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Jay Smith

Life Without
Limbs

Eric Scalise

Hope for
the Heart

It all started when Jay Smith, COO of Life Without Limbs, and Eric Scalise, Senior VP, and Chief Strategy Officer of Hope for the Heart, decided to take the intentional step to get to know one another. As they shared about the heart and vision behind their ministries, they realized God was using them in very unique ways.

Life Without Limbs, founded by Nick Vujicic, evangelizes to the marginalized reaching millions for Christ all over the world. While Hope for the Heart, founded by June Hunt, provides hope and practical help through biblical caregiving, coaching, and counseling.

As Jay and Eric began to build a friendship, Eric learned that Life Without Limbs wanted to create a resource hub. Jay said, “we realize we can’t do this by ourselves because we aren’t the experts of everything but what we can do is bring in people who are.” That’s when Hope for the Heart offered any resources from their library that would help and support Life Without Limbs in their vision.

Over the years, these ministries have stepped into the gaps for one another, offering their unique strengths and expertise. Instead of seeking a transactional type of relationship with one another, they did not ask, “what can your ministry do FOR my ministry?” but instead chose to ask, “what can my ministry do WITH your ministry?”

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What we can do with one another is extend the reach of the Gospel. Through Life Without Limbs' global evangelistic impact, they see a need for the equipping and education of these new disciples. Through Hope for the Heart, they see their resources being distributed all over the world and people growing in their faith. They have found ways to combine their *strengths of evangelism and counseling* to develop an entirely

new resource for the world that expands the Kingdom and God's glory. Momentum is growing and the ripple effect is greater than anyone could have imagined. This is just one tangible reminder that we were never meant to build the Kingdom on our own, we need each other.

We are continually amazed and encouraged by what God is doing through all of the ministries at The Hope Center. We love hearing how He is intertwining each of our stories to further His Kingdom.

So we would love to know...

What's your story of collaboration? Email Michelle at mfuquay@thehopecenter.org.