



HOPEFUND

2024



Dear Church,

The Hope Fund began back in 2021 with a simple mission: to help us organize all of the outreach and missions giving for our church. Now, three years later, I sit back and am amazed at what we've seen God do through our obedience and generosity. From supporting a children's home in Chang Rai to over one thousand folks receiving groceries to launching pastors and missionaries, we're excited about each chapter that God writes. And, we're humbled to be a part of that great story!

In the next few pages, you're going to read some stories and catch a vision for what's next. When someone asks, "What is the vision or mission of AFA?" Simply, it is this: every person is an image bearer of the most high God and we want to celebrate that fact in several specific ways: through Next Gen ministry, local and global outreaches and missionaries.

Our goal for 2024 is \$120K. You'll see the details in the next few pages, but I hope that you receive more than information. I pray you are inspired. I pray and believe that God's Holy Spirit will give you a clear direction on what part you will play. So, please prayerfully read through these next few pages, and then do these three things:

1. **Pray:** It's a big decision and prayer is critical. Talk with God like you would a friend. Ask Him how HE wants you to help give HOPE.
2. **Listen:** Give room for God to speak to you. Trust Him to provide what He impresses on your heart to give. If the amount is greater than what you can currently see, then trust He will provide. He loves doing miracles.
3. **Obey:** The Bible never says we should give under guilt or compulsion. We don't even compare our gifts with each other. What the Bible DOES say is that we each sacrifice equally. For one person, \$100 a month is a HUGE sacrifice, while someone else might give \$1000 a week, or even decide to give some stocks. Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice!

So, Pray, Listen and Obey. A commitment card is included in this booklet to help you break it down. I guarantee that you will see not only the blessings of God as a result, but you will also see spiritual breakthrough. that is what HOPE is all about!

Pastor Nate



LOCAL MISSIONS

"I have been helping to serve lunch once a month at the Community Inn for several years now. It has been both a humbling and rewarding experience!

Does everyone who comes in need that meal? Nope!

Does everyone who comes in appreciate that meal? Nope!

But, we are happy to serve everyone who comes in!

Back in June, We were there on a week night when there are only 10-20 there for supper. I felt a gentle nudge to go sit with this particular woman and visit. Since then we have become friends. Like so many others that stay at the Inn, her story is heartbreaking - but what an eye-opener. She is one of the strongest, most determined people I know! God has blessed me to walk alongside her for part of her journey."



SHEILA HOLLAND

Community Table

"This past year, our church has given out hundreds of blessing bags to our friends at the Community Table. Each bag is filled with a drink, snacks, a pair of socks, and some information about AFA. Each person that comes in has a story – their story. The blessing bags have been a way to start a conversation with them and let them tell their story.

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One girl who came in shared how she felt so hopeless – having a miscarriage which led to depression and some bad choices. She told us that she hadn't talked about it out loud with anyone until then. One man came in with health issues that had just got out of the hospital and had lost everything. Another woman who is homeless, had lost everything due to leaving an abusive relationship, including losing her children because she no longer had a home for them.



One guy, I remember, wouldn't take a bag from me because he didn't do "church". But over the past couple of years I have seen him open up. He has gone from coming in and hardly talking, to now when he walks in, he gives me a hug and knows me by name.

Each person that comes through is one of God's children. They each have a story. They are hurting. I have watched over and over as God has taken a Ziplock bag filled with basic needs, and use it to create opportunities to give someone hope – to let them know they are loved."



JESSICA MCINTYRE
Blessing Bags Ministry

\$45,000
LOCAL MISSIONS GOAL

KEY 2024 PROJECTS

*Adult & Teen Challenge • East Albemarle Summer Camp
Convoy of Hope Grocery Outreach • PAC • Community Table • SCCM*

"I had known that I would become a full-time missionary during my retirement years and since 2022 I have answered the call to my missionary journey and this past year was no different.

In January and February, I traveled to the Katowice Refugee Center in Poland and served Ukrainian Refugees with Assembly of God Missionaries. While there I ministered to the Children and families, taught English, helped cook and clean, and served in whatever task I was given.

Then in April, I traveled to El Salvador to serve in the Shalom Medical Center and Children's Home with Samaritan's Purse. My special joy was ministering to the children in the home and my husband, Bruce, joined me and worked in the school.



**GLOBAL
MISSIONS**

Continuing to say 'yes' to God in June, I traveled to Alaska to serve as medical coverage for a Kids Camp and Teen Camp. This camp serves the Native Alaskans, the Yupik indigenous people. The next month, I served at our North Carolina AG Kids Camp as the camp "Pastor Nurse" as some called me. Bruce was able to join me on part of this trip as well.

In September, I traveled to Kenya and served at the Royal Children's home, which serves 600 children. I served with the Kenyon Pastor Ken Masai and Missionary Kay Helton as well as my son Jonathan Wilson. We ministered to the kids in a VBS fashion and taught at a Pastor's conference. I was even given the chance to perform medical evaluations at the Children's Home.

Finally, and most recently, I traveled back to El Salvador in October to serve in the Shalom Medical Center and Children's Home with Samaritan's Purse. It was so fun being with the kids again.

This has been one of the most thrilling years of my life. I can't wait to see what God does in 2024."



**PASTOR
LILLY WILSON**
Compassionate Heart Ministries

\$50,000
GLOBAL MISSIONS GOAL

KEY 2024 PROJECTS

Support for Pastor Lilly Wilson • Convoy of Hope
One Day to Feed The World • AGWM Support



***Where our
missionaries
are located.***



 **3 Undisclosed Locations**

"Camp Seek and find blessed us with so many opportunities to love on the kids at East Albemarle Elementary School. We were able to partner with KidzAblaze and put on the production, 'Night of the Living Gorilla'. We had so many kids join us each day!

We had a particular little boy who came every day ready to learn and grow. He joined every workshop KidzAblaze offered – puppetry, cheer, dance and human video. He wanted to do it all – and he did! This little boy discovered all kinds of gifts and talents during camp and shined in every workshop he participated in.

When he came to camp, he didn't know exactly who the Lord was, but when he caught on to the message in the production each day, he was so excited. This kid had everyone in the palm of his hand. He made us laugh, he made us cry, and he made us dance. At the end, when there was an alter call asking who wanted to give their heart to Jesus, his hand went right up, and with a huge smile on his face, he gave his heart to Jesus!

Later that week we had our BBQ and Baptism on the school grounds! He came up to me and said, 'I want to be baptized.' He didn't bring a towel or extra clothes, and he

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didn't care. He knew in that moment he needed to be baptized. He was so excited, he went right to the microphone and was proclaiming to everyone his love for Jesus and that they needed to do the same. When he came up out of the water, he came up as a new creation in Christ.

That's what camp was all about. Kids finding new talents and gifts. Kids coming to know who Jesus is and accepting Him as their Lord and Savior and even getting baptized at the school!"



JACKI HELMS
Elementary Kid's Director



\$25,000
NEXT GEN GOAL

KEY 2024 PROJECTS

Every Kid to Summer Camp Scholarships • Campus Improvements

LOCAL MISSIONS
GOAL: \$45,000

GLOBAL MISSIONS
GOAL: \$50,000

NEXT GEN
GOAL: \$25,000

TOTAL GOAL:
\$120,000



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Convoy of Hope Grocery Outreach
PAC • Community Table • SCCM*

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One Day to Feed The World • AGWM Support*

KEY 2024 PROJECTS

*Every Kid to Summer Camp Scholarships
Campus Improvements (Recreational)*

HOW TO GIVE TO THE **HOPEFUND**



STEP 1

SUBMIT YOUR HOPE FUND FAITH PROMISE

Fill out a Hope Fund Faith promise card and drop it in the offering or fill it out on our app.



STEP 2

AUTOMATE THE IMPORTANT

Scan the QR code to set up your hope fund as a recurring draft using our secure online platform.



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