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# TOGETHER WE DO MORE



**Hal Donaldson**  
*President and Co-Founder*

**CONVOY OF HOPE**, Inc.

 @haldonaldson on Twitter

**This Christmas, families will gather around tables, trees and fires. They'll share memories of Christmases past, open gifts, eat meals, enjoy each other's company, worship and look toward the New Year.**

Since Convoy of Hope was founded more than 20 years ago, we've seen the power of gathering — even during some of history's darkest days.

After Hurricane Katrina obliterated portions of the Gulf Coast, I saw our teams gather with families as they picked through the remains of their homes. On the evening of January 12, 2010, our teams gathered to launch a massive response that would best help the people of Haiti as news of a 7.0-magnitude earthquake spread. Recently, I sat at a lunch

table in Ethiopia that was filled with wide-eyed schoolchildren who ate bowlfuls of nutritious food provided by Convoy of Hope.

When we gather together, incredible things happen.

Together, we turn disasters into opportunities to feed more children, build homes for the homeless and help communities get back on their feet. Together, we give hope and a hand up to working poor families in the United States. Together, we give impoverished mothers and fathers the tools and training to provide incomes that transform the futures of their families. Together, we put shoes on the shoeless and food into the mouths of the hungry.

Thanks to you, we've helped more than 70 million people.

Thanks for partnering with us this year! I look forward to what we'll do together next year in the States and around the world.

God bless you for gathering with us to help those who are impoverished and hurting.



📷 Photo: Two children enrolled in our Children's Feeding Initiative in the Philippines now have nutritious food and the energy to play. | Photographer: Austin Elliott

## Creative Communications team receives national recognition

Our Creative Communications team was recently recognized with The Award of Excellence by the Videographer Awards for *8,000 Miles Til' Daylight* featuring YouTube Sensation, Mike Tompkins. The Award of Excellence is given to those whose ability to capture a message is described as exceptional.

## The power of volunteerism

Our volunteers are the best. Convoy couldn't operate the way we do without our faithful volunteers. One of our amazing volunteers is Becky Stegner. She's been helping at Hands of Hope — our Tuesday night volunteer event — nearly every week for six years.

Becky began volunteering with Convoy while in college.

**“I wanted to give back, and I fell in love with what Convoy of Hope does to feed kids around the world,” she says. “Hands of Hope gave me the perfect opportunity to make a difference in people’s lives.”**

Because of volunteers like Becky, we have provided more than 50 million meals to people in the United States and around the world this year.

We're grateful for her and the thousands of other volunteers who make our work possible!



**EXTEND the TABLE —  
add 10,000 bowls this December!**





## In Becky's Words:

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**My rules for life are ...**

Treat others how you want to be treated.  
Try your best to meet other people's needs.  
Give your time to organizations like Convoy of Hope.

**The person who knows me best is ...**

My identical twin sister, Jessica.

**The last book I read was ...**

"The Longest Ride"  
by Nicholas Sparks.

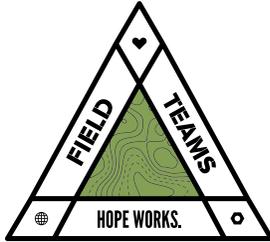
**I absolutely love ...**

Snow!

**One person I admire is ...**

My grandfather. He was a conservation lobbyist, who was responsible for Missouri's first Clean Water Law and Forest Stewardship Guidelines.

# Join the CONVOY



## Journey and work abroad

Convoy of Hope Field Teams are groups of volunteers that serve alongside in-country staff and partners throughout our focus countries for one week durations so children, families and every community can flourish.

### Field Trip Availability

the Philippines  
Kenya  
Tanzania  
Albania

### Apply

[convoy.org/teams](http://convoy.org/teams)



## Volunteer in Springfield

*Hands of Hope* volunteer night happens every Tuesday at our World Distribution Center in Springfield, Missouri. Volunteers pack food for our international feeding programs and bag groceries for our Community Events.

### Where

World Distribution Center  
330 S. Patterson Ave  
Springfield, MO 65802

### When

**Every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.**  
Starting January 12, 2016



## Host a party with a purpose

Host a Hands & Hearts Party! Invite friends to enjoy inspiring conversation and share about the work Convoy of Hope is doing. Discover how you can make an impact in your community and throughout the world.

### Details

It's simple! Register online and we'll send you a free party kit to help make it happen.

### Register

[convoy.org/hhparty](http://convoy.org/hhparty)



## Coming to a city near you

Convoy of Hope may be bringing a Community Event to a city near you. Check out [convoy.org/events](http://convoy.org/events).



## Feed a kid for \$10 per month!

Everyone can do something. Sign up to feed a child nutritious meals at [feedone.com](http://feedone.com).



## One Day to Feed the World

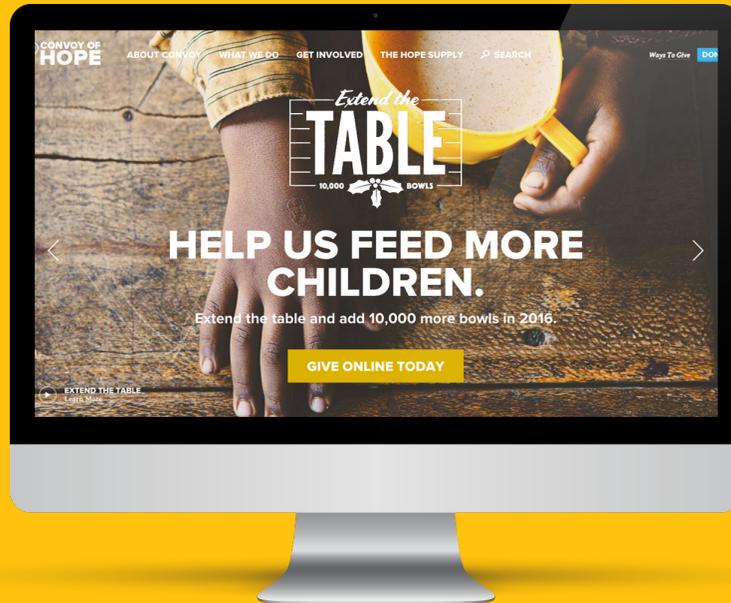
The average person works 240 days a year. Give One Day's wage and get your church involved at [odftw.org](http://odftw.org).

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## EVENT CALENDAR

We are excited to announce the release of our 2016 Community Events\* calendar. Find an event near you on our calendar, or visit [convoyofhope.org/events](http://convoyofhope.org/events).

\*Dates and locations subject to change.

### April

09 - Houston, Texas  
23 - Concord, Calif.  
23 - Batesville, Miss.  
30 - Las Cruces, N.M.

### May

07 - Springfield, Mo.

### June

11 - Worcester, Mass.  
18 - Kansas City, Mo.  
25 - Indianapolis, Ind.

### July

09 - Hilo, Hawaii  
16 - Honolulu, Hawaii

### August

06 - Wichita, Kan.  
13 - Kennewick, Wash.  
20 - Chicago, Ill.  
27 - Cookeville, Tenn.

### September

17 - Racine, Wis.

### October

01 - Sioux City, Iowa  
08 - Lafayette, Ind.





## Four ways to cultivate the lifelong learner in you

By Whitley Mumm

*Greek philosopher Socrates said, “Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel.” No matter your age, level of formal education or vocation, you can continue to expand your mind and be a lifelong learner, to better yourself and the lives of others.*

- 1. Develop and foster a learning mindset.** Begin to see your education and skills as evolving, not fixed. Learn new things that can improve your life and the lives of others.
- 2. Ask questions.** Don't be afraid to ask and examine the things you've always wondered about. Don't settle for taking things at face value — research and learn all you can to find an answer.
- 3. Set goals.** What do you want to learn? When do you want to learn it by? Find a way of measuring your growth — take a test, enter a competition or record your process to look back at your improvement.
- 4. Travel.** Getting out of your normal routine is one of the quickest and most memorable ways to learn. Adventure outside of your city, state or country (like a Field Teams trip with Convoy) to get a fresh perspective. Absorb a new culture, indulge in new food or experience the sun going down on the other side of the world.

## Have you received an inheritance?

Questions from Convoy of Hope partners about inheritance planning are becoming increasingly common. Especially this one: “I received a sizable inheritance (or I will receive one soon) — what are some planning ideas I should consider?”

*Here are some questions to ask yourself to help navigate this experience:*

- 1. What is being inherited?**  
Describe the assets. Knowing this will help you develop ideas for how you might want to own the assets going forward for future tax, financial, estate, business and family wealth transfer planning, as well as charitable giving.
- 2. Do the assets produce income?**  
Are they marketable and can they be readily sold? Do you want to keep them? If the inherited assets produce a new source of taxable income, and you want to avoid paying unnecessary taxes on income you don't need, it's possible to shift the income to other family members and charities like Convoy of Hope, while keeping control. Control and ownership are two very different things.
- 3. Will this inheritance require you to update your own estate plans?**  
The larger the inheritance, the more likely new family estate tax planning will be required. Having charitable bequest discussions at this point makes sense as well.

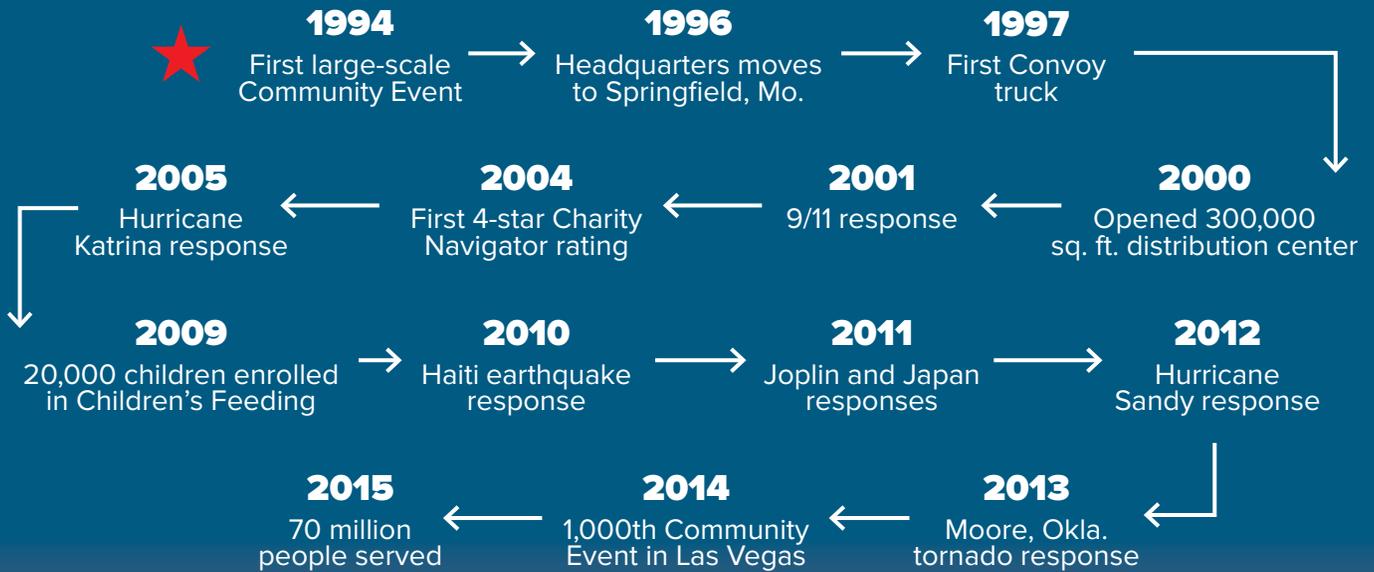
*I would be honored to assist you or answer any questions you may have.*

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# HOPE *in* HISTORY



*A Driving  
Passion to Feed  
the World*



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*Through the work our friends and partners do with us, we are able to build a sense of community in every country served — restoring hope to those who need it most, providing a hand up, not just a handout. Following are the stories of some of the people who our friends and partners fed, helped and empowered in 2015.*

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*Impoverished farmers and families are equipped with the tools, seeds and training to produce life-sustaining crops.*

## Changing lives with seeds

*The story of Bauvoir Joseph, as told to Manasse Mersilus, director of Mission of Hope Haiti*

For years I struggled to provide enough food and income for my family. Three years ago, I heard about Convoy of Hope's Agriculture Initiative, but my family lives in a remote area and I couldn't make the journey to the class sessions.

This year, the program reached my area and I was excited to participate. This was my opportunity to cultivate more land, have enough food to feed

my family and sell the harvest at market. I could finally earn enough money to send my kids to school.

When I started the sessions in August, I was filled with joy as I received seed packets. I am always the first one to arrive at the training because I love to learn about how to take care of the soil and my plants.

I know the portion of my harvest that I sell to the mission will go to Convoy's Children's Feeding Initiative. The school my children now attend serves the food and they receive some of the crops I have grown. That makes me very proud.

I am thankful for the program because my family would still be struggling if I didn't have the knowledge and the seeds I do now. They've changed my family's lives.



More than 10,000 guests of honor gathered in Chicago's Marquette Park for the Convoy of Hope Community Event.

## A full effort from a single mom

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*The story of Laqueta as told to Molly Erickson, director of Public Relations & Creative Communications at Convoy of Hope*

Lately, it seems like we're surrounded by violence — shootings, stabbings — really heavy stuff. My neighbors and I have come up with a system for our kids so they can walk through the park [La Alma in Denver] together in groups. It seems like the safest option to protect them. I'm a full-time student, mother of three and I just started a new job. I'll be working the night shift at McDonald's.

We saw the Convoy of Hope Community Event setting up yesterday and wanted to come see what it was about. These events help parents like me. Just because I'm a single mom doesn't mean I can give half the effort.

My children and I woke up early because we were so excited to come to the event. We've been able to get free groceries, flu shots, shoes and other stuff we really needed. This event couldn't have come at a better time. The community really needed it. We needed it. It's also a way for us to come together as a community and let the people causing the violence know that we're not going to stand for it.

It gives us hope.

# Run 4 Haiti

*The story of Jim Wiegand as told to Matt Wilkie, Field Teams director for Convoy of Hope*

To celebrate turning 50, I wanted to run 150 miles — the distance between Lake Huron and Lake Michigan. For motivation, my goal was to raise enough money to feed a meal to one Haitian child through Convoy of Hope for every 10 steps of my journey — which would total \$16,500.

I shared the “Run 4 Haiti” idea with my church, The Freedom Center in Fenton, Michigan. Local media began telling the story and people of the church and community passionately raised money and awareness.



*These are two of more than 55,000 children who are being fed by Convoy of Hope in Haiti.*

- Two joined me in the 150-mile run/walk (and one skateboarded the distance).
- One man rowed the equivalent of the distance from Miami to Haiti on a rowing machine.
- A recent cancer survivor walked 2.5 miles a day for one month.
- A young man lived like many Haitians do for an entire month, sleeping on a floor and eating only beans and rice.
- A salon owner gave all her tips to support Haiti.
- A woman sold no-bake cookies to reference the Haitian mud cookies that the country’s most impoverished often eat.
- The church gathered a Field Teams group of 29 to serve the country.

Many others also came together to raise more than \$32,000 to help kids in Haiti through Convoy of Hope. We’re thrilled to be a part of this growing wave of compassion!





*Convoy of Hope believes in the empowerment and training of girls to break generational cycles of poverty.*

## Finding a place in society

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*The story of Neema, as told to Kellen Msseemaa, Empowered Girls program director in Tanzania*

Girls hold the lowest place in our society, which exposes us to domestic violence and makes us believe we're not smart or beautiful enough.

When I read about Empowered Girls in the newspaper, I began attending Empowered Girls events and started a group at my school talking about issues that affect girls. This helped me become empowered.

Later my rights were violated, but I stood up for

myself. Consequences were harsh: I was expelled from school and my father almost disowned me. But because of my actions, other girls were protected from suffering the same fate as me. A good Samaritan sponsored me to go to another school, and I am now safe to study and grow.

A song on the newest Empowered Girls CD says we need to be the change we desire to see in our families, communities and nation: we cannot stay quiet and watch as our sisters are violated.

We know we are valuable even as girls, and that we can lift up our communities from the darkness and poverty that we grew up with. Our society doesn't teach us how to do this, but Empowered Girls does.

After I finish university, I plan to devote my career to advocating for girls' and women's rights.



*Convoy of Hope brought short- and long-term relief to remote villages in Nepal.*

## Rebuilding stronger, better lives in Nepal

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*By Mike Clark, senior advisor and senior policy director of International Program for Convoy of Hope*

Convoy's child-focused emergency initiatives were created for children like Sundari, who was one of 66 million children worldwide affected by disasters this year.

At Convoy of Hope, our emergency interventions seek to alleviate suffering, provide safe and healthy living conditions, and reduce future risk of disaster impacts. We do this because we know that a crisis — like the earthquake that rocked Nepal in April — changes people's lives in an instant, and the work required to return to normal takes longer.

In Sundari's village, 585 of 650 homes were destroyed. If that weren't bad enough, the earthquake also created non-geological aftershocks that have interrupted the human, social and economic systems in her village and will continue to do so for many months to come. That's why our rights-based, participatory and needs-based approach to humanitarian assistance is so critical in helping communities regain their footing.

Throughout Nepal, we worked with our church partners to implement short-term relief and long-term recovery work in villages like Sundari's. We evaluated existing needs, local capacity and the village's desire to work with us. Through this approach, our food and shelter assistance program targeted 8,952 families and 42,074 individual beneficiaries throughout Nepal.

Being so focused sets the stage for a long-term presence that will see us deploy a full spectrum of interventions to address malnutrition and inadequate food production. We'll also focus on high-risk pregnant and lactating mothers, as well as children under five years of age. In doing so, we not only transform the lives of children, we also make a positive difference in their families, villages and greater communities.



## Giving generously and gladly

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*The story of Wade Wheeler, as told to Rick Waggoner, vice president of Development for Convoy of Hope*

Several years ago, I was invited to go to Haiti with Convoy of Hope. To be honest, I was cynical and expected to see people in poverty because of their own bad choices. I was

wrong! As I met children and families Convoy serves, my viewpoint began to change and my heart softened. I realized the people there didn't have the opportunity to change their circumstances.



As I visited a Convoy feeding site, I saw many children who had so little and I thought about my three children and my wife. I couldn't help but

give thanks for all we have.

Giving to Convoy has been a key part of teaching our kids powerful lessons about compassion, contentment, generosity and love. Recently, my oldest daughter Claire asked her friends for \$10 donations to feed ONE instead of birthday presents at her party. She was hoping to raise \$120 — enough to feed one child for a year — and raised \$600. More importantly, Claire embraced generosity and compassion.

My family is a part of the Convoy of Hope family. Our giving is an expression of obedience to God and part of our pursuit to give generously and with a glad heart. It makes me happy to support Convoy.

## Extend the table

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*By Andrea Burnett, International Program administrative assistant for Convoy of Hope*

It's always amazing to hear about the nearly 150,000 children we regularly feed and care for in

our Children's Feeding Initiative (CFI). However, I can't forget about the 170,172 children who are on our waiting list.

The children on Convoy's waiting list don't have time to wait — for many of them, waiting too long could be the difference between life and death. When a child is malnourished, it places her on a track of not having what her body needs to grow and be healthy. Instead of celebrating growth

## A blessing for Mark — and many more

*The story of Mark, a third grader at a rural school in Arkansas, as told to Michelle Stormzand, Creative Communications manager for Convoy of Hope*

I needed new shoes but I didn't want to say anything to my mom. She works hard for us five kids since my dad left us, and I know we don't have money for new shoes.

I heard that Convoy was going to bring shoes for my whole class and I was happy, because then we would all have the same shoes. Everyone else's shoes would look just like mine — not like my old ones that were falling apart.

My mom will be glad when she sees my new shoes because she didn't have to figure out how

to buy them. My younger brother and sister got new shoes too.

Most people don't think about being thankful for shoes, but I am.



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milestones, many mothers with malnourished children live with the constant fear that their child will get sick and die.

Hunger robs children of their unique talents and potential — that's why we're so passionate about seeing the children on our waiting list enrolled in CFI.

On a recent trip to El Salvador, I saw some of the kids on the waiting list. They looked hungry as

they gazed through the fence and kicked a soccer ball around, while the children inside our program center were fed. It broke my heart.

I was reminded that day how important the meals are to the 150,000 children enrolled in CFI, but also how imperative it is that we reduce the number of kids on our waiting list to zero.

Help us feed  
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**TABLE**

10,000



BOWLS

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Convoy of Hope feeds nearly 150,000 children in 10 countries, but there are more than 170,000 on our waiting list. As part of our goal to feed 200,000 by 2020, we want to add 10,000 bowls for children throughout the world who will receive much-needed nutritious food, clean drinking water and hope.

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## EXTEND THE TABLE

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**A** At a recent Community Event in Denver, we partnered with Walgreens to administer hundreds of flu shots to Guests of Honor.

Walgreens has partnered with Convoy since 2014, but this was the largest presence they have had to date. Thirty-five Walgreens team members attended the event to help serve.

**“To be here and see what a difference we can make feels good,” says District Manager Stephanie Horton.**



**B** With more than 6 million followers on social media, Judy Travis, star of *ItsJudyLife*, is considered to be one of YouTube's top influencers.

Each year, Judy and her husband, Benji, host *Dancember*, an event that raises awareness and funds for different humanitarian causes throughout the world. Convoy of Hope is excited to partner with Judy and Benji for *Dancember 2015*.

To learn more, visit [convoyofhope.org/dancember](http://convoyofhope.org/dancember) and check out *ItsJudyLife* on December 18 for the 24-hour live broadcast event.

**C** Heart to Heart International has been an invaluable partner to Convoy for a number of years. They have donated thousands of hygiene kits and have secured medical supplies and equipment for our work throughout the world.

Most recently, Heart to Heart International provided pre-staged kits for the Philippines that would be ready for storm survivors after Super Typhoon Koppu. We are honored to have friends that stand next to us, ready to provide help and hope at a moment's notice.

## Convoy of Hope Europe aids refugees



## Ukrainian refugees receive help from Convoy of Hope Europe

*By: Whitley Mumm*

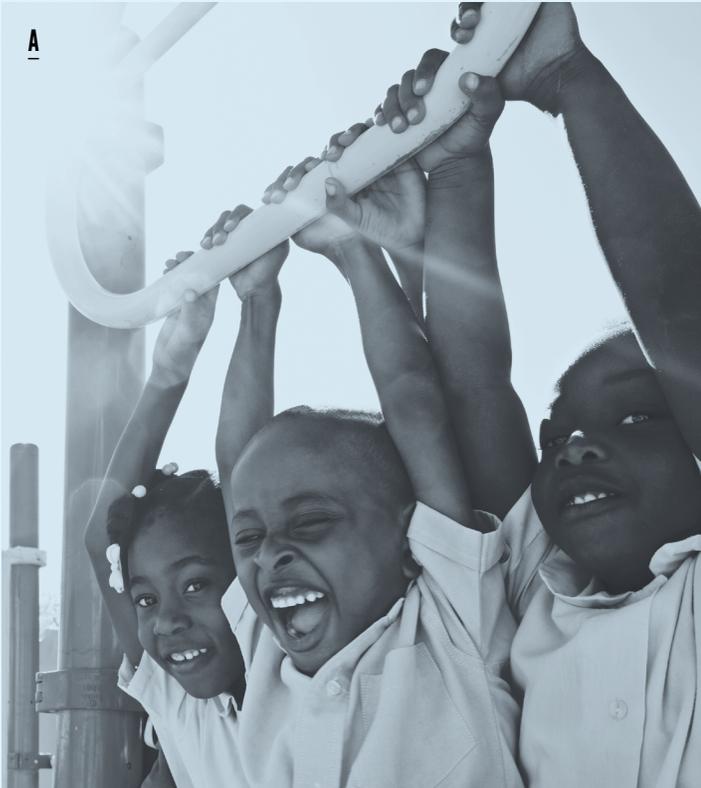
Recently, for the first time in program history, Convoy of Hope Europe (COHEU) hosted an outreach event in Siberia.

COHEU was granted entrance into Siberia — giving them the opportunity to reach out to Ukrainian refugees living in the area. “Access to the country has been nearly impossible for years,” says Michael McNamee, president of COHEU. “Hosting an event in Siberia is truly a miracle.”

COHEU distributed food, water and supplies to Ukrainian refugees in Siberia and also delivered supplies to the orphans and elderly in the community who suffer from low standards of living.



Syrian refugees gather in “tent cities” in Belgium, where they’re receiving aid from Convoy of Hope Europe. **Photographer:** Nolan Tarantino



**A** Healthy, well-nourished kids enrolled in our feeding initiative gather to play on their school playground.

**B** Children are enamored by 6'7" pastor, "Big Jon" Williams, on a Field Teams trip to Haiti.

**C** A Convoy of Hope rice distribution in Nepal draws crowds of earthquake survivors, overjoyed to receive food.



Dr. Kerri Miller, CEO of Make People Better, LLC, donated 80,000 doses of re:iimmune to Convoy of Hope.

## Re:iimmune donation to help 80,000 kids

By: Michelle Stormzand

Diarrhoeal disease is the second leading cause of death in children under five, killing three quarters of a million kids around the world annually. Fourteen years ago, on a trip to Nicaragua, Dr. Kerri Miller realized the debilitating impact it had on the children there — and decided to do something about it.

“Seeing the impact diarrhoeal disease had on those babies was devastating,” says Miller,

CEO of Make People Better, LLC. “Even through proper nutrition, the children couldn’t absorb the nutrients from the food.”

She was determined to create a product that would not only rehydrate, but provide intestinal support so the kids could gain weight and be healthy. She created *re:iimmune*.

Re:iimmune is the first oral hydrobiotic therapy designed to treat dehydration and provide intestinal support, so patients’ bodies can absorb key nutrients from food and metabolize medications efficiently. The formula contains 14 strains of probiotics, the good bacteria that support the natural bacteria found in our intestines.

“That bacteria is our first line of defense against harmful germs,” says Miller. “The probiotics in re:iimmune fill in when your own good bacteria have too much work to do or are damaged.”

The product has been clinically proven to promote optimal hydration and children 12 months and older can use it. Recently, Miller provided 80,000 doses of re:iimmune to Convoy of Hope for distribution to children around the world through our Children’s Feeding Initiative.

“Now the kids will not only receive proper nutrition, but they’ll also get the extra help they need to absorb the nutrients,” she says.

# THE TIE THAT BINDS



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When I was nine, my father was killed and my mother debilitated when a drunken driver slid across the divide and crashed into their car head on. For several months, my mother lay in the hospital fighting for her life. I was scared about where my siblings and I would end up. My older brothers Hal and Steve and my sister Susan were seemingly all I had, and I wondered if we would be able to stay together, or be separated and sent to live with relatives and friends. After all, who would take in four children between the ages of six and twelve?

The Davis family stepped up and took in all four of us. They had a small trailer and two children of their own, but the eight of us became bound together. I was so grateful to have that feeling of a close-knit family.

That's the way we look at things at Convoy of Hope too: like a close-knit family. We want to be the common bond that ties together our friends who give and our friends who receive. We want to be like the Davises to every person we come in contact with, no matter which side of the equation they're on.

We've served more than 70 million people since 1994, but there's no way we could've done that without our faithful partners who continually give their time through volunteering, and their resources through gifts and donations.

Together we've provided shoes, flu shots, food, medical screenings, Bibles, water, medicine, education and training, and even power washers to those in need.

Thank you for being a part of our family; for trusting us with your gift, so we can continue to be that bond — just like the Davises.

On behalf of Convoy of Hope and the more than 70 million others, we appreciate you.

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