

A caring relationship, plus a job...

# Transformations



More effective than government programs in curtailing gangs.

*Success since 1993.*

Two steps and you're up:  
*A caring relationship plus a job, lifts a gang member from the street into a life of hope and success.*

### **Employers Wanted**

There are benefits to hiring a Hope Now youth: First, you help our community by providing employment for one in need of hope. Second, there is a support team behind each Hope Now young man you hire. Working together, we will help you make sure your new hire succeeds. Call our job developers for more information.

### **Odd Jobs Needed.**

Executive Director and CEO,  
Since 2004

Pastor Roger Feenstra

Founded 1993

Rev. Roger Minassian

**It only takes about \$5,000 per year to guide and assist one young man. Your gift goes a long way!**



Supporting Hope Now financially is a huge help. We need monthly donations to keep us moving ahead as we help young men trapped in gangs. But there are other ways you can help too. Another way is to get the word out about Hope Now.

Recently, one of our supporters wrote a beautiful, informative letter to the editor of the *Fresno Bee*.

Here's what he said:

"I was invited to the annual banquet/fundraiser for Hope Now for Youth. This non-profit has a great way of helping gang members get out of the gang life and into society. They teach them to be good, dependable workers, fathers, and men of integrity and faith. Every testimony was awesome.

Pastor Roger Feenstra, the executive director, said it was surprising how many people in Fresno knew nothing about this program. It has helped over 2,000 gang members get out of gangs and plug into society over the past 23 years.

If you are an individual, church, or any business in Fresno, I would encourage you to investigate this program and help any way you can.

Need help around the house during spring cleaning? Call Hope Now for Youth.

I also challenge any business in Fresno to get involved by hiring these young men and giving them a second chance to live in our city with their heads held high and walking in the faith as an example to all."

DANA BOBBITT, FRESNO

Thank you, Dana, and thank you to all who help get the word out about this wonderful organization we are privileged to be a part of.

Warm regards,

*Roger Feenstra*

Executive Director

## \$25,000 Matching Grant

We have received a matching grant from the SG Foundation. The SG Foundation trustees and staff collectively strive to serve God and the poor by relieving suffering and improving the quality of life in communities and in the individuals in those communities both locally and around the world. Our goal this year is to hire one more counselor so we can reach more gang youth who desire to change their lives. Including benefits, insurance, and salary, it will cost us about \$42,000 to bring on a new staff member. Here are ways to match your gift.

1. Commit to give a monthly gift beginning this month. Monthly gift amount will be totaled for the entire 2016 calendar year and count toward the match:

Example: \$100 this month  
 March-December \$100 per month  
 Total \$1000 = \$2000 Total Impact

2. Already give monthly? Increase your monthly gift by any amount and the increased amount will count toward the match:

Example: Monthly increase = \$25 (Make a note of your increased gift. You may increase your gift by more than \$25).  
 March-December \$25 per month  
 Total \$250 = \$500 Total Impact

3. Give a one-time gift this month in any amount and it will be doubled.

## Cambodia Corner

Our board member, Dr. Marty Martin, while on a medical mission to Cambodia with a colleague, had the privilege of visiting our work in the capital city of Phnom Penh. Pastor Chantha Kong, our Hope Now staff member wrote:



Chantha (left) standing next to Dr. Marty Martin.

"Dr. Marty and John spent some time with me Tuesday. We visited some recently deported men that are staying at RISC (Returnee Integration Service Center). Vann, pictured next to Dr. Marty, is from Philly, and Roth (a returnee), is from Boston. Please lift these young men up in your prayers as they have no family here and are adjusting to Cambodia. Dr. Marty had a chance to meet and encourage these men. Then after, we visited the children at the YMCA."



Pray for our Cambodia work. Our executive director will travel there at the end of the month to help strengthen and encourage Chantha and the other men there.



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