



DELIVERING HOPE - CONVOY OF HOPE WITH HAL DONALDSON

CONVOY OF HOPE

- Hal Donaldson founded Convoy of Hope in 1994, drawing inspiration from personal experiences from receiving help after losing his father and interviewing Mother Teresa, to intentionally living on the streets in eight different cities to experience how people in poverty were living.
- The organization is committed to compassion, disaster relief, and community outreach, stewarding over \$600 million in resources annually and feeding over half a million children daily.
- As leaders it is crucial that we consider how we can adopt similar principles to make a positive impact on our communities and around the world.

“He had to do a work in my heart before He could do
a work with my hands.” - *Hal Donaldson*

DISASTER RELIEF AND COMPASSION MINISTRY

- Convoy of Hope is an ideal partner for churches wanting to start their own outreach ministry or seeking reliable ministry partners.
- They seek to help churches be prepared before disaster hits their community and also represent churches by serving when disaster strikes anywhere around the world.
- When we focus on helping and giving to those who are in need, God will bless it.

“We believe that when you are involved in compassion-based
ministries, it actually grows the church.” - *Chris Hodges*

PHILOSOPHY OF PARTNERSHIP

- When looking for ways to help people, don't feel pressured to reinvent the wheel by creating your own shelter, food bank, or ministry if you already know someone doing it better than you can.
 - It is better to partner with other ministries than to compete with them.
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- When selecting a partner, it is important to have two filters:
 1. Ensure your partners love the local Church since it is ultimately the church that will stay long term to pastor each person who is served.
 2. Ensure your partners are also focused on connecting people with Jesus because we need to meet both physical needs and spiritual needs.

“We want them focused on meeting needs, elevating the Church, and lifting the name of Jesus.” - *Hal Donaldson*

LEADERSHIP LESSONS

- Follow the Miracles: If God is doing a miracle in an area, that is a good indicator that not only is God in it, but that we also need to pursue it.
- Be a Spiritual Magnet: Make sure that both people and God can trust you.
 - God entrusts with those He trusts.

“Become a leader that people and also God can trust.” - *Hal Donaldson*

GLOBAL IMPACT STORIES

- Serving Ukraine
 - They started serving through warehouses in both Poland and Romania while setting up a network of 350 churches, which represents about 80% of Ukraine.
 - The warehouses were then able to move just inside Ukraine with trucks rolling every day with supplies to help those in need.
 - At the end of the day, Convoy of Hope is supporting local churches to serve their own communities. At the end of the day it is Jesus and the local Church are lifted.
- Middle Eastern Aid
 - First, Convoy of Hope is known for doing what they say they are going to do.
 - They are currently working with partners on the ground to provide a stream of food and supplies to areas within Gaza.
- Hawaii Relief
 - After the wildfires in Hawaii, Convoy of Hope was able to immediately provide relief by partnering with the local Church on the ground.



- They worked with the local police force and about 16,000 volunteers to distribute resources and aid that the community desperately needed.

"Spiritual justice and social justice have to go hand in hand." - *Chris Hodges*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

See the last two pages for Discussion Questions that will help you and your team get the most out of this episode!

RESOURCES

- [HC Chapel - Hal Donaldson](#)
- [Monthly Mentoring with Pastor Chris](#)
- [Develop Kingdom Builder / Legacy Teams](#)
- [Previous Episodes + Show Notes](#)
- [Impact Leadership Conference](#)
- [Convoy of Hope](#)
- [Free Church Resources](#)
- [Compassion International](#)
- [The StudioC](#)
- [The Wesleyan Investment Foundation](#)



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Keep growing to reach your full potential by asking yourself and your team these questions:

PHILOSOPHY OF PARTNERSHIP

- 1. While thinking about your current ministry or outreach efforts, in what ways can you leverage partnerships instead of reinventing existing services?

- 2. How might collaborating with other ministries enhance the impact on your community?

LEADERSHIP LESSONS

- 1. Have you seen God moving, making a way, or performing miracles? How can you actively pursue and engage in these areas to align with what God is doing?

- 2. Hal emphasizes being a "Spiritual Magnet" and building trust. How can you enhance the trust factor in your leadership, both among your team and the community you serve?



GLOBAL IMPACT STORIES

1. Evaluate your current ministry focus. How are you balancing meeting both physical and spiritual needs? How might this integration enhance the effectiveness of your outreach?

2. How can your ministry strike a balance between addressing social issues and meeting spiritual needs?

3. Convoy of Hope aims to build a movement of compassion. How can you inspire and mobilize your church community to actively participate in compassion-based ministries and outreach efforts?
