



“Find out where God is working  
and join Him.”  
- Henry Blackaby

## What God’s Work Really Looks Like

Many people believe that God’s work requires great sacrifice, that you have to leave your family, home, job and financial comfort, and become completely selfless. But many times, the only sacrifice that God’s work really requires is a willingness to move out of your own comfort zone, and to give your time and energy to help those with whom you live and work.

Doing God’s work does require sacrifices, but those sacrifices take on many forms, with the common denominator being that you end up receiving as much, if not more, than you end up giving.

At Hope House Detroit, God’s work takes form in many ways, including:

- God’s work is investing in the life of child by teaching that child to read.
- God’s work is mentoring a young man to help him become a man of character and courage.
- God’s work is mentoring a young woman to help her develop a healthy self-esteem.
- God’s work is providing one-on-one attention to a child who may otherwise not receive any attention.

- God's work is teaching children computer skills, as well as other technology skills that will give them an advantage in their future workplaces.
- God's work is providing safety and security for children to play and just be kids.
- God's work is teaching young men proper sportsmanship and how to be a man of integrity and strength.
- God's work is teaching young women that their value is based on their character, not just their outward appearance.

God's work is not always easy, and it does require sacrifice. But God's work is also immensely satisfying and life-changing. We at Hope House Detroit believe that God's work, in its simplest form, is being a good neighbor to those who live in our community, especially the children, and we would love for you to join us!



## The True Value of Reading

Imagine for a moment that you are driving in an unfamiliar city attempting to find a restaurant you have never been to before, but all of the traffic signs are written in another language. Or, imagine that you are attempting to follow a recipe written in another language. Or, imagine that you are attempting to fill out a job application written in another language.

Now imagine yourself spending your whole life trying to get a job, cook and drive without even being able to read your own native language. Functioning in life without reading is possible. Growing up, getting a job, paying your bills, and raising a family, all without being able to read is possible. But to truly succeed in life, reading is required. But, being able to enjoy reading is an added bonus that makes reading less like work and more like a luxury that everyone can afford.

At Hope House Detroit, we strive to help children not only learn to read, but to enjoy reading, which gives them an educational foundation that will open the world to them. We believe that developing a child's love for reading will give that child the passion and excitement for learning that will allow them to grow into their fullest potential.

Not being able to read is like being told that a great treasure is hidden somewhere in the world, but that you have to find the treasure without a map, and that you are not given any clues as to where to start looking for the treasure.

At Hope House Detroit, we want to not only provide children with the treasure map, but to provide them with as many tools as possible to help them find the greatest treasure of all: the encouragement and inspiration to become their best selves.



## Thank You to Our Family

When you think of the city of Detroit, what comes to mind? The former car capital of the world? Motown? The Tigers? Or do you think bankruptcy? Poverty? Struggling? All of those words may be true descriptions of Detroit, but do you know what comes to our mind when we think of Detroit at Hope House?

### **Family.**

In the past few years, the community that we serve has become our family. This community has welcomed us, inspired us, and made us grateful for the love and acceptance we've found here. And our truest desire is to give back to the community we've found a home in, and to take care of our the new family we've found.

We know life can be hard, that it can be challenging to just put food on the table and pay the bills.

We know that it's hard to raise kids in a scary, frustrating, always changing world.

We know that that you want to give your kids the best life they can possibly have, but you don't always know how to make that happen.

We at Hope House Detroit just want you to know that we're here for you, that we love you as you are, and we are grateful for you. We want to see you, and your children, continue to grow and become the best you can be. We want you to know that we're more than happy to come beside you, to help you take care of yourself and your kids.

So thank you. Thank you for welcoming us, thank you for letting us teach your children, and thank you for trusting us. Thank you for not giving up on yourself, for working hard and putting your children first. Thank you for having the faith that things can, and will, get better.

Let's work together so that one day, when people think of Detroit, family is the first thing they think of.