

# THE HOPE PAGE



Celebrating God's Work in the Lives of Young People  
Through YOUR Prayers & Giving!

## YOUR AWESOME IMPACT ...by the numbers

You're saving lives, by God's grace, as more and more young people reach out to TheHopeLine in their moment of urgent need.

Here's a statistical snapshot of *how God used your generous giving* to impact the lives of students and young adults last year:

**27,435** Life-changing conversations  
with Hope Coaches

**42.5%** increase in suicide interventions  
over the previous year (a total  
of 3,112 lives saved)

**34.8%** increase in answered conversations  
over the previous year

**41%** of contact attempts still missed for  
lack of funding for Hope Coaches  
(17,597 young people tried to reach  
us but couldn't get through)

**27+%** increase in decisions to accept Christ  
as Lord and Savior (nearly 1,600 souls)





On the front lines

A Hope Coach shares from the heart



## ***“I can fully relate”***

Tate has been involved in ministry his whole life, “running with the Gospel,” as he puts it. “At heart, I’m just an evangelist.”

The secret to his work as a Hope Coach? “100% reliance and dependence on the Holy Spirit,” he says. “There is absolutely no way that I, just in my natural mind, could come up with solutions and be able to meet people where they’re at. It’s just through an open hand and open ears to Him and how He’s leading ... just being in that place of constant dependency on His voice. Even when I’m chatting with people on shift, I’m in prayer asking the Lord how He would move. I really treat it as ministry, which is what it is.”

Tate can identify with many of the teens and young adults who reach him on TheHopeLine. He personally struggled with mental health. So, “I can fully relate and just put myself in their shoes, almost as if I’m seeing through their own lenses what it’s like for them to be going through what they’re going through. Sometimes I even share my story, which is: I personally got completely set free of oppressive anxiety and depressive thoughts — by the work of the Holy Spirit.”

It’s especially gratifying when a young person experiences a powerful turnaround during the conversation — “a complete 180 ... they’ve actually had a revelation of the Gospel and have had their eyes opened.”

In one of Tate’s first online conversations, the young person revealed a drug dependency. “I just shared with them how they didn’t need that in their lives,” he recalls, “and that they could be filled and satisfied with the love and presence of Jesus — and the chatter just got it, instantly, just got it and was completely, completely hooked on what they were made for, the love and power of God instead of a false substitute, a false comfort. They completely got breakthrough — like born again — gave their life to Jesus.”

Tate’s ultimate goal for the young people he connects with: “Leave them with lasting help — and the only true power to save really is the Gospel.”

And he urges his fellow believers to give generously to TheHopeLine — “because every single chat and every single move that’s made with TheHopeLine really bears eternal fruit, and it’s a fruit that lasts. Invest in something that will actually bear fruit that lasts. TheHopeLine definitely does that!”

# In their own words



My wife, Mari, and I decided to start giving to TheHopeline in 2020 after I asked my uncle about places where he donates. He told us about TheHopeline and its mission of taking kids from crisis to Christ.

After we had contributed for a couple of years, staff member Mark Gries sent me an email about the number of chats that had turned into conversions for Jesus Christ...

**If all the money we donated only turned one person to Christ — and, if once in heaven, that person came up to me and said the giving Mari and I did to TheHopeline was the reason they met Christ and are now in heaven, through His blood — every dollar spent was worth it.**

My wife and I have taken investing in TheHopeline and placed it into our final estate planning wishes, because who doesn't want more souls in heaven!

TheHopeline does an incredible job of taking a mustard seed and converting it into a huge plant!

—Chad Winter, Minnesota



## **A flow of new fully trained Hope Coaches?**

Imagine waves of dedicated young people arriving to be trained as Hope Coaches.

It could happen. We've launched a test partnership with YWAM (Youth With a Mission) that lets students in their "Front Lines" courses become short-term volunteer Hope Coach interns.

They'll go through the same training regimen as full-time Hope Coaches, and they'll be assigned regular shifts of service. Then, for 10 weeks or more, they'll minister to young people who reach out to TheHopeLine, which means many more hours of coverage — and far fewer chats missed simply for lack of available Hope Coaches.

If this test program succeeds, we'll expand the strategy to other YWAM courses, some as long as six months or more.

The needs of students and young adults in our world today are so great — demand is so high on TheHopeLine right now — we envision thousands of our Live Chat conversations being answered by these fully trained volunteer interns.

And those who catch the vision for this type of ministry, and who fulfill their calling with excellence, will be able to apply to become fully engaged Hope Coaches.

This strategy could create a steady stream of superb new Hope Coaches. And because YWAM's programs are global, we'll be building a culturally diverse 24/7 Hope Coach team across many time zones.

**Pray for more Hope Coaches! Pray for the young people they're connecting with!**

YOU  
CAN

# leave a life-changing legacy

You're strongly committed to sharing hope through Christ with teens and young adults in crisis ... but your legacy of compassion can extend beyond your lifetime.

Simply add TheHopeline to your will. You can set aside either a fixed amount or a percentage of your assets to be donated after your family has been provided for.

You'll be helping to rescue and restore young people through our proven-effective ministry together – making your personal impact *perpetual*.

Someday, after we're gone, a student or young adult in need will turn to TheHopeline and make a life-saving connection to God's love ... thanks to the simple estate-planning decision you made today.

Ask your attorney or financial advisor about this unique opportunity to advance God's Kingdom. God bless you for loving young people, now and into the future!



## A personal word

FROM CEO TIM ALTMAN



I love our Hope Coaches. They're giving their lives as "digital missionaries," serving faithfully in the online mission field which literally encircles the planet.

Hope Coaches have undergone rigorous training. They're completely qualified. They work hard. They have to, because *it's hard work*.

Every time they answer a chat request, a young person's life is on the line ... and there's no "one size fits all" solution.

As a Hope Coach, you have to open your heart, hear that teen or young adult's story, and be guided by the Spirit into a meaningful conversation that connects them to the love of their Heavenly Father.

Many of our Hope Coaches have survived painful life experiences of their own. They're uniquely prepared to minister in this way.

It's not easy. But it's vitally important. And they do it because of love.

*They simply cannot work more hours.* There's a limit to what even the most dedicated human being can do.

So I urge you to pray for them, and for more Hope Coaches to step forward for training and service. And I urge you to give. Keep TheHopeline open. Keep training going strong for new Hope Coaches.

And pray that the Holy Spirit will speak through them into the hearts of young people in crisis, before it's too late. We live in a world where young people struggle with unprecedented levels of anxiety, fear, abuse, abandonment, and pain. No wonder there's an overwhelming sense of hopelessness out there!

But there is hope, through Jesus Christ, and you are helping to share it. God bless you for responding with Christ-like compassion to the crying need of the younger generation!

Your friend,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Jim".

Tim Altman