# December 2023 December 2023 Partnering with God to redeem lives and restore families affected by trauma resulting from abuse and neglect Serving people in 8 countries and 35 U.S. states

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## This Blessed Christmas Season, May His Light and Life Fill You

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me...will have the light of life. – Jesus in John 8:12

This Christmas, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Light of the world, we also want to recognize those He shines through.

One steady presence with us since the beginning and recently retired is Amy Ziolkowski. Amy, no words can express our gratitude for your faithfulness to God, our mission and those we serve. Thank you.

To our dedicated staff, thank you for leading well and managing all the many details. This work can be overwhelming and challenging, yet you continue to extend your heart to those God brings to us. Thank you.

To our loyal volunteers working to ensure we reach as many as possible, thank you for touching every area of the ministry with generosity, kindness, and competence and being incredibly inspiring. We cannot do this work without you. Thank you.

To our donors, your heart in action keeps us going and enables us to expand our reach to people where doors of hope are opening, including Africa, Asia, prisons, and next door. Perhaps you have your own story. Those we serve say thank you for seeing them.

To all of you, the Board of Directors thank you for being with us and we pray that Jesus, the Light of the world, shines through you and your home this Christmas and always,

Jodi Hill Board Secretary



# Year End Giving

Door of Hope has been blessed by your generosity during Give to the Max and GivingTuesday! Because of your compassionate gifting, we were able to raise \$7,136! Your generosity allows us to continue to help God's precious hurting ones, every dollar helps!

#### Now is the Time to Give Hope this Christmas with a Year End Gift

To Donate:

- mail a check in the enclosed envelope

- or scan the QR code (right)

- or visit our website:

www.doorofhopeministries.org/donate



Those we serve thank you—you're the reason many will find freedom and the hope of healing in 2024!

# Winter Support Groups Starting in January!

As we navigate the upcoming holiday season, it's a perfect time to think about what the New Year has in store for you. Support groups are a great way to build a safe and caring support network, new tools to navigate life in a healthy way, build and fill up with JOY and build a stronger connection and relationship with the Lord. We would love to see you join us! **Register soon as space is limited.** Also use the **code: EarlyBird** before January 6th for **10% off!** 

Join us for:

- -Authentic Hope
- -Boundaries Pt 2 -Living the Immanuel Lifestyle
- -Trailblazers
- -Finding Rest -Getting Real (For Men)



Find out more about each group and register here: doorofhopeministries.org/upcoming-support-groups







### **International Ministry**

From our Strategic Director and International Program Director, Beth McMillan



God worked in powerful ways this year as we expanded our call to serve women and men internationally! We continued our work over Zoom developing relationships with Pastors and Leaders in India and Zimbabwe and offered programming throughout the year. We also met with leaders

from Poland, Ukraine, Nepal, and Sri Lanka who shared the great need for healing among the men and women in their communities who have experienced trauma resulting from abuse.

We provided Zoom support groups during the year, attended by women in India and Nepal. This past year alone, we have had fifty-seven participants in our India support group. What a growing blessing! Our hearts were moved as they shared their stories of trauma and abuse and as we saw God heal and transform many lives. Five women from India entered our leader-in-training program and we began Trauma Recovery Prayer Ministry with several women. We're excited to share that the *Authentic Hope* workbook has been translated into Hindi! A huge thank you to the precious friends who gave their time and talent to this effort. We plan to continue expanding women's programming next year in India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka as God leads and provides for us.

The need is great for men's ministry locally and internationally. There is a waiting list for men's programming in India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka where we also have interest in the men's leader-in-training program. The curriculum has been updated and we're building our staff capacity. We plan to offer an international men's Zoom support group next spring.

#### **Trauma Recovery Prayer and Counseling**

The Holidays and New Year can be a stress-filled yet promising time of year. What can you do to care for yourself and step into growth, peace and joy? As a reminder we offer:

\*Trauma Recovery Prayer \*Professional Counseling

Find out more and schedule: <u>doorofhopeministries.org</u> and look under the 'Ministries' tab

### **United States Men's Ministry**

From our Men's Coordinator, David Swan



I'm grateful for the opportunity to work with Door of Hope in this much needed ministry. Our fall men's group ended in November. I am grateful for the way I'm seeing these men opening up and experiencing personal growth and increased wholeness. *Getting Real* is the men's version of the excellent content

related to healing from the effects of trauma and abuse. Men are also survivors of various forms of abuse and trauma. I so appreciate the vulnerability of this group of men. We have a waiting list for the winter session, but there is still time and room to join. I'm also grateful for the additional volunteer leadership — men who are saying they are ready to step up and provide leadership so that we can see more men than ever experience the growth and healing that comes as we engage with the Holy Spirit and other men. So looking forward to the coming year!

#### United States Women's Ministry

From our US Women's Program Director, Darlene Cook

At the end of each year, it brings joy to reflect on the goodness of God and all that He has done in the women's support groups. Each person starts with *Authentic Hope*. This curriculum introduces steps toward healing from



trauma and abuse. When they are ready, our participants have the option to join other support groups such as: Living the Immanuel Lifestyle, Boundaries 1 & 2, Trailblazers, Changes that Heal, or Finding Rest: Learning to Pause and Appreciate.

Each group offers a safe place to heal and learn. We share our stories and support one another in our journey towards wholeness. I am so blessed each quarter to see the amazing growth in each participant.

We couldn't do this without our amazing volunteer support group leaders, and I am so grateful for their time and commitment. If you feel God leading you to help in this area, please reach out to me soon!

I hope and pray that you will consider taking this step and making time for God to bring His healing power into your life. Please check out our options on the webpage today!



**Mission:** Through God's power, Door of Hope equips people all over the world to live free from abuse and trauma through safe housing, educational conferences, support groups, trauma recovery counseling and prayer ministry. Door of Hope is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.



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