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Bethel Bulletin



Obedience to God

By Shiloh Stimson

Ministry in the workplace happens one of two ways. We are either called to a position of ministry and it's our job, or we are called to a job where we have opportunities to minister. Both are meaningful and vital to advancing the kingdom of God. Whichever scenario you can relate to, I'd like to propose that being obedient to God's call is pivotal in the success or failure of our ministries.

In November, I was called to serve at Voice of Hope Pregnancy Center, on staff, as the Resource Manager. On paper, the job description may not have seemed so glamorous, but it posed a challenge for me to stretch beyond what I felt my capabilities were. A popular quote kept coming to mind that says, "God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called." No truer words have been spoken as I jumped into this position where I truly felt called.

November and December were learning months for me as I sorted through files, documents and records trying to update and maintain some sense of order and balance. The majority of my work day was spent in my office behind my desk. When I interviewed for this position, I was asked if I felt comfortable meeting with clients if the need arose. Of course my answer was "yes", however, until a few weeks ago no opportunity had presented itself. Just when we think our job is just a job, God calls us to follow through on our "yes". If we tell God "yes", we have to follow through. Saying "yes" and walking away is disobedience. Delayed obedience is disobedience, and sometimes there isn't a second chance to obey and follow through. I love how God will present ministry opportunities when we least expect them or feel most unprepared, because it's in those moments we learn to lean on and trust Him with everything.

One afternoon I was working quietly and three times distressed parents called seeking emergency assistance for diapers. Three times I was blessed with the opportunity to minister, pray with and give diaper assistance to these parents. Two of the calls were dads who were trying their hardest to care for their little ones. One father actually told me we were his last hope. He had called every other organization in town that offers assistance and we were his last call. If we couldn't help, he didn't what he was going to do.

When I told him we **could** help, he was overjoyed and showed up within minutes of hanging up the phone. As I was filling out some required paperwork, we talked about his children and how he is the primary caretaker. One of his children has some serious health issues which recently caused a terrifying experience. He stepped into the room where his children had been playing only to find his son on the floor having a seizure. He shared with me that he actually had to run outside and chase down a neighbor as she was driving away in order to call for emergency help. The neighbor glanced in her rearview mirror at just the right moment to see him running after her waving his arms for her to stop. They were able to call for help and his son was treated and is doing fine now.

I had an opportunity to pray for him and his family, and for the health of his little boy. I shared with him what God had placed on my heart, that sometimes God puts specific people in our lives at just the right moment for a specific purpose. I told him it was no accident, and certainly not coincidence, that his neighbor was right there and looked up at that moment. He agreed and pointed back at me and said the same was true of me. He believes, and so do I, that God brought him to Voice of Hope that day for more than just diapers. We are more than diapers, formula and a free bag of clothing. We are more than the curriculum that our clients learn from. We are caring, compassionate volunteers and committed, faithful staff seeking to be God's servants. We are HOPE for the lost and searching. We are obedient to God's call for this ministry. We are faithful servants with what God has placed before us.



This is Her Story

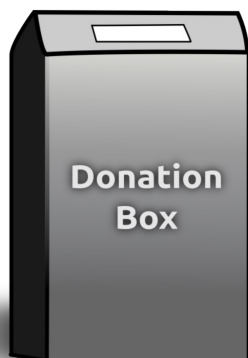
By Barbara Mills

Several months ago, this brave young woman entered our Bucyrus Voice of Hope Center. Her name is Kerra. She was scared, but very determined.

Keera has more than one medical condition that convinced the health care professionals working with her that she would never survive her pregnancy. This very young woman (early 20's) boldly proclaimed to her doctor, family, and VOH team, "I have lived my life. If it cost me my own life... my baby will get to live his/hers. "

Without fail, Kerra came week after week to the Bucyrus Voice of Hope Center. She has successfully completed many of our courses on parenting and our team of volunteers have prayed with her and for her throughout this very dangerous pregnancy. The picture at the top of this article not only reflects a courageous woman holding her miracle baby, but it also is a picture of the result of what God will do when His people are obedient, serve and give. Without faithful support to the ministry, Voice of Hope would not have been there to intercede on behalf of Kerra and her baby girl. Man had one report... BUT GOD.

Thank you to each one who gets in their car and leaves a busy life to clock into the "Kingdom" time clock and serve week after week. Thank you to each one that uses a pen to scratch out a miracle every month on a check made out to Voice of Hope. Thank you to each one who bends a knee at night interceding for this ministry. It is because of you we know what completes the sentence... BUT GOD!



Needed Items

There are many things needed on a monthly basis in order to keep all three centers up and running. Here is a list of items we are ALWAYS in need of.

Centers

Batteries (all sizes)	Air Freshener/
Gallon size baggies	Scented wax
Postage Stamps	Dryer Sheets
Clorox Wipes	Laundry Detergent
Windex	(He)
Paper Towels	
Lysol	

Clients

Similac (Soy)	Newborn-4T
New Cribs	Clothing
Pack n'Plays	Strollers
Walkers	Bouncy Seats
Exersaucers	Bottles & Sippy cups
Wipes	
Diapers	

Current Client Hours

Upper Sandusky: Tuesday - 12:00-5:00PM

Bucyrus : Mondays - 5:00-7:00PM

Marion: Tuesdays - 10:00AM-1:00PM & 5:00-7:00PM; and Thursdays - 12:00-2:00PM

****Looking to expand hours in Upper Sandusky & Bucyrus****

Crawford and Wyandot County 2016 Walk For Life:

Voice of Hope's 2016 Walk for Life, held on May, 14th, 2016, was a success. Despite the threat of cold weather and rain, we had almost 50 people participate collectively in each county and received over \$3,600. I want to say a special thank you to the Pastors that came with their flocks to walk for this worthy cause and to all of the faithful participants who collected sponsors.

Amazingly enough, the rain held off. Upper Sandusky walkers only experienced a slight mist. In Bucyrus, there was not any rain until the last walker crossed the finish line. That is God's way of reassuring us He is in control.

Marion County 2016 5k/Walk for Life

On June 4th, 2016, VOH held our 3rd annual 5k Run/Walk in Marion Ohio. The morning was introduced with a little rain, but when it was time to begin registration the sun made its marvelous appearance. The entire event was filled with smiling faces ready to run or walk for Voice of Hope. We introduced the "Fun Run" and invited kids to participate by running one mile. There were six smiling faces at the starting line.

The estimated total of participants was 35 children and 37 adults. We also had a total of 30 volunteers. That is AMAZING! Our financial goal for the walks and 5k was \$10,000. We raised \$3,600 in Upper/Bucyrus walks and \$3,500 in Marion. Thanks to Modern Woodman of America's Matching funds and Kohl's Cares \$500 Contribution Voice of Hope has exceeded the \$10,000 goal. We would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the event a success. We know God is blessing this ministry.

NEWS

This past March, our Volunteer Coordinator, Christie Bowdle, stepped down from her position at Voice of Hope. As many of you know, she is a tough act to follow and filling her shoes will require a special strategy. Christie served this ministry for more than five years. Her job description required lots of changes over the years. She was in charge of overseeing the operations of each center, making sure volunteer positions were filled, ensuring clients were properly cared for, and maintaining curriculum.

The ministry has grown to such a capacity we decided to hire one volunteer coordinator from each county. These positions will oversee the center's clients, volunteers and all of the operations. It takes three people to supersede Christie. We will miss her greatly and are sure she will always be connected to Voice of Hope.

After careful consideration, the Board of Directors selected two of our three Center Coordinators. Suzanne Pummell is the new center Coordinator for Upper Sandusky and Stephanie Byrne has been chosen for the Marion Center Coordinator. We hope to announce our Bucyrus Center Coordinator soon. Please keep these ladies in your prayers. The Voice of Hope team is confident God's hand will guide them as they assume their leadership role in each County.



Mark your Calendar

July:

14th-16

Bob Evans Fundraiser

September:

22nd- Annual Fall Banquet

October:

Volunteer Training



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In an effort to utilize more of our funds to go toward the ministry, Voice of Hope is looking to become more digital. The cost of printing and postage for the quarterly newsletter is roughly \$2,500 per year. It is our mission to keep all of our supporters informed of the most current events. It is understood not all of the Voice of Hope community is able to connect via internet. If that is the case we encourage you to call the office and let us know you want to continue to receive your copy of the newsletter in the mail.

Available to all who prefer digital communication, we have our website (betheldonors.org), Facebook Page and email blasts. To assist the ministry with its efforts to conserve much needed funds, please email : voiceofhopepc@yahoo.com today and request to have your quarterly newsletter sent via email. Just type "newsletter" in the subject box and we will update our files immediately.

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