

2014 HOPE worldwide and Benevolence Service Team Report

As the members of the HOPE worldwide and Benevolence Committee strengthen the collaboration between ICOC churches and HOPE worldwide, the ICOC support and involvement with HOPE worldwide's efforts all over the world are measurably increasing.



The Committee continues to thank God, the churches and all the saints for the spiritual growth that has taken place in our ministry to the poor. We are inspired by the tireless efforts put forth by each disciple on behalf of those in need. HOPE worldwide has been regularly featured in regional conferences and leadership gatherings. It is our continued prayer that together we can achieve even greater things in serving the poor in the coming year. We are organized in four Subcommittees, and report the following:

Church Relations and Communication Subcommittee:

The connection between HOPE worldwide and the ICOC continues to be our most important asset as an organization. A major focus of 2013 was a campaign to personally reach out to all U.S. church leaders in an effort to encourage better communication between church leaders and HOPE worldwide as well as to solicit greater participation in the International Day of Giving.

HOPE worldwide is committed to:

- Being the church's charity and not just a charity the church supports.
- Proclaiming the ministry of Jesus as preaching, teaching and healing together.

Breakthroughs in ICOC Communication: Since July 2013, Disciples Today through Roger Lamb and Dr. Jonathan Hoggard are helping us continue the campaign of maintaining and strengthening communication between HOPE worldwide and the church. For example,

- Disciples Today developed an ICOC Relationship Plan for the Intl Day of Giving for 2013 and 2014. The HOPEww Team used this plan that resulted in 29 new churches giving and an increase of 23% in IDG giving in 2013. During the same month the IDG funds were being gathered, DToday and ICOC HotNews helped us raise \$600,000 for the disaster relief in the Philippines.
- Another example of this new partnership is the launch of a new HOPE worldwide website and fundraising tools to be released in time for the ICOC Delegates and ILC meetings in Singapore. We believe this new site will allow HOPE worldwide to more effectively communicate our work and mission to donors, volunteers and churches.

Church Giving: HOPE worldwide finished 2013 in the black - due in large part to the faithful funding commitments of our churches and their leaders.

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- HOPE worldwide presented to the ICOC Delegates in September 2013 in New York and also sent regional church giving reports to the Regional Chairmen to solicit

their assistance with following up on church giving within their respective regions. Mike Taliaferro, Wyndham Shaw and Steve Kinnard (2013 Coordinators) have been instrumental in encouraging this localized approach.

- The 2013 International Day of Giving took place during November 2013. With more than \$1.3 million pledged, IDG church donations exceeded \$1.4 million and beat budgeted projections by \$270,000, including participation by 29 churches who had not given the previous year.
- The 2014 International Day of Giving will take place on Sunday, November 9.

HOPEww Global Summit: Hundreds of people gathered in Long Beach, California for the annual HOPEww Global Summit in May of 2014. An insightful review of the Summit is published on DisciplesToday.org written by Courtney Sebo, a student at Indiana University and Secretary of the NYAC: [A Student's Reflections on HOPEww's Global Summit](#)

Community Service Subcommittee:

Tremendous advances were made in HOPE worldwide's Community Service Division (CSD) team with a growing number of Chapters in local congregations full of enthusiastic volunteers.

Chapter Volunteerism Programs

- **88** Chapters in the United States – **12** additional Chapters by the end of 2014
- **7** Chapters in Canada – **3** additional Chapters by the end of 2014
- **7** Chapters in the Caribbean and **3** Affiliates (Jamaica, Haiti, Dominican Republic) - **2** additional affiliates by the end of 2014 (Bahamas and Trinidad and Tobago)

The National Youth Advisory Council (NYAC)

- In April, NYAC hosted the second annual **National Youth Service Day** on 30 Campuses involving 600 students in service projects to put the "You" back in Youth.
- In July, HOPE worldwide increased the National Youth Advisory Council (NYAC) from 18 to 130 members and the NYAC helped lead the ICMC Stomp for Homelessness involving 2,300 students.

HOPE Youth Corps

- 2014 celebrates the 20th anniversary for HOPE Youth Corps! Literally thousands of young disciples have been impacted with serving the poor and preaching the gospel. Many attribute HYC to the tipping point in their decision to become disciples. Numerous strong relationships including many marriages continue to bond these people.
- In 2012, we reported to the leadership that only 120 students participated in HOPE Youth Corps the previous year.
- At their 2013 meeting, the ICOC Delegates passed a proposal supporting churches to participate in the HOPE Youth Corps.
- In 2014, 278 students participated in the HOPE Youth Corps. This is an increase of 100 participants from last year.
- There were 12 different HYC sites this summer and there will be 2 more HYCs taking place in India over the Christmas holiday.
- Nine churches sponsored participants this year through scholarships totaling almost \$12,000.
- Nadine Templer is now employed as a development officer for the program. She is assisting in promoting the program around the world, gaining support for churches providing scholarships to assist their members with attending HYC and

also determining which sites would like to be considered for 2015.

- Plans for HYC 2015 are underway, and options are being explored to help more non-US participants attend.

National Day of Service was hosted by HOPE *worldwide* of Canada in June, and chapters across Canada participated in projects in their local communities.

SPARK Academy and Staten Island Rebuild

- In January, HOPE *worldwide*, the Central Jersey Church of Christ, and New York Church of Christ begin the **SPARK Academy** in Union Beach, New Jersey and the **Staten Island Rebuild** project in Staten Island, NY.
- In March, HOPE *worldwide* Disaster Services and the New York Church of Christ received the **Sophie Matthews Memorial Award** for Volunteer Service because of the Staten Island Rebuild Project.

Disaster Services Programs: We are experiencing a nationally recognized reputation in disaster relief through our partnerships with the American Red Cross and Catholic Charities – USA who have awarded large grants to us because they value our incredible volunteers.

- In February, HOPE *worldwide* Disaster Services submitted a FEMA grant for the Protecting Our Neighbors Program.
- In May, HOPE *worldwide* Disaster Services received **American Red Cross Volunteer Leadership Award** for the Protecting Our Neighbors Program at the Global Summit. The program has mobilized over **9,500** volunteers who have served over **175,000** hours of service reaching **800,000** households across the country.
- In June, Catholic Charities USA, HOPE *worldwide* Disaster Services, and Lutheran Services in America formed an historic partnership as three faith based organization and submitted a 5 year contract proposal to the US Department of Health and Human Services for the Disaster Case Management program.

Disaster Response Subcommittee:

With each new disaster, it seems as if our ability to go into “Protocol” thinking and application gets smoother and quicker. Because of the ICOC’s years of support, HOPE *worldwide* is able to be on the ground serving the church and the community when these disasters strike. Because of our great volunteers from the ICOC, corporate funders have been attracted to our disaster response work.

Update on Typhoon Haiyan – Philippines: As the people are trying to rebuild, HOPE *worldwide* and the Metro Manila church continue to help those in need. 200,000 people have been served in the last 9 months.

For 2014: The development of the ICOC Disaster Response Protocol has fulfilled the objectives set in December 2010 when the Disaster Response Subcommittee was first formed. The new objectives are being proposed as follows:

1. Expand the membership in the subcommittee to include representatives from Central and South America.
 - As an effort to better support churches globally, Josue Ortega from El Salvador was added as a new member, based on various recommendations by key stakeholders for the region. He brings a valuable ground level perspective and communication anchor from the region.

2. Continued evaluation of Disaster Response Protocol
 - The Disaster Response Protocol is being updated to improve preparedness. The US protocol has been discussed, and a plan for developing response efforts in the US is being coordinated through Antonio Boyd, Dave Tomlinson, and Sheridan Wright. There is a proposal to develop “hotels of hope” for relief shelters during US disasters. A preparedness training manual for church leaders is being developed for churches.
3. Assess the viability of implementing the “ICOC Disaster First Response Fund” as set forth in the Protocol revision of September 2012. This would include addressing questions of funding, transparency, accountability, and evaluation.
 - Some churches have set aside funding locally in case of disasters. A church in Legazpi, Philippines is a great example of how these efforts are developing.
4. As HOPE *worldwide* is experiencing increased roles in disaster preparedness throughout the world, explore the possibilities of disciples in the ICOC being “on the front lines” in helping their communities to be “disaster prepared.”
 - In doing this, a training process and accompanying manual are being prepared for this purpose. Another disaster preparedness training is being planned in Indonesia on Oct 30-31, 2014
5. Communicating the need for every congregation in the ICOC to have a Disaster Preparedness Plan.
 - One great example of the need to focus on having a Disaster Preparedness Plan is in the city of Legazpi. Their preparedness is reducing the possibility of loss of life.

Governance and Risk Management Subcommittee:

A Governance and Risk Management Subcommittee of the HOPE *worldwide* and Benevolence Service Team is expected to become operational after the upcoming International Leadership Conference in Singapore. The Subcommittee will focus on overseeing implementation of recommendations from the recent ICOC-HOPEww Alignment Task Force (ATF), monitoring problem situations involving joint interests of the ICOC and HOPE *worldwide* and intervening when appropriate to protect ICOC reputational interests.

Initial objectives of the Subcommittee will be to establish priorities for implementation of ATF recommendations, coordinate with ICOC and HOPE *worldwide* leaders about their respective roles in the resulting partnership framework, resolve current problem situations and provide advice and where necessary intervene in other situations that may require attention.

The ATF, chaired by Walter Evans, included representatives of the ICOC Evangelist Service Team, the HOPE *worldwide* and Benevolence Service Team, and the HOPE *worldwide* Global Coordinating Council as well as the Board Chair and CEO of HOPE *worldwide*. It developed 28 recommendations for ICOC-HOPEww relations, including:

- standards for HOPE *worldwide* communications regarding its spiritual foundation ICOC relationship,
- guidelines for ecclesiastical oversight of HOPE *worldwide* governing bodies,
- requirements regarding the spiritual standing of HOPE *worldwide* senior leaders,
- a process for clarifying ICOC expectations of the HOPE *worldwide* relationship, and
- protocols in accountability and crisis management.

John Causey as Chair of the HOPE *worldwide* and Benevolence Service Team has partnered with senior leadership and the Board of HOPE *worldwide* to address challenges in a number of countries over the past two years. This has involved a number of trips where a partnership of a church leader and a HOPE *worldwide* leader has worked well. It is anticipated that the Subcommittee will assume responsibility for such advisory and mediation services to the extent they are needed in the future. Updates on these situations:

- **Cambodia** – Negotiations involving a long-time financial partner in the Sihanouk Hospital as well as a former hospital director are focused on a settlement that HOPE *worldwide* hopes will enable it to continue operating the hospital on a sustainable basis.
- **India** – HOPE *worldwide* and HOPE *worldwide* India are discussing plans for remedial action pursuant to a HOPE *worldwide* whistleblower report. Recommendations are expected shortly from an Elder Service Team task force investigating a related matter.
- **Nigeria** – The Board of HOPE *worldwide* Nigeria has been reconstituted, church disciplinary action has been taken involving a number of former HOPE *worldwide* Nigeria senior leaders and positive steps have been taken to strengthen the relationship between HOPE *worldwide* Nigeria and the Lagos church.

Members:

- John Causey (chair) – Los Angeles, CA
- Mark Templer (co-chair) – Dubai,
- Doug Arthur – Boston, MA
- John Brush – Miami, FL
- Robert Carrillo – San Diego, CA
- Herve Fleurant – San Antonio, TX
- Darren Gauthier – Chicago, IL
- Bill Hooper – Dallas, TX
- Gregg Marutzky – Omaha, NE
- Ray Nadon – Anchorage, AK
- JP Tynes – Orlando, FL
- Sheridan Wright – New York, NY
- Antonio Boyd (HOPEww) – Columbia, SC
- Charles Ham (HOPEww) – Jakarta, Indonesia
- Mandy Jordan (HOPEww) – Philadelphia, PA
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