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Love Strong, Believe Strong, Forgive Strong



A Message from Pastor Sheila **Seeds of Hope!**

The power of a seed! And not just any seed! A seed of hope! That's what we are all called to do – to be sowers of seeds of hope. Jesus used the metaphor of seed and sowing as powerful illustrations of what it means to invest.

We are all spreading seeds whether we realize it or not. They can be seeds of discontent, or seeds of complaining, or seeds of anger, or seeds of depression, or we can spread seeds of joy, seeds of love, seeds of hope.

We are called to invest our time, our talents, our tithes in ministry. We are called to sow seeds of hope wherever

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INTER CONNECTED

Hearts all around the world are connected to Jesus and to each other through the internet.

BY SHEILA COLEMAN

When I was a little girl I used to wonder how Jesus would communicate with the entire world at one time when He would return. And then I began to think about technology. Of course, when I was a child technology was limited to phones and televisions (black and white back then) but even then I remember realizing that TV was a powerful tool for communicating Jesus to the entire world at one time.

Never did I dream that my family would provide leadership to a ministry that would reach the entire world through television! And we heard from millions of persons for years as to how that ministry changed and saved human lives.

But technology is constantly changing and media is now delivered more and more through the web. I know I rarely watch broadcast television anymore. I watch the web – and I don't even watch on a TV. I watch on my ipad and my sons watch on their iphones.

It's a new world and I love it! Yes, the internet can bring challenges



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and problems but just like any tool, it can be used for tremendous positive outcomes. I believe it is imperative that we provide as many positive programs on the web as possible!

I am proud that in just one and a half years time we have posted 78 of our Sunday services from Hope Center of Christ on the web! That's a lot of inspiring hours!! That's hours and hours of powerful worship music that people can hear any time and anywhere. That's hours and hours of teaching and preaching that people can watch over and over again.

Hearts all around the world connected to Jesus and to each other through the internet. I love it!

We hear from far and wide from

people all over the world that our ministry is touching hearts. Debbie Smith was recently getting her nails done. The young manicurist said, "Do you sing on the internet?"

I hear from young men and women as far away as Hong Kong and China that they are blessed by our ministry. Perhaps you saw the service where we introduced Ruth who was visiting Hope Center of Christ from Switzerland, or Karrin from Germany.

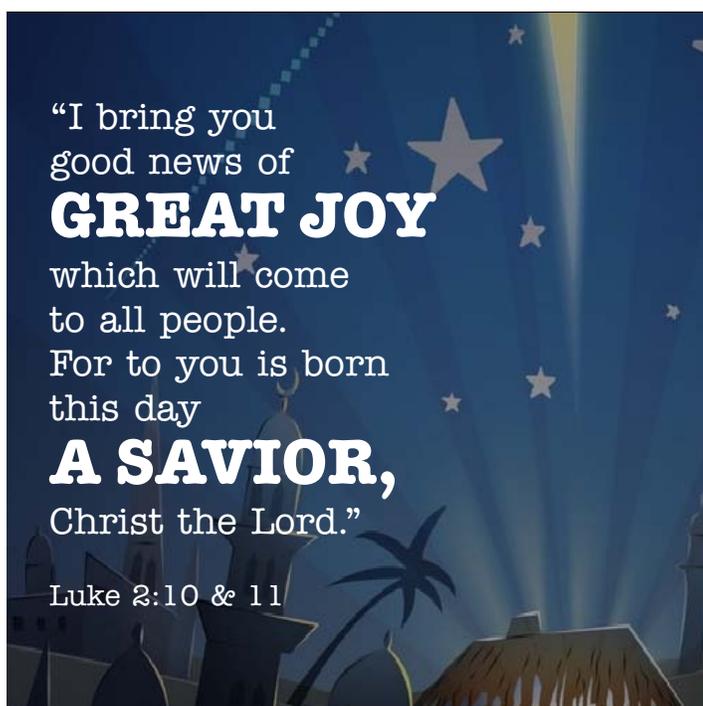
I received this facebook message from Brenda who watches us every Sunday via the web:

"Hi Pastor Sheila, Just wanted to comment on the YouTube service I watched today.

Really powerful!!! I love this church, Pastor Sheila, and am proud to be a part of it, even all the way from Missouri!!! You all are the church living God's word...to be our Brother's Keeper, to help those less fortunate, to do whatever we can to be the hands and feet of Jesus!!! I was brought to tears and am thrilled to see the Lord bless this ministry."

Thank you for your prayers and support as we continue to bring positive, inspiring services to the world wide web! How exciting to think how God can use these seeds of hope!

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Hope Center of Christ members glow with joy as they distributed over 300 bowls of chili to needy children and families at the Anaheim Family Center on Beach Blvd. on Halloween night.

Meet *Hope Center of Christ* Member Beatrice Salim

BY MARGAUX JORDAN

Hope Center of Christ member, Beatrice Salim, sits in the back of our church nearly every Sunday and “clicks” as she says it. She states that humbly – what she really does is a very important job for our church, as she assists in directing and preparing our weekly service for broadcast on the internet. By her “clicking,” she reviews the shots and the angles from each of our three cameras placed in our sanctuary, selecting the best one, and putting that into the cue to be used in our weekly broadcast. She thanks our Pastor Jim Penner, for assisting her and teaching her this vital role.

In addition, she is with us every Friday morning, as a member of our food pantry team gathering the food that is needed to feed the 30+ families in our community who come to Hope Center of Christ every Saturday morning to shop for their weekly groceries.

How is it that Beatrice came to love the Lord so much and to serve him so faithfully? Beatrice says “that credit goes to my father, who learned it from our Father.” Beatrice was brought up in Indonesia, in a financially comfortable family where there was essentially no want. She attended Catholic Schools which provided her with a solid education. “Even though all looked good there was something missing”, she says. She continues, “I always believed in Jesus, as did every member of my

family. Our home was filled with Catholic and Christian books that my father always read. Still, though, my heart felt that close connection to Jesus did not quite exist”. Then, she says she felt the Holy Spirit begin to move in her home and family, and things changed dramatically. “My father, very obviously, adopted a deeper commitment to his faith...and he started teaching me, and I, too, came to love The Lord in a much more personal way than I had ever experienced before.”

Her life is very busy today; she is working on her second Bachelors Degree...this time in web design, (her first is in graphic design). In fact, her faith took another profound leap when, not long ago, she began to seek out a second visa to remain in America to earn her second degree. The approval for the visa looked dim. But, through prayer, she asked God to help...”promising Him that I would serve Him,” she says. She carries out that promise today—Hope Center of Christ being the home of her service.

How does this charming young Christian woman sum up her attitude of faith? “Everyday is special to me,” she says. “Not one day is more special than the other. I try not to waste a second of my life. And, I could never adequately express my gratitude to God for my earthly father. I thank the Lord daily for giving me a dad like him.”



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**I learned
everything
from my
father, who
learned it
from our
Father.**
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- Please let us know how we can pray for YOU
- Consider tithing to this hope centered church and ministry for Jesus Christ
- Send us your email address so we can keep you up-to-date

You're Invited to attend Hope Center of Christ Bible Study Fellowship Groups

BAND OF BROTHERS
men of all ages
Tuesday Evenings at 7pm
Location: off Multipurpose room

HOPE SEEKERS
How to Be a Christian in a Secular World - for persons ages 20s-40s.
Wednesday Evenings at 7pm
Location: Church Thrift Store

WOMEN OF HOPE
women of all ages
Tuesday Evenings at 7pm
Location: off Church kitchen

DREAM BUILDERS -all ages
Monday Evenings at 7:30pm
Location: Church lobby

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To participate or learn more about volunteer opportunities contact Susan Austin at mycampsusan@live.com



CHILI BOWL UPDATE

Number of bowls of chili served by Hope Center of Christ Volunteers to the hungry and homeless in Central Orange County, working in cooperation with Orange County Rescue Mission and their "Chili Van"

1810 BOWLS TO DATE!

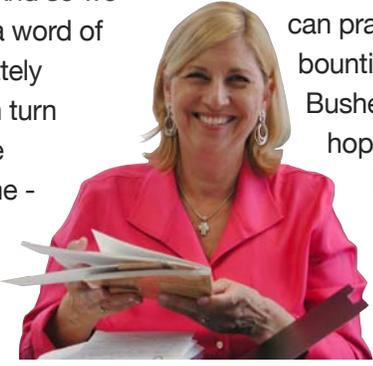
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we go. We are called to be a positive counterforce in the world today.

What does that mean? What does that look like?

It can be as simple as posting a positive devotion on Facebook. That seed can be shared with others who then share it with still more – on Facebook as well as during the day at work. How many times have you heard a colleague say, "I heard a positive word this morning..." "I read today while I was drying my hair..." "I heard on the radio..." And so we share with each other a word of hope that was desperately needed. That person in turn shared it with someone who shared it with some one and so the seeds get spread around and around and around!



It can also be helping out at a food pantry and providing groceries for a family for a week. Talk about seeds of hope! It can be dishing out chili to hungry motel families. Talk about seeds of hope! It can be praying for people who are ill and are not getting well. Talk about seeds of hope!

I am so proud of Hope Center of Christ because I continue to hear story after story of people who are committed to spreading seeds of love in action! Thank you for joining me in this mission. Together we can prayerfully expect a bountiful harvest of hope. Bushels and bushels of hope!

Merry Christmas,
Sheila Coleman
Pastor Sheila



Hope Center of Christ
THRIFT STORE

GRAND OPENING

HOPE'S TREASURES

Sunday, Nov. 24,
12noon to 2pm