



## APRIL 2010 DEVOTION

The Hope Center for Refugees and Immigrants  
Ohio - \$90,000

*Leader: Gathered together, with the hope of Christ Jesus in our hearts, we pray:*

**All:** Let us see you today, Heavenly Father, in the faces of the people with whom we worship each week and those we meet in the street. Help us to see You in the stories of the suffering, the ill, and the homeless, in the projects placed before us, and in the work of our hands.

*Leader: Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him (Acts 8:30-31).*

**All:** Guide us in Your Word that we might learn to make clear the way of salvation to all we meet through our actions, sharing our love, our gifts, and our talents.

*Leader: The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter; and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth" (Acts 8:32-33).*

**All:** Move our hearts to share the story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection with all people.

*Leader: The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus (Acts 8:34-35).*

**All:** Go with us as we share the gospel message. We ask You to hold our hands as we offer them in service.

*Leader: As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing (Acts 8:36-39).*

**All:** Jesus, thank You for the examples You provide for us in Scripture, and for so many ways to share Your saving message with others. Bless all who come to The Hope Center for Refugees and Immigrants in Ohio. Bless the volunteers, and grant that those who serve and are served know the love that You have for all people and that they might share it abundantly. In Your name we pray. Amen.