

Greetings Hope Family!

Fires are raging throughout California. Many across the state have evacuated their homes, businesses and communities. As of August 26, there are:

1.35 million acres burned (Larger than the state of Delaware).

14,000 Lightning Strikes creating more than 700 new fires.

1,700+ Structures destroyed.

15,000 Firefighters from 9 Western States.

CA ^{National} Guard called out for support.

7 Fatalities.

Billions of dollars in loss and damage.

COVID-19 still causes a whole new approach to life. Unemployment and business shut-downs continue to increase. Many are distraught and discouraged. What can we do? We can exist as the people of Hope – and convey hope to our world. At times like this throughout world history the church has seen an increase as people look for answers and understanding. Communicating this hope begins with us as we adhere to the truth of God's Word.

“if my people, who are called by my name,
will humble themselves and pray
and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways,
then I will hear from heaven,
and I will forgive their sin and will **heal their land.**”

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

Many of you are praying for our community, state, nation and world. But would each of you, (the people of Hope), spend just a few more moments in prayer these next days; asking God to be at work and to commence the healing? Thanks!

As mentioned in last week's letter, Pastor Kevin will begin a new study on Wednesdays beginning September 2. This class will study the Seven Churches in Revelation (chapters 2 & 3). This is a fascinating study – revealing from God's perspective the different types of Christians, Churches; all

while presenting both church and world history. This class will meet at 7:00 on zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4189689191>) and the password to enter the class is "hope7" You can contact Pastor Kevin for more information and details.

Sunday mornings live-stream and Mid-week Bible studies continue and your participation is strongly encouraged. This is a great way to stay in contact with others from Hope and to grow in the Lord. (Information on how to be part of each can be found on the Hope website: www.hopesearch.org).

Your continued giving (Drop off, mail, Bill Pay, Zelle) are greatly appreciated! Your support is important during these days. Again, thank you for your faithfulness!

Yours in Christ,

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