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# The HOPE Letter

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## Welcome Summer!



## Quote Of The Month

"Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving."

*W. T. Purkiser*



◀ Our Thursday outreaches at our Farmingdale warehouse have become our fastest growing since the Covid pandemic began..



► Lines now form around the building and down the block. The need on Long Island is increasing.



◀ When folks drive around Long Island and see the manicured lawns and beautiful landscaping, they can be deceived into thinking there is little need here. But these lines tell a different story altogether.



## In Loving Memory of Luis Guzman DeLeon

### January 21, 1964—September 2, 2024



▲ Please keep Lincia in your prayers. She was Luis' fiancée. They had both met here at the ministry, and after working together on some food pick-ups found a blossoming friendship in each other that developed into a precious relationship. Please keep Lincia and her family in your prayers for God to bring her comfort during this time of loss.

◀ It is a bittersweet announcement to let our supporters know of Luis' passing. Bitter ...because he was such an asset to this ministry. He loved working here at Hope. If he could have worked full time at the ministry he would have. Sweet....because he went home to be with Jesus, passing away in his sleep early September 2nd. He is finally at rest with his Savior. The ministry is still trying to fill the 'holes' his absence has left in our outreaches. Thank you brother Luis for your years of faithfulness. We shall meet again on the 'other side of Jordan.'

## Bringing Hope To NC Residents

Hope had the opportunity to reach out to the residents impacted by hurricane Helene in North Carolina through a 'friend of a friend' of the ministry. We were able to load up his truck and a rental trailer packed to the hilt with food and whatever clothing supplies, and blanket roll ups we had in storage. Even though he couldn't get into Asheville, he was able to distribute these goods to a neighboring county who had not yet received any help from the government. He has had good results in the distribution and is planning on one more trip within two weeks from the printing of this issue newsletter. Thank you to all who faithfully give as your help and prayers are reaching those in dire need.



# Can You Believe It's Almost Time for Thanksgiving



It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner. At HFTF we are hard at work with preparations for the season. We rely on our partners and friends for support, be it financial, physical or prayer support. Your help is needed. Won't you take a moment to pause during this busy season and consider how you can participate in helping us meet the extra costs incurred during the Holidays? We love when churches or civic groups come up with creative ways to raise funds.

Consider having your group run a food drive, a bake-off contest, or something unique and fun to help us raise the funds needed during this time. As we have seen during these past few years, prices for food, gas, energy and rents have hit the American home hard. Whatever you can do, we know it will be a sacrifice, and we also want you to know we value and appreciate everything you do to help us continue reaching those in need today. Please consider sponsoring a child or even a family during this festive season.

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*Thank you and May the Lord bless you!*

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*"For I know  
the plans that I  
have for  
you...plans to  
give you a  
hope and a  
future."  
Jeremiah 29:11*



Dear Friends,

"I can't believe how much food prices are over here in New York! They have gone up substantially since my last visit a couple of months ago!" This was the response of a dear brother who has been coming from England to Hope For The Future, donating two weeks of his vacation time every year, since September of 2001. He was here when the towers came down, and developed a deep love and appreciation for the ministry from that time forward.

He was astonished to see the rise in prices at a local supermarket when he went to pick up a few items. This is what all of us here in New York, (and the nation for that matter), have been struggling with, especially in the aftermath of the pandemic. Rising prices for the essentials that get us through an ordinary week.

This is where Hope For The Future makes a difference every week, both on Long Island, Manhattan and in Brooklyn. We are servicing these communities with anywhere from 8,000 – 10,000 meals per month, collectively. Through your contributions and prayer support God has been faithful to help us keep these doors open and the provision continuing. There are two quotes I love to remember when it comes to giving.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." (*Winston Churchill*)

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." (*Margaret Mead*)

Compared to many major organizations, HFTF has a 'small group of thoughtful, generous' volunteers and donors that are making the difference 8 to 10 thousand times a month. As I stated above, that is the average amount of meals served out of this building each month. It is your faithfulness that has kept us going these past 36 years and I stand humbled to have worked in this ministry for the last 32 of those 36 years. I am truly grateful for each and every one of you.

As we approach the coming holidays, please consider an extra gift of support. You could perhaps share our newsletter with a friend, family member, or church that might be able to help us. We depend on your help in every way to push this ministry and it's message forward. Our goal remains to reach as many people as possible with the good news of the gospel and a good meal in their stomachs... because as Mother Teresa used to say, "You can't preach the gospel to an empty stomach." And it's true. I like to say that there are five gospel books: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and You! And most won't read the first four ... they will only read you!

So thank you for deciding to be part of the small group of thoughtful, committed citizens that will change the world, one meal at a time, one donation at a time, one life at a time. May the Lord richly bless you and yours.

Sincerely In His Service,  
Pastor Deborah Mitchell, President