



**HOPE  
TO WALK**

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# HOPE

*highlights*

July 2020



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## note from the chairman

2020 seems to be a year that has knocked all of us back into our seats. The loss of many “certainties” we are accustomed to has reminded us that nothing in life is certain. At Hope To Walk, we view this as a time to reflect on what God has called us to do, assess where we have been, and look to the future where millions of amputees are waiting for a solution. They are waiting for HOPE.

We have chosen to seek joy and make lemonade from the lemons. Since travel restrictions have left us unable to travel, we have been working diligently to lay a solid foundation on which HTW can build for years to come. Our team is growing, which will vastly expand our ability to serve amputee patients. We are gearing up for our first ever Hope To Walk Virtual 5K ... and would love your participation! Read more about the 5K below.

Volunteers Dr. Susan Beatty and Terry Snyder are nearing completion of our international prosthetic database, which we will use to ensure patient safety, monitor trainees’ success, and compile patient information from around the world. Kevin Brown, with more than 25 years of training development experience, is nearing completion of our below-knee technician and technologist prosthetic training program. These represent two milestones for HTW that will equip and empower foreign nations to serve their amputee patients for decades to come.

We are thrilled that despite COVID, people are continuing to receive prosthetic legs in Haiti due to our unique prosthetic model. Read more about it on the following page.

We are trusting Jesus with the future of Hope To Walk, and I ask you to link arms with us and continue to join our mission to see that millions of amputees around the world have the chance to walk. This goal requires all hands on deck, and I welcome you aboard.

*Michael Mabry, D.O.*

Chairman of the Board

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join us for our first  
*virtual* 5K RUN

We are excited to announce our inaugural **Hope To Walk Virtual 5K – Real People. Real Miles. Real Hope.** Taking place August 8-9, this event will raise awareness and funds for the 35 million amputees in the world who do not have access to prosthetics. Hosting the 5K virtually allows people across the globe to participate while we practice social-distancing in response to COVID-19.

You may ask yourself, “How can a 5K be virtual?” We have partnered with DonorDrive to create this event, in which participants will complete everything digitally – registration, fundraising, 5K progress sharing, and more. Participants will have the option to share their 5K commitment through email, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn or text message. The only thing offline is the participant’s 5K, which you can run, walk, roll – whatever gets you moving. There is no cost to participate, so please join us!

We hope to raise \$50,000 from this event, and we need your help. Be an advocate for Hope To Walk and support our virtual 5K by participating yourself, forming a team, donating to the 5K, or sharing information about the event.

There are so many ways to help us make this a successful fundraiser. We also have corporate sponsors – including Gorilla Glue – who have committed to help us meet our goal. If you wish to be a corporate sponsor, please email [kristen@hoptowalk.org](mailto:kristen@hoptowalk.org).

To learn more about the Hope To Walk Virtual 5K or to register, go to [hoptowalk.donordrive.com](https://hoptowalk.donordrive.com).

### FAQ:

**How does a virtual 5K work?** Register at [hoptowalk.donordrive.com](https://hoptowalk.donordrive.com). Run, walk, or roll 3.1 miles during the weekend of August 8-9, 2020. Optional: Take a selfie and post it on your social media with hashtags #htwvirtual5k and #wewalksotheycan.

**Do I have to run?** No. You can walk your dog, stroll your baby, ride a skateboard – whatever you wish!

**How do I get a cool T-shirt?** Anyone who raises \$50 or more will get one of our awesome 5K T-shirts!

our response

# *to* COVID-19 HUNGER RELIEF

We are thankful for the generosity of our supporters who helped us reach our goal with the COVID-19 Hunger Relief Fund in May. Here are some stories showing the impact - directly from the front lines.

**From Donnie Anderson, Christian Relief Fund, Honduras:**

The picture at right is from our first delivery of packages you so generously donated to us this month. For the first two months of relief deliveries, we had to turn away the elderly and unsponsored families for supplies; we just didn't have enough for everyone. Thanks to your funding, this month we haven't turned away anyone. All who asked for help received a package that will help feed them this month. Through your help, we have helped between 50 and 75 families that have literally been starving. The people were praising you and Father God continually while accepting the provisions. Thank you so much for thinking of us and especially the least of us.

**From Dr. Will Boegel, Opal House, Guatemala:**

Here is one example of a family in Guatemala that we are reaching weekly. Rafael is a widow who lost her husband to throat cancer 4 years ago. She has 6 malnourished children and struggles to make ends meet washing clothes for others. Most of her local family died before the age of 40 due to alcoholism. Hope to Walk is providing weekly food "viveres" for 4 months.

*Honduras*



*Guatemala*



## moving forward *in* HAITI

The pandemic shut down global economies, halted multinational organizations' operations entirely, and closed the border between the U.S. and Haiti. We initially assumed that our prosthetics program in Haiti, which provides prosthetic legs to impoverished amputees entirely free of charge, would surely be halted as the Coronavirus hit worldwide.

However, because we have a mobile solution – our prosthetic legs can be fit just about anywhere – we were able to come up with a unique response: To suit up in PPE and have our certified prosthetic technician, Wilfrid Macena, make house calls.

In Port-au-Prince, 10-12 patients are receiving a leg each month, and they are ramping up to do more! Each story is powerful and unique. A child receives a leg and wants to go to school. A father receives a leg and goes back to work. A mother is able to work and better care for her family. This is what Hope looks like.



Shown Here: Wilfrid Macena helps a 12-year-old girl named Joseph, an orphan who lost her left leg.

# spotlight *on the* HTW TRAINING PROGRAM

Our training team, lead by long time volunteer Kevin Brown, has been working hard on completing our training manuals for prosthetic technicians, technologists, and trainers. With this groundwork laid, we will be able to train two trainees this July. Steve Morel and Pat Kessler are going to travel to Blacksburg, Virginia, to continue the training they started in January in Honduras. Steve is a prosthetic technician by trade who has worked for years as a missionary in Bolivia. Pat is a retired orthopedic surgeon who has worked as a missionary for years in Kenya.

We are excited to see Hope To Walk's footprint expand around the world by training and equipping people with our technology.



Left to right: Steve Morel, Ashley Knight and Pat Kessler

## *looking* AHEAD we have big plans

We are looking forward to the day we can resume travel to help our patients walk again. Since we have been working hard while social-distancing, we anticipate even more success moving forward. As we look at expansion, we are working on obtaining funding for a Hope Center in Guatemala which will provide jobs, training, and will help many Guatemalan amputees. Please participate in our Virtual 5K on August 8-9 and help bring HOPE to the world!

### What Does Hope To Walk Need to Thrive?

**DONATIONS!** Our low-cost prosthetic leg is transforming the lives of amputees worldwide. With your help, we can provide Hope to many more.

**TO DONATE, VISIT** [www.hopetowalk.org/donate](http://www.hopetowalk.org/donate)  
or send a check to the address below.



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