



» e-Bullet For HFI Reservists

Dear Hope Force Reservist,

As we turn our eyes to next year, we want to express a heartfelt thank-you for your participation and support. We also want to extend an invitation for greater levels of involvement in 2012. This can be expressed through preparation for service, joining us on deployments or through investing financially in the ministry. Take a moment to read about all of these opportunities below...

» Opportunities

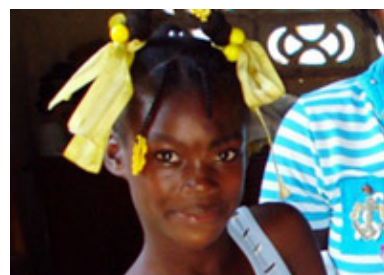
Train

- Hope Force International has had a signed MOU with the Salvation Army since 2006, which allows for collaborative partnership projects in many arenas, such as disaster response and training. We urge all of our Reservists to take ongoing training with The Salvation Army – if you haven't taken Introduction to Emergency Disaster Services or MEDIC-BasicPlus, [check the listings near you](#) and plan to participate in 2012.
- For Orange County, California residents interested in deepening their understanding of Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM), [this FREE, three-day course](#) focuses on Individual Crisis Intervention, Peer Support and Group Crisis Intervention. The desired intent is to build a Crisis Response Team for schools, of which Reservists Bobbie Bradley and Junko Cora are team members. The class is open to those who live or work in Orange County.



Go

- HFI was created to facilitate that God-given impulse to help the hurting. We often hear, "I want to help but I just don't know how." [Come join us at our next HFI training in Painesville, Ohio.](#) As a Reservist you can audit the course and you can also



sponsor a future Reservist training in your hometown. Contact [Sue Duby](#) today to find out all the details. Help us spread the word and publicize the Ohio training in your churches, on Facebook, or wherever you can.



- Hope Force Reservist Glenda Alexander recently returned from her second deployment to Haiti, a nation still recovering from the 7.0-magnitude earthquake that struck almost two years ago. The three Reservists on this deployment joined forces with the field team to deliver Christmas gift bags to those benefitting from HFI's Child Sponsorship Program. Glenda and another Reservist were also able to put their expertise into action by providing medical treatment at a local clinic. [Read the full story here.](#)
- We have identified dates in 2012 for community health and related outreaches to Haiti. The community health aspect will include health teachings and consultations. Other projects could include helping with building houses, painting, ministry in schools and assisting in the community. [Click here to read about deployment details!](#)

» Testimonies



Following the devastation of this year's Joplin tornado that stripped nearly 1/3 of the city, the Salvation Army set up a help-tent for victims of the disaster. The tent provided food, hydration, gift-cards for gas, temporary lodging and other free services. As a Disaster Chaplain, HFI staffer Chuck Duby used the tent as a central place to meet survivors, help them get practical assistance and listen to their stories.

Chuck explains: "There, I met Mike, introduced myself, and asked if I could talk with him. He agreed, and with a bit of prompting, began to tell his stunning story of survival." [Read the full story here.](#)

The small town of Smithville, Mississippi, was almost destroyed by a tornado with a damage path that was 37.2 miles long and half a mile wide on April 27. In less than ten seconds, hundreds of families were left homeless. HFI Reservist Nancy Grisham was working at a small hospital just over an hour's drive from Smithville when the devastating news began to fill the

television screens. Her church adopted a family in need of a total rebuild and she soon found herself leading the church's response efforts. [Click here for the rest of the story.](#)

» Updates

Just in case you missed it... American Airlines has recently updated their website to announce the grand prize winner of their Flights.Camera.Action contest – Hope Force International! You can see the exciting moment that the announcement was made in Washington, D.C. [by clicking here.](#)

» Support

"I am very blessed that God has allowed me to work for a company that supports its employees and their giving/volunteer work," explains Reservist Steve Alexander. "With Chevron, every employee is allowed a matching cash grant of up to \$5,000 per year; so my \$5,000 gift would double to \$10,000 with Chevron's match. I am also eligible for a \$500 cash grant each year for every 20 hours I volunteer, up to \$1000."

In order to make this happen, Steve had to register Hope Force with his company – every company has its own set of policies and we hope that you will check with your employer to find out what they will offer. "The one-time, initial effort is minimal," Steve says. "While the subsequent, ongoing payoff is amazingly generous and makes a huge difference!" [Find out more about corporate gift matches here.](#)

There is still time to receive a 2011 tax-receipt for charitable contributions and we hope you will consider supporting the work of Hope Force International. As well, we're extending an invitation to you to consider a renewed investment in 2012. **Together, we invite you to remain involved with us to reach others in the name of Jesus.**

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