



Hope Awaits

MINISTRIES

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Monthly Newsletter

It can be easy to get caught up in trying to do good things for God. Ephesians 2:10 even says that God has prepared good works for us to do. We as believers all know that good works do not save us; it is only by the grace of God that we can receive forgiveness and eternal life. However, we sometimes can be guilty of trying to live out the Christian life in our own strength.

For many years I have wanted to serve the Lord with my life, honouring Him and doing good works in His name. Yet over the past year and a half, God has been showing me how this plays out in the Christian life in a practical way. Years ago, I remember wondering how I was supposed to do something in God's strength. I didn't quite grasp it at the time. Yet God has been patient with me, and He has shown me that my first and foremost responsibility is to seek Him, focussing on my relationship with Him. John 15 speaks about how we are to abide in Christ, and in Him we can bear fruit for His name. As we seek Him above all else, He will lead and guide us in the good works that He has for us to do. This is how we serve the Lord in His strength. It is to be an outflowing of our relationship with Him.

I have been with Hope Awaits for a year now, and have been blessed with opportunities to follow God's leading and see Him at work in the lives of the men we seek to help. I have been able to follow God's prompting and pray with men, share some of my testimony, and share the gospel. I

have seen God work in a life to move someone who showed no interest in God to the point of wanting to attend Bible studies. God also blessed me with helping a gentleman who was "religious" see that he was missing Christ, and I was able to see him give his life to God!

Wherever we serve, whether it is in formal ministry or not, our first responsibility is to focus on our relationship with the Lord. When we prioritize our relationship with God over doing good things in service for God, we focus our hearts in the right place and serving the Lord flows naturally. We then serve in His strength, and we are more open to hearing the Holy Spirit and following His leading in the day to day things He would have us to do.

I have by no means mastered serving the Lord in His strength, but I am grateful for His grace in my life and the opportunities He has given me to serve Him as I seek to grow in

Devin

Shelter Care Worker



Glory be to God!

Our Vision

To see men filled with hope and transformed by the love, grace, and power of God.

Highlights

Clients

In August we had eight men reside at the shelter. Two of the men moved out during the month, and six remained in the program at the end of the month.

During the month God opened doors for us to share the gospel and to pray with the men at Hope Awaits. Also, one of our clients who had been with us for a while sat in on his first bible study in August. Praise the Lord!

New Missionary

In August we were happy to welcome Rebecca to our missionary team. Rebecca joins our team as a part-time shelter care worker. We are excited to have her join our team, and for the gifts that she adds to Hope Awaits.



How You Can Help

1. Donate Towards Our Current Needs

- Juice Boxes
- Fruit Cups
- Napkins
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Paper Towel
- Laundry Detergent
- Printer Paper
- Backpacks

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

2. Become a Missionary

Be a part of a team that is reaching out to those in need with the love and compassion of Jesus Christ! We are currently seeking applications for a part-time shelter care worker.

For more information on the position visit our website here:

<https://www.hopeawaitsministries.com/shelter-care-worker.html>

3. Donate towards our Apartment Starter Kits

Did you know that Hope Awaits prepares Apartment Starter Kits to give to clients when they move into their own apartment?

Some items that we are currently low on include:

- Coffee Maker
- Kettle
- Can Opener

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Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

Glory be to God!