

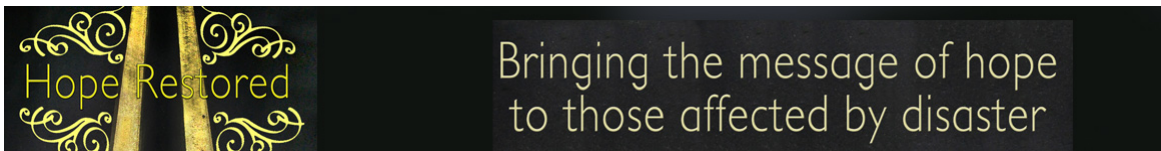
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REMEMBRANCE

Many years ago Linda (one of our volunteers) called to ask for help with one of the seniors she had been serving. Linda introduced us to Jane and we were blessed beyond our wildest imaginations as the entire team built relationships with her over the next 9 years. Everyone was excited when they heard about a workday at Jane's! Volunteers dropped by to visit and check in on her.

Jane's smile, contagious joy, and concern for her friends and family to know Jesus drove the whole team. We all experienced a very special excitement and encouragement with each visit.

As Jane worked alongside the volunteers, we were blessed to hear her stories and experience her joy with all that God provided.

It is with EXTREME sorrow and joy that we announce that Jane has moved. At 95 years old with a heart for Jesus Jane has moved to a permanent residence in Heaven. With how much she enjoyed the Lord here we just can't imagine her joy in His presence.





Ministry Updates

Hope Restored has been busy working to engage in ministry opportunities across a wide array of activities. The last many months have been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 virus with all of its considerations and consequences. In the midst of these trying times we have stayed engaged with the following activities:

Senior Ministry

Susan has taken the lead on this ministry focus which has organically grown from all of our local disaster response activities over the last 10 years. This ministry has been a major focus consuming most of Susan's ministry time.

Activities include:

- Visitation
- Assistance with grocery shopping
- Minor help around the house
- Transportation to appointments

Disaster Response

We have re-started our national disaster relief efforts of fire, flood, hurricane, mudslide, and tornado response. Byron has taken lead on this effort responding to tornadoes in AL in late March.

Local Emergency Operations Support

Byron and Susan work on this together. Hope Restored is involved in the following activities in these efforts:

- We are a member of the Southern Colorado VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster)
- Volunteer with the El Paso County Office of Emergency Management.
- Volunteer with the El Paso County Sheriff's Wildland Fire team as an active firefighter.

Much of the work we have been focused on in the Black Forest for the last eight years has been completed within our capabilities. We thank God for all of the generous, dedicated, hardworking, volunteers who joined with us working every Wednesday and Saturday from the 1st of May to the end of October in the clean-up effort of the catastrophic 2013 Black Forest Fire. Our major efforts included cutting trees, moving

debris, and chipping.

The same volunteers who were so faithful for so long are also the ones who are first to respond to wind, hail, and snow events, as well as other crisis related services.

Byron and Susan have also remained busy working paying jobs outside Hope Restored so that they can continue to run the ministry with no payroll overhead.

God has been amazing! Over and over again we have seen His faithfulness, grace, mercy, and provision. We are honored beyond imagination by His care for the ministry and the volunteers.

WHAT'S NEXT?

There is no time to stop and relax. We are convicted that there is a great urgency to share the gospel. God has given us this platform of disaster relief to work from and we are committed more than ever to engage, serve, and seek out every opportunity to share the good news of Jesus.

Locally we will continue with our senior ministry, to be part of the local VOAD, volunteer with the El Paso County Office of Emergency Management, and to volunteer as a wildland firefighter.

We will also increase our focus on national disaster response, teaching, and training.

TEAM MEETING

We are putting together a team meeting to discuss the 2021 season. We are targeting 09:00 Saturday May 22nd. Waiting on responses from potential hosting locations



TRUCK CAMPER UPDATE

We think we have located a truck bed camper which will enhance our ability to respond to national disasters.

We are working to get the mounts installed and a mounting rail cover built to make the truck bed flat. Front mounts are in place. Rear mounts just arrived and we will try to install on a warm day. The mounting rail cover has been built... just needs primer and paint.

If you want to help with a donation please head over to our [GoFundMe Page](#)

Prayer Requests

Pray for our decision and the finances for the camper. We want to be wise and are excited to extend our ministry reach and safety.

Continue to pray for the safety of all of the volunteers who are busy in the community.

Pray that the volunteers will have the opportunity to share the good news of life available in Jesus, as they serve.

Pray for wisdom for the team as we monitor and evaluate disaster events as they occur.

Questions? Suggestions? Want to know more?

If you want to know more, have suggestions or questions please drop us an email at:

info@hoperestored.org

Enjoy our Podcast!

We are continuing the effort to start a new season of Podcasts. There are a lot of pieces that go into a podcast; equipment, content, hosting, posting, etc. We would love to hear from you as to what content you have enjoyed and what you would like to hear. Any and all suggestions are welcome!

We received a good response to our podcast (Hope Restored - Lessons from the Storms) last season and are working to improve the quality for this coming season. Please LIKE and SUBSCRIBE on your favorite podcast platform or on YouTube.

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