



## Leading Hands

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## THE MASTER WEAVER BY KRIS WATSON

An old woman, a weaver, bends over her loom, sending shuttles of colored threads back and forth as she creates an intricate tapestry of blended colors and subtle detail. Each thread has its purpose, as row upon row they create a work of art in the hands of the expert weaver.

The Lord God is the weaver of our lives as His servants. He connects the threads and forms the patterns with a plan that goes beyond our earthly comprehension.

Hands in the Community (HNC) was founded to meet the needs of people in the greater Visalia area. This ministry is honored to be a small thread in the tapestry of grace that He weaves.

### A bit of history:

In October of 2008, HNC founder Lester Moon presented to local churches, and spoke of his vision for a volunteer organization which would meet the needs of people. He expressed the need for an office, equipment and supplies to create a central hub, where coordinating the needs and the solutions could take place. The tapestry was beginning. Two weeks before Christmas 2008, two brothers came together and donated office space.

The space offered was perfect for the needs of the ministry: A small office for Lester and a room with space for a few phone volunteer work stations, but no furniture. How would the Lord provide it? Only He knew how.

In a conversation with the property's manager, Lester mentioned the need for office furnishings. Not long afterward, Lester was contacted by a local businesswoman who had recently closed a 70 person office. She said, "Lester, it's almost Christmas. Make a wish list and I will see what I can do."



Humbly, Lester made his list—no luxuries, just the office basics. He submitted the list, and waited. A week before Christmas, the call came and HNC received donations for every single item on the "wish list". The Master Weaver was deepening His design.

In April 2009, a call came in from a local Christian school that was upgrading its computers. Could HNC use their old ones? Absolutely! But what to do with the perfectly good

ones already on site? Was there a need somewhere?

After a couple of calls, the equipment was placed in the hands of a local Boys and Girls Club. The club had upgraded their computer lab, put some of the equipment to use in their administration, and refurbished two computers as gifts for their Youth of the Year winners. All around, people have been blessed in a tangible way.

### The Present at HNC

Today, the offices at HNC are buzzing with activity. Phones ring at the donated desks, and volunteers are there to answer them. File cabinets bulge with notes of needs, as well as evidence of needs which have been met. Data bases are updated on the donated computers and connections are made that meet critical needs in the community.

The tapestry of HNC continues to be woven, as the Father uses simple, willing servants to touch lives. There is much to be done, and many opportunities are present to be part of God's tapestry. All "threads" are welcome, both volunteers and donations, each a vital part of this tapestry of grace in the hands of the Master Weaver.

## Guiding**Hands**

### Community Advisors:

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## Volunteer Corner — **HandsOn**



“We are here to be good stewards...”

My name is Laurena and I'm a proud mother of a member of the HNC Board of Directors. When asked if I would consider giving some of my time to help volunteer in the office at Hands in the Community, I was happy to jump on-board. The experience of volunteering at HNC has been very rewarding - something that I look forward to each week. I've found myself trying to dig in deeper to identify more projects to help broaden my involvement and maximize my contributions while I am in the HNC office. My volunteer scope spans across several office duties. I handle incoming phone calls, verify needs, call on resources,

coordinate assistance and serve as an advocate for the individuals and families who reach out to us. This experience has provided me with a chance to help bridge the needs of others with the services that can help them.

It's my belief that we are here to be good stewards - to do the best we can with what we have been given. As my experience and involvement with HNC grows, my commitment to that responsibility strengthens. Over the past several months, I have seen how far our efforts can reach - most memorably at Christmas time when we were able to find toy donations for struggling parents to give to their children. Offering my time and assistance is my way of giving back to better the lives of those in need in our surrounding community - and I am happy to be doing just that at HNC!

My name is Ruth, and I was first introduced to HNC when the Executive Director gave a presentation to our Senior Citizens group at a luncheon. I immediately thought that the organization seemed like a

great program to be involved with. I have seen requests for help and assistance in faith-based organizations time and time again - and I am delighted that I joined efforts with such a great one! It is so rewarding to be able to help others and, in turn, have the chance to bring my skills up to speed. So, as I help Hands in the Community, it continues to give back to me. This opportunity has provided me a chance to work with some wonderful people, and I am extremely grateful to have teamed up with the family of volunteers at HNC.

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## Can you lend a **HelpingHand**?

Please consider being a phone volunteer either 9am-12pm or 1pm-4pm one day a week.

In addition, we have many other areas for you to help, in and out of the office, such as filing, follow-up, setting up meetings, etc.

**Hand in Hand**

*A very special and heartfelt thank you to the following businesses who have so generously provided support and resources for HNC Offices in 2009:*

Artis, Hare & Co.

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*Our sincerest thanks to the Glen Wells Construction Company for their donation of the HNC office space!*



**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
- Praise Center
- Radiant
- Seventh Day Adventist
- Sierra Baptist
- Visalia Covenant Church

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18



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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 person with a need.

Our objective is to assist people in becoming self-sufficient, and to strengthen the ability of families to care for themselves and their children. Nearly half of those served by our 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—Our Helping Hands**

We currently have more than 800 volunteers who are available to share their time and abilities.

## Current **Hands**inNeed

### Office Needs

- Phone volunteers for one–3 hour shift  
Monday-Friday (9 AM-12 PM or 1-4 PM)
- Facebook coordinator (can be done at home)
- Desktop computer (Windows XP)
- Phone headsets (3)
- Office Supplies—i.e. file folders, legal size envelopes
- Volunteers from your church
- Project Coordinator
- Funding for ministry

### Family /Individual Needs

- Twin bed frame
- Twin bed
- Children's dressers (2)
- High chair
- Dinette tables with chairs (2 sets)
- Double stroller

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



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