

Hope Rises Here!

A team member recently asked what Hope Rising's theme verse was. James 1:27 and Jeremiah 29:11 were used some in the beginning, but we had never officially adopted a verse. I began praying, asking for God's guidance for a verse. I mentioned to our director about the need as well. It wasn't long after that I came across Hebrews 10:23 and it resonated with me organizationally as well as personally on many levels. I messaged our director that morning and shared the verse. It was the very verse God had given her in her devotional that morning! I want to take a moment to share with you the verse and why it means so much.

"Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful." Hebrews 10:23 NIV

To be honest, since the birth of Hope Rising seven years ago I certainly have not held on to hope unwaveringly. I've wavered in my hope, but He who promised was still faithful. God gave us a vision for what He wanted Hope Rising to be and not even my "lack of hope" would thwart His will. Through it all I know that someone, whether it was a board member, donor, team member, community person, or even a child we served was holding onto hope unwaveringly. They believed, professed, and prayed for it. God has been faithful. He's been faithful in calling missionaries, in providing a great staff, in funding the building projects, in sending teams, in growing His church, to save lives, to be a father to the fatherless and to provide food to the hungry.

God has consistently shown us His faithfulness through your obedience. Your obedience to give, pray, and go. You play a big part in Hope Rising. **Hope Rises** every time God uses you to show His faithfulness. With every act of kindness and every dollar given someone sees God's faithfulness and **Hope Rises**. It's happening and we can't thank you enough for your part. As the ministry continues I ask that you claim this verse and know that you are showing God's faithfulness as **Hope Rises** in the lives of countless Haitians every time you give, go, or pray.

Blessings,

Cara Smithson

Hope Rising To Host Marathon

Hope Rising will be taking the reins this year as host of the 20th Annual Midsouth Marathon and Half-Marathon held in Wynne, Arkansas, November 3, 2018. This time-honored event takes place in a slice of rural America, running between Crowley's Ridge and the farmland of the Mississippi River Delta. Every year runners from all 50 states and many different countries come to this small town of 8,000 to participate in the USATF certified course.

A few events have been added to this years' weekend. A 5K for all ages and toddler races for ages 1-5 will take place on Saturday morning. Registration and a runners expo will be all day on Friday, with the traditional pasta dinner on Friday evening.

A unique medal will be awarded to all runners who finish the course. Hope Rising has commissioned a Haitian artisan to produce the medals which feature a map of Haiti situated inside a map of Arkansas. Awards in each runner group will also be produced by the Haitian artisan.

Corporate and individual sponsors are needed for the event. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact Cara Kay Copes at carakay.copes@hrch.org.

For more information on the weekend or to register as a runner, please go to www.hrch.org and click on the Marathon link on the home page.





June Container Overflowing!!

Thanks to your unbelievable generosity, our container that shipped in June was full to the max; and we have a garage full of more to ship. Yes, that's right! Another container will be shipped in August. There were several large medical equipment pieces, x-ray machines, examination tables, etc. that are much needed, but took up a lot of space. As you can see, we have even more to ship down. We had 20 twin mattresses donated as well that will go down as well...so very excited and grateful for those. Because the second container wasn't planned, we are asking anyone that would be willing to help with the cost, please contact Cara Smithson at cara.smithson@hrch.org or you can donate through PayPal on the HRCH site and designate to Container Cost.

In Honor & Memory Of Donations

We have had several sponsors requesting specific donations be designated in honor or memory of a loved one. Any time this is requested a note of acknowledgement is sent to the family in recognition of the donation. This is a wonderful way of honoring someone. We had an individual that honored her father on Father's Day with a donation. How special that was. If you would like to make a donation in memory or honor of a loved one you can go through PayPal or send a check to the HRCH address with the information attached. Be sure to include an address where the acknowledgment card should be sent and to whom.

2018 Hope Teams

July 8-15	Women's Conf, Lakepointe, TX
July 15-20	Family Church, White Hall, AR
July 15-20	Manley Baptist Church, Morristown, TN
July 20-28	Soccer Clinic, Lakepointe, TX
July 28-Aug 4	Westfork Baptist Church, AR
July 28-Aug 4	Wynne Baptist Church, AR
August 4-11	FB Church, Fordyce, AR
Sep 30-Oct 6	Eastside Baptist Church, Mt Home, AR

If you are interested in bringing a team, please contact Cara Kay at carakay.copes@hrch.org

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