From the Executive Director

Now Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, “Oh that You would bless me indeed and enlarge my border, and that Your hand might be with me, and that You would keep me from harm that it may not pain me!” And God granted him what he requested. 1 Chronicles 4:10

Over the years, my work at Hope has allowed me to do many amazing and rewarding things. I’ve seen first-hand the powerful effect our work has on those we serve when love is shown, hope is given and lives are saved, and I’ve been inspired to share our success with other organizations from across the state and across the nation. We have enlarged our borders beyond our wildest expectations.

Our next adventure is of a more personal nature, but a byproduct of Hope nonetheless. On July 5, Kent and I will travel to South America to plant five pregnancy resource centers in 5 cities in Ecuador and Argentina. Through an amazing organization called Extreme Nazarene, we’ve been asked to go and equip churches to show compassion in a most trying time, in a culture where abortion is not only illegal, but also considered a mortal sin.

Women in these regions in South America suffer great guilt and shame when considering abortion, and feel they have nowhere to turn for help. Our goal is to create safe places within churches where women will feel comfortable sharing their deepest hurts, and where they will be given positive alternatives to abortion. We will follow a basic model of pregnancy testing and options education, paired with mentorship and education from peer counselors. As love is shown and hope is given, our hope is that babies and their parents will be spared the pain of abortion. For those who have already experienced abortion, we will offer after abortion support, where women can find true help and healing.

While this endeavor is not officially an extension of Hope Pregnancy Ministries, these five resource centers will absolutely be born of Hope. It is my desire that, in the future when you pray for Hope Pregnancy Ministries, you will also pray for our sister centers in Latacunga, Ecuador; Manta, Ecuador; Quito, Ecuador; Salta, Argentina, and Cordoba, Argentina. This could be the beginning of something great in South America. God has, indeed, enlarged our territory.

This two week trip is being called by those planning our itinerary “The Amazing Race”, and your prayers for endurance, good health and safety will be much appreciated. I’m excited to share more about this trip at our Fall Fundraising Event, so please plan to attend! We’re in this together. Thank you for sharing our vision of Showing Love, Bringing Hope, Saving Lives.

Michelle

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YOU’RE INVITED

The 2018 Fall Fundraising Event is right around the corner, and we want YOU to join us! If you’ve ever attended Hope Pregnancy Ministries’ Fall Fundraising Event, you know it’s one of the hottest tickets in town. And if you haven’t, you’ve missed out on a great opportunity to hang out with like-minded friends, eat good food, and be encouraged by what the ministry of Hope has been working on over the past year.

The 2017 event had some of the best reviews ever, in large part because attendees were given an in-depth look at what was happening locally…and they were inspired!

This year will be no different. You will leave feeling more informed, more enthused, and more motivated than ever to make a difference for the cause of life in our area. You’ll hear personal stories of how Hope Pregnancy Ministries has changed the lives of individuals, be encouraged by our work beyond our borders, and hear a major announcement affecting the ministry moving forward.

So this year, don your western gear and join other Trailblazers for Life as we share our passion for compassion…and celebrate LIFE.

RSVP Now at 257-5700 or hopepregnancyministries.org
The Myers Family of Bigfork has a strong sense of identity. Reverend Bill and Alana Myers raised their 10 children to have a strong respect for life. Serious and character-shaping discussions about the sanctity of life were not uncommon in their home; the children grew up knowing that life matters, and they were encouraged to do something about it. Fast forward a few years, and Hope Pregnancy Ministries is a direct beneficiary of this family legacy. Of the ten Myers children, 4 (plus a spouse!) are actively involved in the ministry of Hope. If that isn’t family commitment, we don’t know what is!

Mike Myers, the oldest of the Myers children, and his wife Heather have chosen to support the cause of life after the birth of a child. While our opponents would suggest that the prolife position only cares about the baby before birth, Mike and Heather walk out their conviction by mentoring a young couple who are traveling the sometimes difficult journey of parenthood. Meeting bi-weekly with a young couple for the past year and a half at Hope Family Resource Center, Mike and Heather provide friendship, education and encouragement to a mom and dad who might otherwise have no one to lean on. Of his experience as a mentor at HFRC, Mike says, “I love seeing the desperation of a hopeless couple washed away, if someone just takes the time to show Christ’s love.”

Lianna Danielson, Adjunct Assistant Professor for the MSU Bozeman College of Nursing, became involved with Hope in 2016 when she sought out Clear Choice Clinic as a clinical site for third year nursing students in her program. In seeking a broad experience for her students, Lianna realized that exposure to a medical clinic rooted in compassion-care would benefit her students. Since the beginning of the MSU/CCC partnership, 38 nursing students from all backgrounds and beliefs have spent one day of their clinical rotation following the nurses at Clear Choice Clinic. They have witnessed firsthand what it means to offer first-rate medical care in an accredited clinic, while offering compassion and hope to those who are often in their darkest hour. Students routinely report that their experience at Clear Choice was unexpectedly positive; they often state that what affected them most was the loving care with which each patient was treated—which is exactly what we hear from our patients.

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Bethanne Ray, the youngest of the four, joined the team at Clear Choice Clinic just days after her first exposure to the ministry. After attending our Fall Fundraising Event in 2017, Bethanne immediately sought a volunteer position at the clinic. After less than a year in her position as Patient Advocate, Bethanne is one of our strongest volunteers. She has a beautiful way with the patients she cares for, sharing the truth in love with each person she encounters. As a young woman, she offers a perspective that many of our patients can relate to, and her kindness and concern create an immediate bond with those she serves. She is energetic and faithful, and is enthusiastic about using her gifts to offer love and compassion with those in crisis. She is a wonderful calm in the midst of their storm.

The Myers family is prolife. The Myers family understands compassion ministry. The Myers family walks the walk. When we grow up, we want to be just like them.
BOTTLES for BABIES Wraps Up!

On Mother’s Day, almost two thousand baby bottles were distributed across northwestern Montana by 69 churches, and taken home by countless supporters like you! As bottles are returned and we carry coins, cash and checks to the bank, we literally feel the weight of your generous support. Each bottle is special to us, as it represents an individual who understands the importance of this life-saving, hope-restoring ministry. Thank you.

This year, for every bottle returned by Father’s Day, a generous supporter contributed an extra $1 to the campaign. But would you believe that there are still bottles floating around out there? If you have one sitting on a shelf, rolling around in your car, or hiding in an obscure place, you are not alone…and you are not too late! Please be mindful that each bottle not returned costs the ministry a dollar to replace. You can help us be good stewards by returning all full and empty bottles to your church. We’d love to put your money directly toward caring for people rather than purchasing more supplies for next year’s campaign. You make this ministry possible. We’re counting on you!

If you didn’t get a bottle and would like to contribute to the 2018 Bottles for Babies Campaign, you may do so online at www.hopepregnancyministries.org or text a gift to 406-412-2422.

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Leather & Diapers?

Diaper Drive Blesses Resource Center

One wouldn’t naturally put together leather and diapers…unless, of course, you were a member of the Christian Motorcyclists Association of Kalispell! Once again, this generous organization helped us meet our mission by collecting over 14,000 diapers and 22,000 baby wipes for Hope Family Resource Center! Resource center clients earn diapers and wipes by attending parenting education classes at HFRC, and have an important need met by this resource.

The CMA represents us well, and reminds our community that there are many ways to get involved in the ministry of Hope. These servant-hearted men and women are willing, rain or shine, to collect diapers and wipes all for the sake of blessing someone they will never meet. We’re so happy to call these amazing men and women friends of Hope. Thank you, Christian Motorcyclists Association!

When Autumn Holste turned 13, it was clear she was unlike most teenagers. Most young people eagerly anticipate the gifts they will receive for their birthday, but Autumn wasn’t thinking of herself. This sweet young woman requested that guests at her celebration bring baby items rather than gifts for her. She then graciously donated the baby items to help supply the Baby Boutique at Hope Family Resource Center. Autumn’s generosity shows a depth of character that is refreshing, and her gift will be such a blessing to moms and babies in need. Happy Birthday, Autumn! You rock!