



Hands in the Community- What do we do?

Hands in the Community (HNC) is a ministry that was formed because of the community's desire to be proactive in the lives of the needy and despairing in our community. We believe Christ alone can shine hope into those lives. Who better to carry that light, but the believer?

Matt 5:16 says, "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in Heaven."

Help needs of the church community:

Since the inception of this ministry, we have seen that God wants to gather HIS people to serve alongside one another. We have had several situations where a team (formed from multiple churches) worked together to serve the community.

We are not always aware of the needs of those in our own body or we do not have the resources to help. HNC coordinates those with the gifts to minister to fellow believers and meets a particular need(s).

HNC supports the local church by alerting staff of individuals who are dishonest. This allows the church to serve those who are truly needy. We also have many resources available so that the church can use money when necessary and use the resource when available.

Reaches out to the community:

Anyone in the community can contact HNC with a need. When that need is validated, HNC will do everything possible to help that individual or family. HNC will not contact a church or volunteer before the need has been validated.

In times of economic downturn there will not be enough money to meet the needs of those needing help. God's people are commanded to reach out to the poor, needy, orphans and widows.

God's people will be utilized to not only meet a need but will also have the opportunity to shine the light of Christ and give hope in an often desperate situation.



Examples of people who have been helped

- During Christmas 3 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 and decorations for Christmas.
- Helped supply 3000 drinks that were used by 3 separate ministries to children.
- Helped a family that moved to the area with nothing, and helped them find a place to live, found donated furniture, supplies for baby, and a refrigerator.
- A widow, from one of the local churches, had a one acre lot that has not been attended to since her husband's death several years ago. A team from 9 churches spent one Saturday cutting trees, disposing of debris and cleaning yard.
- 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 to get 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.