

# HNC Highlights

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I first met Michael several months ago in between services at a local church. His mother had heard about HNC through the church and contacted us on Michael's behalf.

He is a loving father of two sweet young girls. Unfortunately, his life had taken a hard twist. He had survived a life-changing accident that left him with brain damage. It took everything from him and left him broken and single. He felt like no one else could understand the burden he was carrying. At times he would feel overwhelmed with waves of discouragement and frustration.

In the midst of these struggles, he had to find a way to start over. He began with the simple things, like beds and other furnishings for

his family.

There are moments when we all feel totally abandoned, isolated, and alone and then there is Jesus; His hand on ours saying, "I'm right here."



Michael needed the kind of 'be there' person who could also understand his struggles and sufferings, and God knew that.

One such person was Betty, who knew what suffering was all about, since she had recently lost her Mom. Through her church, HNC found out that she had just what Michael needed. Not only did Betty and her husband donate

the much needed bedroom furniture, they helped deliver it too.

When Betty met Michael it was obvious that God wanted to provide more than just material things. Betty had a friend who had suffered brain damage, although he too struggled, he recovered. The Lord sent Betty to share with Michael and give him hope and strength when he needed it most.

In the end, both Michael and Betty encouraged each other. (This story is real...the names have been changed.)

*Lester Moon, Founder*

**"But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that through me the proclamation might be fully accomplished, and that all the Gentiles might hear;"**

**2 Timothy 4:17**

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## Community Advisors:

Rich Artis—Artis, Hare & Co. CPA

Doug Bartsch—VUSD

Leslie Caviglia—Visalia Deputy City Manager

Phil Cline—District Attorney

Jody Gilman—Faculty COS

Pete Sherwood—Attorney

Floyd Westbrook—Visalia Christian Ministries

Harry Wood—Retired Pastor

Marty Zeeb—Zeeb Realty

## Volunteer Corner—playing a part

My name is Karen, and I am not sure if it was because of my son or a close friend who told me about HNC. Nonetheless, I contacted the ministry to see what I might be able to do.

I could see that there was a need for people with skills on the phones and computers. My own background was from the business community.

I have been faithfully coming twice a week for the past two months helping in whatever ways I can.

Sometimes I answer the phone and talk with complete strangers. But I realize

that pretty soon I am looking forward to helping the person on the other end of the line.

Other days, I am following up to make sure a need has been met. Still



other days, I am assisting in perfecting the database and inputting data, along with proof-reading the newsletter.

Every day is unique and even though I can only be

there for a short time, I am seeing the blessings of people being helped through the body of Christ.

Recently we were praying for a need, and the next moment the phone rings and the person on the other end is an answer to the prayer. I don't know about you, but that is amazing.

**"The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever" (Isaiah 32:17).**

**We want to be open all day, each day of the week.**

**Please consider volunteering either 9-12 or 1-4 one day a week. In addition, we will have other areas for you to help in the office. Filing, follow up, setting up meetings, etc. Call the office at (559) 625-3822.**

*Businesses/Individuals that have provided  
resources for the HNC Office:*

Franey Design Center  
 Artis, Hare & Co. - Rich Artis  
 Cal Bennett - Stan Bennett  
 Computer Gym - Eric Lindberg  
 Financial Credit Network - Alicia Sundstrom  
 First Christian Reformed  
 First Presbyterian  
 George Barnett  
 Glen Wells Construction (Glen, Houston, & Bret Wells)  
 Gilman Harris & Travioli - Sid Gilman  
 Grace Community  
 Jeremy Macklin  
 Lewis & Associates - (Kevin Veitia & Jim Smallwood)  
 Pete Sherwood  
 Salser & Dillard  
 Stephanie Kinser  
 Rotary Club of Visalia - Wayne Yada  
 West Visalia Kiwanis Club - Louis Conde  
 Visalia Christian Ministries - Floyd Westbrook  
 210 Café

Through these businesses and individuals,  
 our office has been open  
 since January of this year. We want to thank them for  
 their generosity and support!

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**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

**He provides them  
 with security, and they  
 are supported;  
 And His eyes  
 are on their ways.  
 Job 24:23**



HNC (Hands in the Community)

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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 and, 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 364 volunteers that are available to share their time and abilities.

**Current Needs**

- Phone Volunteers for office (Mon. 9-12 or 1-4, Wed. 9-12, Thu. 9-12 or 1-4, Fri. 9-12)
- Graphic Designer
- Desktop Computer (to act as a server for our network)
- Office supplies (dry erase supplies, hanging folders & file folders (8.5 by 11), clock, in/out boxes, hand held calculators
- Volunteers ministering in the community
- Cleaning service for office
- 81 individuals giving \$20 a month
- 17 churches giving \$150 a month
- 18 businesses giving \$50 a month

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

No risk, no meaningful conquest - a triumph without glory. Low risk, low return. High risk, high return. It's a principle that defines spiritual greatness or spiritual mediocrity.