

NEW HOPE OUTREACH



NH MISSIONS



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Kari Bruce masterfully paddles standing up as the villagers do.

PURPOSE



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The goal of this Missions booklet is to help educate the New Hope family about the men and women on the mission field that we support as a church—servants who are working with intensity towards God's purposes. They have made, and are currently making, huge sacrifices as ambassadors of Christ. You may already know many of the missionaries or missionary organizations that we partner with. Others may be new to you!

We pray that your heart is moved by the work God is doing through each man and woman mentioned here. They have laid aside their personal comfort and pursuit of happiness to pursue the heart of God through their life.



Rich Bruce
NH Mission Pastor

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Go!



The idea of Christians responding to the Great Commission— taking the good news of Christ to places it may not be known— has been referred to historically as *missions*. Unfortunately, the lofty spiritual meaning of this word has been clouded in recent years. For example, we may use the word mission to describe much more mundane activities. We can even describe a guy who is working with intensity on something trivial (like mowing the lawn) as a “man on a mission”. As believers, we should never trivialize the mission Jesus has for us. He sent all believers on an important mission in Mark 16:15 when He said, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”

Our level of intensity around Christ’s purposes reveals much about our faith. As Pastor Mark Kring says, “What we believe about God determines what we do next.” If we truly believe God leaves no one unloved and no sin unpunished, that belief will determine the intensity of our efforts to bring the good news of Christ’s sacrifice to others.

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Mark Kring



Sam Bruce greets the people on the muddy shore near home after returning from a long boat trip for ministry.

Where to?



Consider the geographical scope of God's calling in the following verse:

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

This illustrates the need to be God's witnesses within 3 spheres:



Jerusalem (City)

New Hope's "Jerusalem" is the greater Meridian Township Area, including the City of Lansing.



Samaria (Nation)

Our "Samaria" efforts are ministries that extend to the national level.



The Ends of the Earth (World)

Our "ends of the earth" missionaries are away from the U.S. for years at a time and must adapt to a whole new language and culture.



Nate Reynolds with some of the MSU CRU team
Spring Break trip to Portugal, March 2019



Jamie Hartges and Craig Sawdon
help rebuild homes in New Bern, NC



Costa Rican Pastors praising God
with Aaron and Cassie Gortmaker

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“Jerusalem”



City

Nathan & Courtney Reynolds

are veteran evangelists and disciples on MSU's campus with CRU. New Hope has been privileged to partner with their ministry over the last several years. They are exemplary servant leaders on campus while also serving faithfully in the Children's ministry here at New Hope. Thank you, Nate and Courtney!

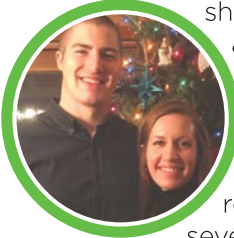
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John and Abby Kaufman

have recently joined CRU staff at Michigan State. John shared in a recent prayer letter that “MSU is an amazing place to start revival in Michigan! ...Out of the 83 counties that make up Michigan, all 83 are represented in the student body of MSU. Along with this, out of 195 countries in the world, 140 are represented on MSU's campus, including several countries in the 10/40 window. We have an amazing opportunity to reach people who can take the Gospel back to every corner of Michigan, and all over the known world!” Thank you, John and Abby!

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The House of Promise

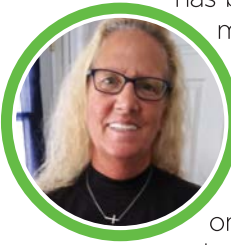
is a home in the Lansing area that is a refuge for young women who are victims of sex trafficking. New Hope partners with THOP to help these young ladies rebuild their lives. Our contact with THOP is Larry Brown.

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Center Lake Bible Camp

(a ministry of Converge) is a year-round camp and retreat, serving children, teens, adults and families. The camp is located near Tustin, MI. New Hope has partnered with the camp for twelve years.

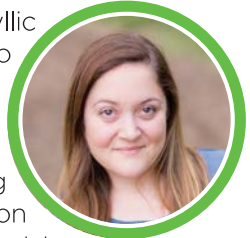
Lansing City Rescue Mission



has been a regular feature of downtown Lansing for many years. They provide food and shelter for hundreds of homeless men, women and children each month. LCRM stays “on mission” by sharing the gospel with each guest. They also provide services to get these men and women back on their feet. Jodi Iiams, who serves on our New Hope missions’ team, personally reaches out to these ladies by teaching at a shelter once a month. Thank you, Jodi! alwaysfun997@gmail.com

Kathleen Anderson | Camp Barakel

has preached Christ to many thousands of children and adults over its 70-year plus history. It is an idyllic retreat center with a godly staff who love to share the good news of Christ. Our New Hope youth group attends winter camp there each year. Other kids sign up individually for Summer Camp and experience a week of great teaching and community. Kathleen Anderson is our liaison to Camp Barakel. She is currently raising support to serve at Camp Barakel full-time, beginning early 2020. Thank you, Kathleen! kathleen.em.anderson@gmail.com



Christian Services

is a ministry that brings churches together to meet pressing needs in the community. New Hope fills a crucial role by providing diapers and baby formula for needy mothers and children. Christian Services works hard to scrutinize each request, to make sure it is truly a need. New Hope has been part of this network for twelve years. rich@nhchurch.com

The Clothesline

is operated by Tom and Lisa Jelenak. Lisa taught for many years in Laingsburg schools. While teaching there, her heart was broken by the poverty she observed. Some of her kids had nothing but a raincoat to get them through harsh Michigan Winters. Tom and Lisa bought two downtown retail sites and dedicated one of them to providing high-quality, affordable clothing for residents of Shiawassee county. The Clothesline is a great opportunity for us to donate, volunteer, or shop. They are presently building out the other commercial space to be used as an outreach center, and hope to sow many gospel “seeds” in downtown Laingsburg. Thank you, Tom and Lisa! lisajelenek@gmail.com



THE GREAT COMMISSION

“Samaria”



Nation

Samaritan's Purse



sends teams of volunteers throughout the country to help displaced families devastated by natural disasters rebuild their lives as well as their homes. Under the direction of Larry Brown, New Hope has been sending out teams since 2013 as “the hands and feet of Jesus”. We highly recommend this opportunity to serve. Thank you, Larry! larry@nhchurch.com



“The Ends of the Earth”



World

Katie Scott



has dedicated her life to show God's love to orphaned and disadvantaged children in Haiti with Back2Back. Like many missionaries, Katie wears multiple hats. She uses her accounting degree in an administrative role while also serving in the daily operations of the orphanage. Back2Back ministries provide awesome short-term trips. Veterans of these trips from New Hope can testify to returning to the U.S.A. both informed and challenged. Thank you, Katie! We are grateful for your sacrifice. kscott@back2back.org

Sam and Kari Bruce

have been serving in the South Pacific region since 2012. The Bruce's living conditions are isolated and challenging. Their stories of rustic tribal life will inspire you. Sam and Kari are making great strides in learning the language and culture of the people they serve. We greatly anticipate worshipping God in eternity with tribal people who will hear of Christ through their ministry. Thank you Sam and Kari for your sacrifice! We are grateful for you. sam.kari.bruce@gmail.com



The Bruce family watches as men carve out a drum.

Aaron and Cassie Gortmaker



have been serving in Costa Rica with United World Missions since May 2017. Aaron and Cassie are working hard to repurpose a 15-acre former Bible School as a location to encourage and disciple local believers. The Gortmakers have taken on an incredibly challenging and complex venture. Despite the hurdles, they have already sponsored seminars for local pastors and even held a “standing room only” concert for local Christian youth. Thank you, Aaron and Cassie, for your hard work! We are grateful for you.

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Dr. David and Ann Kitonga

have been serving with AME International in Kenya, Africa for more than three decades. David and Ann operate a Christian school in an inner-city Nairobi slum. This economically and spiritually depressed area contains 80,000 souls and was built on top of a garbage dump! David and Ann provide an education, lunch, and a wonderful gospel opportunity for these impoverished boys and girls. Thank you, David and Ann! david.kitonga@yahoo.com

Jeanne Scypinski

has been serving with SIM (Serving In Mission) since Sept 1981. She is currently serving in West Africa. She helps with Bible translation and serves in a strategic support role. Thank you, Jeanne! jeanne.scypinski@sim.org



Seeds for Life

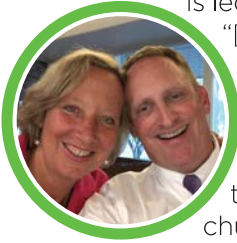


provides Christian materials for students and families in the Central Highlands of Peru. Every year children of the Marco Elementary School celebrate the arrival of these books. Brian Hughes, who serves on our New Hope missions’ team, leads this ministry. Thank you, Brian! bjhughes2000@hotmail.com

Ariel Ministries

was founded by Dr. Fruchtenbaum in 1977. Dr Fruchtenbaum is a world-renowned Jewish Bible scholar. He seeks to provide his Jewish Brothers and sisters gospel opportunities that are tailored to their unique needs. His teaching materials are highly recommended by New Hope leadership.

Salt & Light Global



is led by Professor William Wagner. William writes, "[Salt and Light Global] takes the heart of Jesus to the culture. Discipling servant leaders, we equip them to share His redemptive love and truth. We teach them to see all of who they are and what they do through the lens of His Word. SLG equips the church with strategies to transform the culture.

We train pastors and ministry leaders to contend for the faith. Shining the healing light of Christ into dark places, we share the Good News of Jesus in unique unreached forums. We strategically work to ensure the next generation may do so free of persecution...Will you join us?" Thank you, William and Marilyn! We are grateful for your sacrifice. prof.wwj@gmail.com

Operation Christmas Child

(OCC) is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse. The goal is to distribute shoe boxes that contain toys and a gospel tract. These are gifted to children around the world each Christmas. Under the direction of Bill Opland, this ministry has grown significantly over the last 12 years. OCC is a great way every New Hope family can participate in getting the gospel story to the ends of the earth. Thank you, Bill! pikemanwill@aol.com



How You Can Partner with Us



PRAYER SUPPORT

You can participate in this work by praying over these men and women who are on God's mission. They each face incredible opposition and unique, diverse challenges.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Giving financially to New Hope ensures that these efforts continue to move forward.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

You could make the Christ-like sacrifice by volunteering personally in these efforts. Mission trips are awesome ways to partner with these ministries and reach into needy areas. Contact Rich Bruce to discuss these opportunities for you to be "on a mission" on behalf of God.

The NH Missions Team

The following men and women serve on New Hope's Missions Team, and desire to serve you well:

Rich Bruce NH Mission Pastor
Jennifer Adair
Kathleen Anderson
Larry Brown
Brian Hughes

Jodi Iiams
Tom & Lisa Jelenak
Arika Montgomery
Bill Opland
William Wagner

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

Don't hesitate to ask. Email Rich Bruce at:

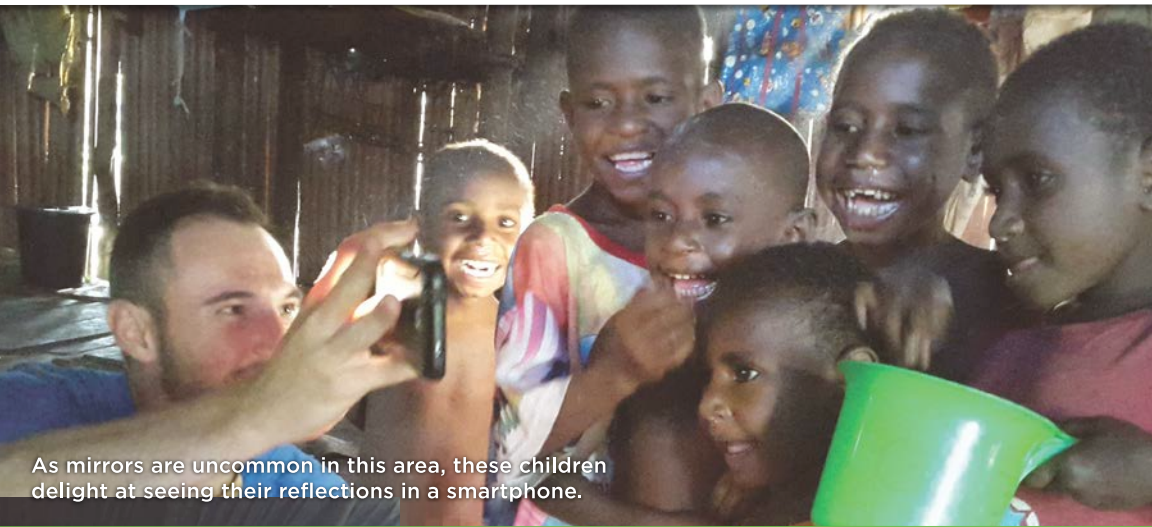
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Hillarie Kauffman and Amanda Brown helping in Rockport, TX 2018



Men from New Hope rebuilding lives in New Bern, NC 2019 with Samaritan's Purse



As mirrors are uncommon in this area, these children delight at seeing their reflections in a smartphone.



Greyson Bruce proudly displays his find, a delicacy called a sago grub. Bon appetit!



Along with 19 other nonprofit organizations, Lisa Jelenak hands out flyers, free hats and scarves, and welcomes new volunteers.



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