



Hope Awaits

MINISTRIES

June 1st, 2021

Monthly Newsletter

This past month I had the privilege of speaking to a homeless man over the phone. During the phone call he told me about what was going on in his life, the hardships that he was going through, and asked about our program. I explained to him how Hope Awaits operates – that we partner with men in need and help them out of their state of homelessness.

He was interested in the program, but was hesitant and cautious as he had been hurt before. During the conversation he came up with some reasons as to why he shouldn't come – as if he was trying to talk himself out of getting help.

One of the things that he told me was “I don't smell good; I don't have any soap.” My response to him was “Come as you are; we have lots of soap!”

After the phone call was done this statement that had come out of my mouth struck me – isn't that what Jesus says to us?

Zechariah 3:3-5 says:

“Joshua's clothing was filthy as he stood before the angel [of the LORD]. So the angel said to the others standing there, ‘Take off his filthy clothes.’ And turning to Joshua he said, ‘See, I have taken away your sins, and now I am giving you these fine new clothes.’”

Then I said, ‘They should also place a clean turban on his head.’ So they put a clean priestly turban on his head and dressed him in new clothes while the angel of the LORD stood by.”

Joshua's filthy clothes defiled him, but God removed them and gave him new clothes. Sometimes we can be like the man on the phone and say that we can't come to God because we don't smell good – we're not clean. But God doesn't ask us to clean ourselves up before we come to Him. We are to come and confess our sins to Him – then He will remove our sins and dress us in righteousness.

The men who come to Hope Awaits arrive in all different states, some are clean while others aren't – but we can say to them what God says to us: Come as you are, I have lots of soap!

God bless you.

Nicole Millage, Executive Director



Glory be to God!

“We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another... Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.”

– 1 John 3:16, 18

Highlights

Our Anniversary

On May 1, 2021 Hope Awaits celebrated it's third anniversary! Three years ago we opened our doors to our first four clients, and now we have housed 85 men.

Client Success

In May we had one client resolve his homeless crisis. He stayed at our facility for just under 1 month, and was able to find full-time employment before moving out of Hope Awaits.

Partnerships

Hope Awaits was featured at Harmony Road Baptist Church in Oshawa for their mission month. We had the opportunity to share about what's going on at Hope Awaits during their virtual services.

Our Executive Director was able to give a short update at South Shore Missionary Church during their virtual service on May 9, 2021.

Our Executive Director has also joined the local Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay, and Hope Awaits was able to supply some soap and toothbrushes for homeless kits that the committee is assembling.

Donations

We have received many clothing donations over the past few months. Our free store is overflowing and we have been able to put clothing in storage for when it's needed.

How You Can Help

Fundraisers

Join us virtually on June 19th at 10am for our Zumbathon fundraiser! Have fun with friends and help support the homeless in our community! For more information visit:

<https://www.hopeawaitsministries.com/zumbathon-2021.html>



Current and Urgent Needs

- Juice
- Cracker Snack Packs
- New Men's Underwear (size medium)
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Broom (x2)
- Reusable Water Bottles
- Travel Mugs
- Dish Soap
- Paper Towel
- Sunscreen

All donations can be dropped off at 390 First Ave E. daily between 6pm and 9pm.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

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