

# Teamwork IMPACT

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Dear Friends and Partners,

Today I was thinking about the brevity of life and the surprises life brings. The incidents at Virginia Tech provide a clear reminder of how short life can be when unexpected things happen. One day, everything is fine and the next, everything can go horribly wrong. The grief profoundly affects us all as did the tragedy of 9/11 and the tsunami of 2004.

Disasters remind us that sometimes life is cut short and terminated prematurely. Since we never know when that can happen, it is always good to be prepared and do our best to live for the moment, making the most of the time we have been given.

Such events remind us that we don't own the future, but we do own the present. We need to learn to live our lives in light of eternity; using the time, resources and talents we have to serve the Lord. Sometimes we give a lot of reasons as to why we can't serve the Lord now, or why we can't give now. Time, talents and resources are irreplaceable. When they are wasted, your life is wasted.

**Be very careful, then, how you live -- not as unwise, but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.**  
**Ephesians 5:15-17**

I believe that time is one of the most important gifts that God has given to mankind. It is the carrier of life. When time washes away from our hands, our lives go with it. Time, like a precious treasure, should be guarded, managed and accounted for. Time well used is a life well spent.

Many people tend to take things the way they come, spending money as the impulses arise or doing what seems the most pleasurable or convenient for the moment. These people do not attempt to control their lives or plan ahead. Some people do not even make important decisions for their own lives. They let others dictate how their time and resources are spent. They live like robots.

Why is it that some people do so much and leave behind them great accomplishments, while others pass almost unnoticed, leaving few traces behind them? The answer is in how each one spends his/her time and resources.

- **Develop your skills.** If God is calling you into ministry, take a Bible College class; or if you are called to the business world, study and improve your skills in whatever area you are working.
- **STOP procrastinating** and work towards your goals and dreams. I have seen many Christians use prayer as a way of escape from responsibilities. I have heard people say, "I'm praying about this," and then when I ask them about it five years later, they are still "praying about it." This is actually a way of spiritualizing a fear of stepping out.

There are things that God has already made clear and we don't need specific instructions to act on it. God has already told us to give to the poor and to share the Gospel. Sometimes we have to move ahead based on a knowing in our hearts rather than a loud voice or a prophetic word. Prayer is to be a launching pad for God's purposes, not a parking lot of excuses.

- **Do something new** to expand your horizons. Go on a missions trip. Help with a community project. Get involved in a new ministry at church, such as visiting the sick, a music group or children's church.

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A young orphan boy helping to build his future home



The tractor brought much excitement to the City of Hope

## Dr. CHACHA'S May - August Itinerary

May 14 - 21 Durban, South Africa - 27-31-404 66 40

May 20 - June 3 First construction team to Tanzania to build the Teamwork Children's Home

June 3 - Danville, VA  
9:00 am 11:00 am  
Abundant Life WOC  
434 -799-8213

June 10 2 - 5 PM Kenya Christian Fellowship in America Indiana Chapter, Indiana (765) 289-5436

June 20 - 31 South Africa  
phone: (27) 11 873 9311  
- 20 - 23 Johannesburg,  
- 24 - 26 Cape Town,  
- 27- 28 East London

June 29 - 31 Tanzania

July 7- 8 Newark, NJ, Intn'l Family Church (718) 846-4670

July 15 Clinton, MD  
Harvest United Ministries,  
(301) 868-0084

August 1 - 13  
Mission to Nakuru, Kenya  
+254 (37) 215639

August 1 - 13  
Building teams to Tanzania

August 26 Richmond, VA

Note: call  
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● **Live your life** to the fullest, making the most of every good opportunity. Sometimes life can be too short to accomplish all our goals, but if we learn to spend well the moments and resources we have been granted by our Creator, we will have learned the secret of life.

**“So let us not become tired of doing good, for if we do not give up, the time will come when we will reap the harvest. So then, as often as we have the chance, we should do good to everyone, and especially to those who belong to our family in the faith . . .”**

**Galatians 6:9-10**

Your life is a journey that must be traveled by you. You leave footprints everywhere you pass: you leave fingerprints on everything you touch. Let your life be a legacy, a gift to those around you and those who will come after you.

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I'm honored that you have joined with Teamwork for a part of your journey. A great big thank you goes to those of you who are generously responding to meet the urgent need of building **The City of Hope**. We are delighted to report that \$50,000 has been raised since our last newsletter. This leaves us with just \$75,000 more to complete the first phase.

The first phase includes two buildings:

1. The administrative center (including housing for the administrators and a guest house for teams).
2. The children's home, which will be able to accommodate up to 200 children.

Thanks to our partners, the first building is ready for the roof and we have started the second building. The tractor was purchased and delivered. It has already been put to good use on site.

We are enjoying every moment of this exciting project as we connect with new people. I am confident that God has called us to build this city and many more. I am encouraged by people at each stage who are willing to use their resources to enable the work to continue. When many people give, the combination of resources accomplishes much.

I will be returning this month with the first building team. We will be raising the roof on the administrative center and building the walls for the children's home. Please pray for this great adventure. Also pray for me as I travel to Durban, South Africa, to officiate at several Teamwork Bible College graduations, including one in a maximum security prison.

May God Bless You and keep you. May the Lord grant you health and peace.

In His Service,

*Dr. John N. Chacha*  
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**Join us for Teamwork's Annual Banquet and Conference**

Invite your friends and come - **Date: Oct. 26 - 27**

It will be Bigger and Better than Ever! - in a much larger venue!

**International Speakers, Wonderful Food, Fellowship, Celebration, Ministry Updates on The City of Hope.**

## Spread the Word - Spread Hope

It is difficult to describe the change in the atmosphere and on the countenance of many people as they see the beginnings of **The City of Hope**. Imagine the blessing of a tractor and the blessing of a hospital when your community has never before had either one! Just seeing the start is already bringing **HOPE** - hope for the future, hope for a chance to rise above poverty, hope for the children who have no one to help them, hope for those who suffer from lack of medical care.

The first phase will require an additional \$75,000 more to complete. Perhaps you want to give, but this is not a good time for you. What can you do? You can share this vision with others you know. You can share personally or you can invite them to our banquet in

October. Point people to our website and encourage them to sign up for our mailing list. Be creative, like having a coin drive in a Sunday school class. Maybe you could get some friends together and come as a team to help with construction - give people with practical skills a chance to participate in this exciting project.



**Dale Martin, Bill Barrett and Rich Murray checking out the work.**



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