



December 6, 2011

Dear Friends,

On behalf of all of our staff at the Nashville office, we want to extend our warmest wishes to you during this Christmas season. We celebrate the birth of Jesus, and our deepest prayer is that He will become even more apparent to you and your family as we focus on Him.

Looking back on 2011, it has been incredibly demanding on us as a ministry. **There were more national disaster declarations in 2011 than any other year in U.S. history!** Our Reservists and volunteers have responded all across the country: Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Joplin, Missouri in the aftermath of horrific tornado destruction.

When Hurricane Irene hit the East Coast, many were surprised by the devastating and historical flooding that followed. **Our teams served for the first time in New England** by offering invaluable expertise and willing volunteers to the community of Waterbury, Vermont. In addition to our short-term projects, we continue to serve the survivors of Haiti's tragic earthquake as they struggle to rebuild. Our ongoing work among the impoverished people of Appalachia has been a constant reminder of the suffering that exists here at home.

In the midst of an outpouring of practical assistance, **we celebrated the 1,000 mark for trained Hope Force Reservists, now from 36 states, Mexico and Canada.** They've served warm meals, provided a listening ear, shared smiles of encouragement, sifted through rubble, hammered tarps on roofs, maneuvered forklifts, administered IV drips to cholera victims – all in compassionate response to hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, and earthquakes.

At Hope Force, our commitment is to create a pathway of service. When tragic disasters occur, our mission is to empower our ranks of trained volunteers to serve. With multiple events in 2011, we've been stretched as a ministry and found our resources greatly depleted.

If you are in the process of planning your year-end giving, would you consider supporting the work of Hope Force International? We're also extending an invitation for you to consider a renewed investment in 2012. A one-time gift or a monthly commitment will help us build capacity, strengthen our infrastructure and expand that pathway of service for many. Come join us in putting the love of God into compassionate action!

Please know that we are grateful for you. **We want to thank you for standing with us.**

With hope and appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack & Cherie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jack and Cherie Minton
Founders, Hope Force International

P.S. If you would like to make a gift or pledge online, please visit **www.hopeforce.org**. Remember: no matter what the size of the gift, it makes a world of difference!