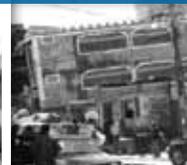




# A COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE TO CRISIS AND DISASTER



Throughout history, the failure to cope with natural disasters has produced devastating consequences, from countless lives lost to ruined homes, businesses and economies. Tragically, it is often the poorest of the poor who are the most vulnerable.

Around the world over 60 million people a year are affected by disasters and crisis.

**Hope Force International** (HFI) is a Christian response to the need that surrounds us at home and abroad, reaching out to those who experience suffering and loss. As a leading non-profit organization dedicated to disaster response, HFI is comprised of individuals who are committed to utilizing their expertise to inspire, equip and mobilize thousands of trained volunteers into areas of crisis around the world.

Hope Force International prioritizes disaster response initiatives that are undertaken with like-minded companies and agencies. Collaborative relationships with organizations and businesses such as World Relief, Smith & Nephew and Medical Teams International (MTI) provide a platform for maximum effectiveness. HFI has been a national partner with The Salvation Army since 2005 with a focus on training and volunteer deployment.



“ Whatever You Did For The Least Of These...**You Did For Me**”

Matthew 25:40

**January 2010** ushered in an unparalleled awareness of the power of natural disasters to deliver devastation. An estimated 230,000 people lost their lives as a result of Haiti's magnitude 7 earthquake and provided a backdrop for shocking scenes of destruction. The landscape of an entire nation was changed - Haiti and her people face a long and difficult road to recovery.

**Even more recently,** 1,000-year floods devastated the city of Nashville, Tennessee. Torrential rains brought 19 inches of rain to some areas over a two-day period. Stories abound of people barely escaping their flooded cars or homes and struggling with "survivor's guilt" because their neighbors did not make it. The damage to property and business was so vast that it will be years before the region fully recovers.

**As never before,** trained disaster responders are needed to walk sensitively and appropriately alongside those affected by crisis or disaster. To make a contribution to Hope Force International, please [click here](#).

**HFI specializes in training** volunteers in disaster response so they are prepared and allowed to respond, often in restricted areas, when disaster strikes. People are seldom adequately prepared to meaningfully come alongside others who are suffering. HFI provides a pathway of service for caring individuals, allowing them to become willing, capable responders.

Three-day Reservist training focuses on the grief and trauma cycle, personal wholeness and healthy team dynamics. Hope Force stresses the importance of the relational, emotional and spiritual aspects of effectively meeting the needs of those who have suffered loss. Over 1,000 HFI Reservists stand ready to deploy to crisis areas. [Click here](#) to read more about training.

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**Hope Force Reservists** have responded to floods in the Midwest, tornados in the South, wildfires in the West and severe storms in the South. HFI Teams also responded to the Asian Tsunami, the Haiti earthquake and the 2011 Joplin tornadoes. Hope Force endeavors to become a leading volunteer response force, bringing hope to those affected by crisis or disaster.

*“We are very impressed by the quality and depth of the Hope Force training – all three days centered on our spiritual well-being and our relationship and identity in Christ. We were so challenged and encouraged by each of the speakers as well as inspired by their stories. We flew across the country to attend the training... and it was worth every penny. We love Hope Force!”*

*-Jessica and Davey Anderson, Hope Force Reservists*







# GIVE A GIFT CHANGE A LIFE

Whether you sponsor a child in Haiti, support a home reconstruction in Appalachia, or give to a disaster relief fund, your contribution to Hope Force will make a lasting impact.

Please consider an individual gift or a monthly pledge and help us reach those who are suffering in the United States and around the world.

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Thank you for supporting this vital mission!

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## Five-Year Average Expense Summary



Hope Force is committed to prioritizing its expenditures to allow every possible financial resource to be used for its programmatic activities: providing disaster relief services and training quality disaster responders. On average, approximately 88% of all donations are used for disaster relief. *(A more comprehensive financial report is available upon request.)*

**Jack and Cherie Minton** founded Hope Force International in 2003 based on nearly 25 years of executive leadership experience with international aid. This included work in more than 50 nations with officials at all levels of government, numerous partner agencies, churches and companies. This created a vision to provide a way for the Christian community to dedicate themselves to crisis relief. [Click here](#) to read about programs currently underway with HFI.

“*Hope Force is dedicated to providing a clear pathway for Christians to become leading responders to the plight of global suffering. While it may seem impossible to account for the “why” of global disasters, we can define our response. Look at Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10: “But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and cared for him.”*

*We believe that followers of Christ have a mandate to respond to those who are suffering from disaster or chronic need. That is why we exist – to be a catalyst for mobilizing the global Christian community to compassionately and effectively respond in times of crisis.*”

*Jack & Cherie*





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## MISSION

To alleviate suffering caused by disasters and chronic human need through mobilizing the global Christian community into compassionate action.

## VISION

To become a leading volunteer training and response force, bringing hope to those affected by crisis or disaster.

## CORE VALUES

- Reverencing and referencing God in all we do
- Responding to worldwide disasters and crises quickly and effectively
- Empowering volunteers for rapid deployment
- Partnering with others to maximize effectiveness
- Demonstrating the transforming work of God in the lives of responders and those we serve
- Maintaining high standards of professionalism in decisions and actions
- Loving people – one individual at a time
- Serving others with bravery, compassion and integrity

## OBJECTIVES

- To prepare for disasters through training and strategic planning
- To take action through immediate response and relief at disaster sites worldwide
- To proactively help disaster survivors through recovery and development programs as well as serving in areas of chronic, pre-existing need