

# RESTORING HOPE ROANOKE

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## IMPACT REPORT

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.”

(2 Corinthians 8:9)

A photograph of several hands stacked in a circle, symbolizing unity and support. The hands are of various skin tones and are wearing different colored bracelets. The background is blurred, showing other people in a group setting.

# 2020

# MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

## What Can We Do?

### MISSION AND VISION PHILOSOPHY

Restoring Hope Roanoke exists to equip and assist Gospel-believing local churches to build helpful and loving relationships with our neighbors in need and together to discover true hope in Jesus Christ and His Church.

### OUR BOARD MEMBERS

Rev. Doug Hart,  
*Chairman*  
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*Chairman*  
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*Treasurer*  
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*Secretary*

Every day we are confronted by our problems, lack of money, jobs, health, crime, overwhelming divisions and hatreds, etc. etc. Most are sick of hearing about them all. People choose fight or flight, taking up political and social causes, or finding escapes in entertainment, substance abuse, possessions and more.

At Restoring Hope Roanoke we have a simple, time-tested solution: **Love God with all our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves.**

Programs and resources can be helpful for solving the problems of poverty and isolation, but not when they are separated from the real love that comes from God in Christ and extends to our neighbors. Without love, anti-poverty programs have resulted in more poverty, anti-crime efforts have been overrun with violent crimes, anti-addiction programs see explosions in addictions, and pro-family programs have seen the greatest number of broken homes in our history.

We focus on bringing the love of Christ to our neighbors by equipping and encouraging Christian people to do just that. **Love has the power to transform every single human person in Roanoke, no matter how challenging our life situation has become.** Love has built all the best things in our lives; family, friends, neighborhoods, churches, valued businesses, great schools, and can build a city.

We offer not a program but a Person, not advice but an Advocate, not a handout but a hand, not a cause but a community. Each person is not defined by their needs, but by how much we need each other, here in Roanoke.

Every day we wake up and pray that God's kingdom will come, His will be done, right here in our Roanoke neighborhoods. Together, we can learn to know His love and forgiveness and share it with one another. We will see Him restore broken relationships with Him, ourselves, our community and our work. We can together create beautiful and healthy; families, homes, jobs, neighborhoods and churches.

**Join us.** We won't quit. The love of Christ and neighbors is worth everything.

*Doug Hart*

Board Chairman, Restoring Hope Roanoke, Inc.

## WHAT DO WE DO?

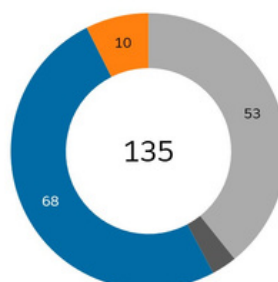
### • Community engagement

Equipping churches to reach their communities through church mobilization plans, ally training, church, and ministry consultations

### • Internationals - Connecting churches to their international neighbors

2020 Program Impact

Record Count



Program    Workforce Development    Internationals    Community Engagement    Conferences and Training

### • Trainings and Seminars

Conferences and training for pastors, ministry leaders and lay people.

### • Workforce Development through job preparedness classes

"I have gained knowledge, skills, and resources that enable me to be a better tutor to my student, and a better servant of Christ to the nations!"

MORGAN MCCLURE  
ESOL TEACHER TRAINED



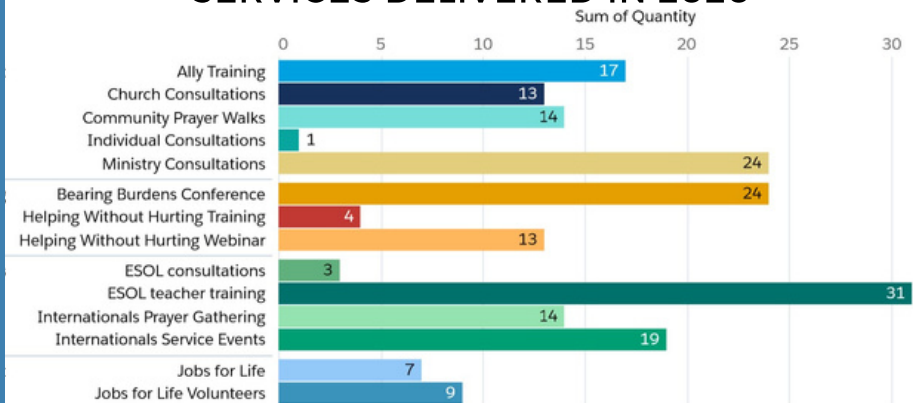
In December 2020, we partnered with Friendship House to get bedding, furniture, and household goods, and, with the help of volunteers, delivered the items to the family's new home.



"The [Bearing Burdens] conference went like everything else I've seen from Restoring Hope; it was well organized and brought valuable content. The three speakers were well educated in their areas of expertise regarding the biblical perspective of trauma, types of trauma, and how to minister to those who've experienced it."

COLIN CAMPBELL  
ASSOC. PASTOR, SOVEREIGN GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## SERVICES DELIVERED IN 2020



## SPREAD THE WORD

*You can join our work by simply spreading the word!*

- Tell your church about us.
- Share with family and friends.
- Sign up for our newsletter.
- Follow us on social media.



# ENGAGING WITH CHURCHES

**16** volunteers from around the Roanoke region attended Ally Training, where they learned how to support low-income neighbors as they work on improving their life circumstances.

**14** church-based English teachers completed the ESL Teacher Training certificate workshop.

**30** pastors, ministry workers, and lay people attended our Bearing Burdens conference, learning how to effectively minister.

**18** local church leaders attended our webinar on church benevolence policies.

**9** volunteers helped with Jobs for Life classes, with many more providing meals!

**10** community members joined us for prayer walks in four neighborhoods.

# LOOKING AHEAD

2021 holds much to be excited about. God is doing a great work in the Roanoke Valley, and we are thankful that you get to be a part of it. Where will you make a difference in 2021?

**Jobs for Life** classes at the Rescue Mission of Roanoke start in February 2021 while developing a second class open to all in the community.

Would your church like to host a **Faith and Finances** class, a financial education class for anyone but especially for those living on the poverty line.

We are partnering with local churches for **Helping Without Hurting** workshops.. Learn how the local church can work to alleviate poverty through Christ-centered relationships.

We are working with several national organizations to launch a web-based platform that will **connect families to advocates** and resources in their community.

We continue to offer training for church-based **English teachers** and assistance to churches who are starting or restarting their English program for internationals.

As the number of refugees, asylees, and international students increases, we are committed to equipping the local church to be on **the front lines of welcoming** them with Christ's love.

## 2020 FINANCES



## THANK YOU!

You played a part in making our work possible!  
To those who gave financially in 2020 - **thank you!**

To those who prayed for us in 2020 - **thank you!**  
To those who gave their time and talents in 2020 - **thank you!**

## SUPPORT US IN 2021

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