

HNC Highlights

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WHAT WERE YOU DOING ON MAY 2ND?

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I was invited to do a presentation at a local service club in Visalia. In the audience was an elderly lady, Althea, who listened attentively to the presentation about providing assistance to people with needs.

She decided to contact our office the following week and shared that her husband had died several years ago. As a result, her yard and home were in great need of assistance.

On May 2nd a group of people converged on her property and started to clean it up. By noon, we had removed a lot of debris, moved several cords of wood away from a building, and cut down several trees.

Althea was so impressed

with our efforts that she asked how long the group had been working together. I explained that most of them had just met that very morning for the first time and that it was the Holy Spirit working through all



of us to be a team.

I just received an e-mail from her stating that she is still overwhelmed at the generosity of the churches involved and that it has made such a difference in the appearance of the property.

Praise the Lord that the Body of Christ made such an impression and gave

Althea hope. It was impressive to see brothers and sisters in Christ come together. Our prayer and hope is for the Church to be united in Spirit as they give hope to others.

Many thanks to the churches that served:

Calvary Chapel, First Presbyterian - Exeter, Crossroads, Faith Community, Grace Church of the Valley, Grace Community, Heart of the Valley, New Hope, Parkside Chapel, Satellite Adults - Grace Community, and Sierra Baptist Church and Youth Group. (This story is real...the name have been changed.)

Lester Moon, Founder

“For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.” 1 Corinthians 12:12

“I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.”

~Edward Everett Hale

Community Advisors:

Rich Artis – Artis, Hare & Co. CPA

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Stan Bennett – Cal Bennetts

Leslie Caviglia – Visalia Deputy City Manager

Phil Cline –District Attorney

Jody Gilman – Faculty COS

Pete Sherwood – Attorney

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Harry Wood – Retired Pastor

Marty Zeeb – Zeeb Realty

Volunteer Corner – playing a part

The IT Guy

My name is George and I was introduced to the ministry early last fall through a mutual business client who knew that I have created custom programs for different businesses and organizations such as Christians in Action and AWANA.



Lester and I met at *210* to discuss the needs of the organization.

I realized that this was a special thing and that with my years of developing software, I could help them. Every program that

I write is generally written to meet different needs of a client just like every call to HNC has unique requests for help.

The database not only keeps records of clients who call, but has a list of over 1400 organizations that can provide services and/or products to help the needy.

Office Volunteer

My name is Nick and I first met Lester at my church on a Sunday morning. Being new to the area, I was looking for an organization in the community to serve.

Since January, I have been coming to the office and answering phones, setting up a filing system,



inputting data, acting as a project coordinator, and participating in work projects. One of those projects was helping Althea clean up her yard.

I really enjoyed working alongside so many gifted people. Even though the work was hard I had a chance to help someone I did not know.

Editor's Note: Nick also has loaned HNC photos which have created a serene work environment.

“As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”
1 Peter 4:10

What part will you play?

Our goal is to be open all day, each day of the week.

Please consider volunteering in the office either 9- noon or 1-4pm one day a week. In addition, there are other areas in the office for you to help ... filing, follow up, setting up meetings, etc. Sign up via the website (volunteer survey) or call the office at (559) 625-3822.

Fingerprints in the Community

- During Christmas three churches were involved in giving gifts to 60 children in one of the poorest parts of Visalia. Many of these families had little or no furniture, let alone gifts or decorations for Christmas.
- Helped supply 3000 drinks that were used by three separate ministries to children.
- Assisted a family that moved to the area with nothing, helped them find a place to live, found donated furniture, supplies for baby, and a refrigerator.
- Volunteers have ministered to local shut-ins.
- Helped a Spanish church get furnishings, new carpet, and toys for the nursery and youth rooms.
- Contacted all the Visalia churches to alert them of two women who were scamming churches.
- Provided rides for individuals needing transportation to appointments
- Office volunteers have provided hope and encouragement to those calling the HNC office.
- Gave computers donated to ministry from various businesses to a local Boys and Girls club.
- Contacted by the California School for the Deaf in Fremont to help a recent graduate living in Visalia find work, as well as encouragement. Because of faithful volunteers in the office, we already have some possible job opportunities and hopefully some folks who will come alongside this young woman.

Supporting Churches:

Ambassadors for Christ
 Calvary Chapel
 Faith Community
 Family Life
 First Assembly
 First Christian Reformed
 Grace Community
 Heart of the Valley
 New Hope
 New Life Church
 Parkside Chapel
 Sierra Baptist

Being good is
 commendable, but only
 when it is combined
 with doing good
 is it useful.

~

Author Unknown

“Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer.

~
Author Unknown



HNC (Hands in the Community)

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Email: hncvisalia@yahoo.com

New Website: www.hnconline.org

HNC is a non-profit organization established to provide crisis and short term referral services for families and agencies in the greater Visalia area.

The unique strategy of HNC is to facilitate collaboration among providers in targeting and delivering help to those in need. HNC joins the hand of the helper to the hand of the needy.

Our objective is to assist people in becoming self-sufficient, more specifically, to strengthen the ability of families to care for themselves and their children. Nearly half of those served by the program are children.

Our goal is to minister cross-culturally to people with the gospel of Jesus Christ, regardless of race, color, or creed.

Praise

We currently have 489 volunteers that are available to share their time and abilities.

Current Needs

- Phone Volunteers in the Office:
 - Mon. 9-12noon (1)
 - Tues. 1-4pm (2)
 - Wed. 1-4pm (2)
 - Thu. 9-12noon(1)
1-4pm (3)
 - Fri. 9-12noon (1)
- Newsletter Coordinator
- Office supplies (copy paper, hanging folders & file folders (8.5 by 11))
- Desktop Computer (to act as a server for our network)
- Battery backup for computer (2)
- Volunteers ministering in the community
- Phone headsets (3)
- 70 individuals giving \$20 a month
- 16 churches giving \$150 a month
- 18 businesses giving \$50 a month

If you can meet any part of these needs, please contact us at (559) 625-3822.

While earning your daily bread, be sure you share a slice with those less fortunate.

~ Quoted in *P.S. I Love You*, compiled by H. Jackson Brown, Jr.