 and was set free from a drug lifestyle that was literally destroying him. He now volunteers his energy and time as a long term intern with Restoring HOPE and reaches out to others in our city that need to be set free, as he was from his addiction. Jerry desires to go into Buckhannon and help others get off drugs and strengthen their families.

Message from our *interim* Director of Advancement

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Kristina oversees all of our fundraising campaigns & efforts and promotes Restoring HOPE's efforts and vision into reality. She also runs our Eastern branch office right outside NY City, NY in White Plains where she works as a case manager. She is an Associate Pastor @First Community church of the Nazarene leading worship, trains lay leaders, & much more.

Side-note: she is an amazing singer, student and has the best chalkboard handwriting EVER!



As we finish out the year we are hoping for a generous surge of donations. We have refocused our financial goals for 2018 and will be making more intentional efforts to get our annual giving past phase one and hopefully into phase three. Everything helps.

Please remember to pray for our team and our ministry efforts as we help people restore hope to the hopeless.

Please feel free to contact me for any information.

Kristina

In Appreciation

We would not be able to encourage, equip and help all the people that we do without your financial support. Our team relies upon tax deductible donations to meet our basic family needs and provide quality services across the globe.



Our current Fundraising Needs

We need a minimum of \$1,200 for our office expenses and \$1,300 for our remaining Community Impact events.

That is \$2,500.

Please help us continue to Restore HOPE across the country and in our local community.

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