

THE HOPE PAGE

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



"I'm not sure I deserve His love..."

Max typed these words to his Hope Coach, Elliot, early one morning. Although typing the message took only a moment, those seven words carried a lifetime of loneliness and hurt.

Max faces extra challenges on a regular basis. Combine teenage pressures with his diagnosis of autism, plus the grief of knowing his parents abandoned him, and Max needed a listening ear ... and a glimmer of hope.

"Max, tell me about your family."

"I live with my grandparents, who I love very much. They didn't have to take me; they could have sent me to foster care and got on with their lives. But they sacrificed their retirements to raise an autistic kid, and I will always appreciate what they did for me."

Elliot replied, "Because they love you! It's amazing to me how God takes care of us. Your birth probably blessed your grandparents in ways you can only imagine! Max, do you and your grandparents have any religious faith?"

Max shared that his grandparents are Catholic, and that he believed in a "higher power," but that they didn't really have any active religious practices.

"OK," Elliot responded — and asked Max if he knew who Jesus is.



"Sure. Our Lord and Savior. Lord of the world, our true leader."

Because Elliot was so well prepared, he wasn't thrown by Max's unexpected response. He simply and lovingly shared John 3:16 and explained, "This means that the God of the Universe ... **loves you so much** that He sent His Son to earth to live, suffer, and die for YOU, Max, so that you can be with Him — for always and forever."

What good news! What hope! But Max had a little problem. "I don't deserve His

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love. I'm not the nicest person, no matter how I try," he said.

Elliott was prepared for this, too. "None of us deserve it, Max, that's why it's so amazing!"

He then invited Max to ask Jesus to forgive him of his sins and live in his heart forever! And Max did so with gratitude!

This is the kind of life transformation that happens through your support of TheHopeLine. Please pray for Max as he begins his journey with Jesus, that he finds a church and grows strong in his faith. Thank you for making stories like this possible!



Share hope that lasts ... and extend your impact



Even beyond your lifetime, you can share hope through Christ with students and young adults.

It's so simple to keep your commitment going. You're invited to add this ministry to your will or estate plan, setting aside either a fixed amount or a percentage of your assets to be donated after your family has been provided for.

As you do, you'll empower the ongoing rescue and restoration of young people through TheHopeLine's proven-effective work — and extend your impact.

In this world of confusion and pain, you'll share hope that lasts to 13- to 29-year-olds in their time of need.

Simply tell your attorney or estate planning specialist about your desire to use this unique opportunity to advance God's Kingdom — and give them the following information: TheHopeLine, Inc. (EIN: 20-1198064), P.O. Box 1835, Spring Hill, TN 37174. Thank you!

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A Hope Coach shares from the heart

"I'm simply a tool to point them to Jesus."

Ames lives in the Philippines, serving in villages, installing water wells, and caring for abused children in hands-on ministry.

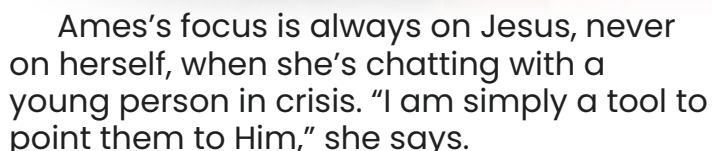
But she also serves part-time as a Hope Coach. And she's intensely passionate about it. It's those breakthrough chats, she shares, "when you get to see the hope ... when someone says — 'I have nowhere to turn' — and then they leave the chat completely different ... It just fuels the fire!"

Ames continues, "You truly are bringing hope. This is a way that we get to be the hands and feet of Jesus, and talk with people all across the world that we probably wouldn't get the opportunity to talk with otherwise."

There can be an advantage, she says, to engaging a young person online rather than in person, especially in places where the Christian faith is frowned upon or even banned. Some people feel safer opening up over chat compared to face-to-face. And "we still get to be there for them."

It's when a young person has tried other sources of help that Ames really senses the power of TheHopeLine strategy. Repeatedly she hears phrases like *I really felt heard here ... I didn't feel rushed ... I felt like you really wanted to hear what I was going through.*

Her prevailing message to young people on TheHopeLine? Jesus is "walking with you ... No matter what we go through, what we face in life, He's always with us in it. Yes, you are going through this, and your pain is real, but He is not going to leave you in it. He never leaves you to walk alone."



Ames's focus is always on Jesus, never on herself, when she's chatting with a young person in crisis. "I am simply a tool to point them to Him," she says.

As she prays before each shift, she paraphrases Jesus' words in John 5: *I can only do what I see my Father doing. I can do nothing on my own.* "That's the mindset I try to have in every chat: This is not me. I cannot do this alone. I have to only do what I see my Father doing."

But it also takes friends like you to keep TheHopeLine available 24/7.

"The Hope Coaches couldn't do what we're doing without the donors," Ames says. "It is such a vital part of the ministry — and it's money well spent!"

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A personal word

FROM CEO TIM ALTMAN



You've heard it often: Young people are in crisis.

Anxiety and depression are affecting teens and young adults at alarming rates. The U.S. Surgeon General declared a "national epidemic" of loneliness and isolation at all levels of society in 2023. Even more troubling, a recent survey shows that nearly 40% of teens said they were not getting the emotional support they need (astonishingly, more than 93% of parents believe their teens are receiving adequate support!).

Of course, these statistics aren't just numbers — they are flesh and blood. Each one represents a soul on this earth. Each one bears the image of God — created and loved — and whom Jesus died for!

But you are speaking light and truth into their lives.

You are ensuring young people are

heard with compassion ... and pointed to the only Source of lasting hope and peace: Jesus.

This is why I am so grateful for you. *Thank you for stepping into students' and young adults' lives with grace and truth.*

As fellow believers, you and I know the only antidote for what ails society is Jesus. He frees, redeems, and restores. Each life you touch through your generosity and prayers means one more young person has hope for tomorrow.

Together, let's rejoice in what God is doing and pray His blessing over every precious youth who connects through TheHopeLine. Thank you for bringing Jesus' love to this generation!

Your friend,

Tim Altman

Your prayers change lives

Students and young adults reach out to TheHopeLine with their deepest struggles and greatest heartbreak. *Your prayers for them can transform their stories into testimonies of God's grace and power.*

Become a prayer champion today, and you'll receive three names each month to lift up in prayer. The monthly email you'll find in your inbox will introduce you to real young people who need real hope — with a request for prayer the only motive.

James 5:16 says: "The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results." **Sign up at [TheHopeLine.com/prayer](https://www.TheHopeLine.com/prayer) now!**

