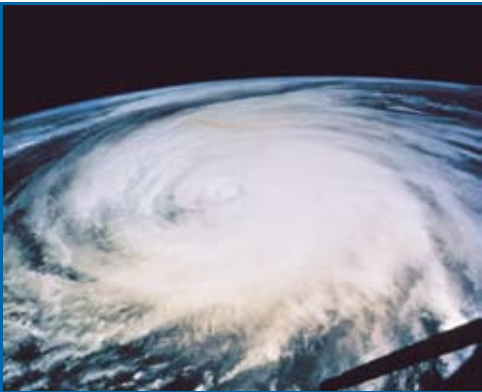


A Letter from HFI's Founders

Let's do what Jesus did...

Most followers of Jesus spend their waking hours dealing with the necessities of everyday life: working, sleeping, eating... and trying to carve out meaningful time with God and others. I have come to believe that God's intention for us is the same as it was for Jesus -- to live life with a highly developed sense of God's presence and His desired outcome for every interaction we experience with others. When we couple this with a willingness to listen and obey, I believe we will find ourselves doing the things that Jesus did.



Preparation is the key to meaningful involvement.

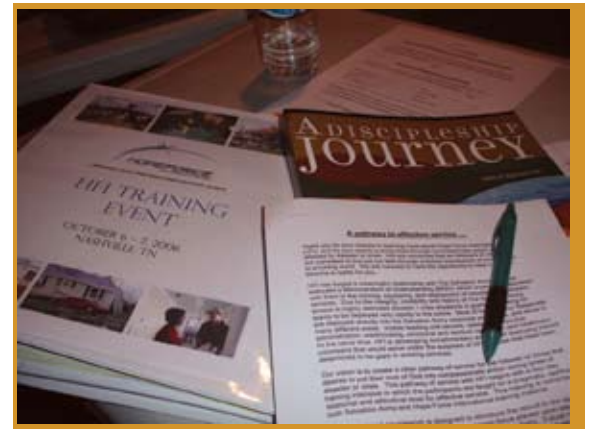
Based on the 2005 figures supplied by the World Health Organization, approximately 10,000 people were killed as a result of disaster, and nearly 5,000,000 people were affected on a monthly basis. The increase of disaster events and their impact upon mankind is indisputable. The question is, "What must our response be as followers of Jesus in these times of desperate need?" We are convinced that one thing we must do is prepare ourselves in advance, so that when the situation arises and we see people in need, we can meaningfully respond.

Cherie Minton, HFI Co-Founder and Executive V.P. shares a life-changing experience:

Several years ago, while our family was serving in the aftermath of the 1985 Mexico City earthquake, my heart was deeply stirred as I read Matthew 25, and the observable behaviors Jesus said He was looking for in His followers. He said that when we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give shelter to the wanderer, and care for the sick, we are actually ministering to Him. Even though we were already serving in an environment of great need, I knew deep in my heart that I had to answer the question: 'Have I ever neglected someone in crisis when it was in my power to respond?'

People are always more important than agendas.

Later that morning, I encountered a vacationing family who had been robbed at gunpoint, resulting in two murdered family members. Even though I had begun my day with a busy agenda, I instantly knew that God had given me my assignment for that day -- to be "Jesus with skin on" to this grief-stricken family. I was deeply grateful that God had prepared me through His word and spirit to understand His priorities.



As I have further studied that chapter, I have taken note that it begins with a very important principle: the need to be prepared for ministry. As the story of the ten virgins unfolds, we read that each of them understood that it was their responsibility and privilege to tend to the needs of the coming Bridegroom; they knew He was coming soon, but they didn't know the exact time. While half of the virgins wisely prepared for the occasion, half did not exercise prudence in their preparation, and missed the chance of a lifetime to meaningfully minister to the Bridegroom himself.

Preparation is the key to effective service. If you have felt "stirred" in your heart to respond during times of crisis or disaster but have felt inadequate, come join our ranks and prepare to bring hope through compassionate action. We look forward to welcoming you!

In His service,

Jack and Cherie

Jack & Cherie Minton

Founders, Hope Force International

Purposeful preparation... a pathway to service

While grateful for a relatively calm hurricane season and fewer major disasters in 2006, we recognize the ongoing need to train and equip willing workers to serve when disaster and chronic needs arise. This past year, Hope Force International conducted ongoing regional training intensives in:

- Costa Mesa, CA
- Washington DC
- State College, PA
- Omaha, NE
- Northfield, MN
- Nashville, TN.

Total trained: 244 HFI disaster responders

Read what a few of our HFI Reservists share about their training experience:



"I've spent the last four years developing curriculum, going to conferences and interviewing subject matter experts in the field of emergency response and planning. I was very impressed with the HFI training in communication, teamwork and especially how to be sensitive and communicate with victims. I'm truly excited to recommend this training to friends, colleagues and my local church. Hope Force prepares teams to respond in a way that will bring life to areas that have little or no hope. I'm thrilled to be associated with Hope Force!"

Meg Crew, RN, ND, Disaster Management Consultant

"The teaching was outstanding – a time of soul-searching and uplifting – and I left feeling revived. The experience changed my life. Since I have been deployed into Mississippi as an emotional and spiritual caregiver, I have been shocked to see the intensity of the ongoing pain of Katrina's victims, even though it has been more than a year since the disaster struck. I am returning to the Gulf coast for extended service, and I know that because of my training with Hope Force, I am more effective in my ministry to the people I encounter."

John Welcome, Pastor



"The training I received with Hope Force International far exceeded my expectations. It reconfirmed my core beliefs and the importance of being a true follower of Jesus Christ. 'Reflecting the value of God's heart' – providing love, compassion, humility, and a listening ear – is so important when tragedy strikes. As volunteers, we were reminded of the importance of working as a team and caring for each other, too. It was such a joy and a privilege to see the character of Christ exemplified in the core leadership team. It was an amazing weekend!"

Rochelle Anderson, Executive Assistant, The Master's Program

Come join us in 2007 and help us reach our goal of 1,000 trained Reservists! Training Dates and Locations:

- Jan 12 & 13 – Nashville (HFI)
- Jan 19 & 20 – Nashville (Salvation Army)
- Feb 23 & 24 – Seattle (HFI)
- Mar 16 & 17 – TBD* (HFI)
- Mar 30 & 31 – Seattle (Salvation Army)
- Apr 2-6 – Nashville (Reservist secondary training: Conflict Resolution in Crisis; Emotional & Spiritual Care; Critical Incident Stress Management)
- Apr 13 & 14 – Nashville (HFI)
- Apr 20 & 21 – Nashville (Salvation Army)
- May 18 & 19 – TBD* (HFI)
- May 25 & 26 – TBD* (Salvation Army)
- Jun 22 & 23 – TBD* (HFI)
- Jul 13 & 14 – Nashville (HFI; held in collaboration with LionShare's Young Leader's Intensive)
- Aug 24 & 25 – TBD* (HFI)
- Sep 21 & 22 – TBD* (HFI)
- Oct 29 & 30 – Orange County (HFI)
- Nov 16 & 17 – Nashville (HFI)



* Location to be determined. Please note: HFI Reservist certification consists of 2 days of HFI and 2 days of Salvation Army curriculum. These segments are held on two separate weekends.

Passionate Partners... Project Rebuild

Within hours of Hurricane Katrina's landfall, Craig Snow arrived in Mississippi with a heart of compassion, vision and boundless energy, leading to the birth of Hope Force International's recovery effort, Project Rebuild. Working in strategic partnerships with The Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, Samaritan's Purse, and several churches, Project Rebuild teams completed renovations of 20 homes, with 5 scheduled for Christmas delivery. Project Rebuild focuses efforts on the needs of widows, single mothers and the elderly.

Olivia Kemp, mother of 14 and grandmother of 25 experienced her first miracle makeover. In East Biloxi, Mississippi, Hope Force, Samaritan's Purse and a "mystery celebrity" joined forces to complete renovations of Olivia's Katrina-ravaged home in just three short weeks. Olivia concluded, "It was a miracle house because miracle people came."



Frank Tennort lived in a pup tent outside his home after Katrina hit East Biloxi. Widowed 16 years ago, Frank became the first resident to join HFI workers in rebuilding his own home. After weeks of cheerful hard work, Frank joined the Project Rebuild team as Supply Coordinator, energetically serving to rebuild his community.

During Hurricane Katrina, Bettye and Frenchy Duhon decided to ride out Hurricane Katrina in the two story house across the street from their 80-year old home

-- now undergoing a major renovation by Hope Force volunteers. Despite delays, life in a FEMA trailer and a desire to be "home" for Christmas, Bettye says, "We are so blessed to have a place to lay our head at night. So many people from many different walks of life have come to help us. God can always make something good out of bad -- we have met so many wonderful people."



Through Project Rebuild, Hope Force International has had the privilege of hosting 715 volunteers, arriving from all over the U.S. and beyond, representing many churches and partner organizations. To each one who has contributed to this worthy endeavor, we wish to express our heartfelt gratitude.



If you or your church would like to come help us in our ongoing recovery efforts along the gulf coast, please contact us at: info@hopeforce.org or call **615-371-1271**.

Quick Facts: HFI disaster relief volunteer hours through October 2006:	20,510
HFI Project Rebuild volunteer hours through October 2006:	31,460
Total volunteer hours:	51,970

We gratefully acknowledge our primary partner for domestic response, The Salvation Army, and are pleased to share a few comments from their Disaster Services leadership:

"The partnership that exists between Hope Force International and The Salvation Army has been the cause for celebration, as we have enjoyed working side by side. Whether working in the trenches of major or local disasters or training and preparing ourselves for disaster work, the Eastern Territory Disaster Services department has realized the incredible benefit that has come from this wonderful relationship. We have drawn very close to you and to many of your reservists, and consider them partners and dear friends. It is my prayer that our relationship continues to grow and prosper, as we work to serve those whose lives are affected by disaster."

Mike Orfitelli, Territorial Disaster Services Coordinator, The Eastern Territory

"HFI's teamwork with the Army has been extremely valuable, greatly appreciated and could not have come at a better time. Jack and Cherie reiterate continually that they desire to deploy reservists who "you could trust with your life..." We trust and appreciate their dedication to raise up spiritually mature individuals who are able to handle emergency relief in chaotic and emotional situations. As a national partner, The Salvation Army looks forward to the work we will accomplish together with Hope Force International, showing the love of Christ to those who are hurting the most, meeting their most basic needs without discrimination."

Jeff Jellerts, Disaster Services Director, The Salvation Army, Southern Territory





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Hope Force International: Preparing for Disaster Medical Response

by Dr. Tim Browne

Each morning I have a renewed sense of awe that our God – the One who created the beautiful mountains outside our home in Montana and “calls each star by name,” desires to include me in His plan to bring people into wholeness. When we bring God’s healing to the brokenhearted and bind up their wounds, He tells us that “what you did for the least of these...you did for me.”

I can’t think of people in greater need of God’s amazing mercy and love than those who have been stricken by disaster. In times of crisis, the need for medical care is critical. During the last three major

natural disasters – the Southeast Asia tsunami, the Pakistani earthquake and Hurricane Katrina

– the cry for immediate medical support came loud and clear. I am thankful that the leadership of Hope Force International is responding to this call through the formation of a medical advisory board, of which I am privileged to be a founding member.

Please join us in prayer for God’s wise direction and for the resources needed as we prepare for future medical disaster response. If you are a medical provider, and you are stirred to respond, we’d love to have you join us in this exciting new adventure of compassionate service! **Please contact us at: info@hopeforce.org for further information.**



Dr. Tim and Julie Browne, with Dr. Banagala; Hope Force surgical outreach, post-tsunami. Sri Lanka – June, 2005

Dr. Tim Browne is an orthopaedic surgeon who has served in international medical missions for many years. He serves on the Hope Force executive board, in addition to the newly formed medical advisory board. His wife, Julie, has assisted him throughout their years of medical ministry together. We are deeply grateful for their contribution to Hope Force International, and honor their efforts to alleviate suffering for so many people around the world.

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