



Hope Awaits

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Monthly Newsletter

“and when he saw him, he had compassion on him. And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.”

- Luke 10:33b-34

The above verse really sums up well the mission work here at Hope Awaits. Each man comes here with different wounds that need to be bound up and healed. Some come with simple wounds. Through circumstance, they are temporarily out of housing and need a place to rest until they can find a suitable place.

Others come with wounds so deep and so horrific that it is a wonder that they still have a drive to live. Most would collapse under the crosses they have borne. These wounds are much harder to treat. Yes, some have made really bad choices in their lives and suffer the consequences, but others have experienced things beyond their control. And sometimes their lives have just spiraled out of control.

They all come with spiritual wounds. These are often the hardest ones to heal. But God sent these men to us because he desires them to be close to him. To have an intimate relationship with him. And to experience his love and to be healed.

And love is definitely what they experience at Hope Awaits. They experience the love of the staff, the love of the volunteers, the love of the donors, but most importantly, the love of God. Unfortunately, love is a foreign thing to so many of the men. They often don't understand it or mistake it for something

else. They have been abused, neglected, and victims of the sin of others. Sometimes, they have experienced a false love in their lives and are hesitant to trust and feel real love. Many haven't experienced love at all and are very wary to trust it. Often they have survived by depending on their own abilities and the idea of others loving and helping them causes them to be suspicious.

So, there are many hurdles that have to be overcome to heal the wounds of these men and bring them close to God. But, with God, all is possible!

Even in my short time at Hope Awaits, we have had men leave because they felt that we were against them, only to come back with the realization that no, we really did care and wanted what was best for them. Many have told me that they look forward to finding a new place, but will miss the love that they experienced while living at Hope Awaits. We hope that by bringing them close to God, that they can continue to experience this love.

So, whether they stay at Hope Awaits for one night or many nights. Whether their wounds are simple or gruesome. We bind them up, pour on ointment, bring them into the inn and show them God's love. Compassion and love. That is our job. If we do those, God will do the rest.

I love my job here at Hope Awaits and am thankful and blessed that God chose me to be a tool in his hand!

Rebecca
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 January we had twelve men reside at the shelter, with six still being in the program at month end.

We had two clients move into their own apartments in January; three clients who decided to leave the program; and one that we had to ask to leave.

Shelter Story

In January we saw a change of atmosphere at Hope Awaits with some of our newer clients. All of the clients have been interacting more with each other and working together to do what's needed around the house.

Our program includes cooking and cleaning up from meals. We have a dinner schedule posted that says who is responsible for cooking, setting the table, or dishes each day of the week. One evening when a couple of the clients came home they offered to start dinner even though it wasn't their scheduled responsibility. Three of the clients got right to work getting everything ready for dinner. When one client who was scheduled to prepare dinner came home he was told that he didn't have to do prep as the other guys were on top of it. He responded by saying that he would do the dishes instead then.

It has been encouraging to see the clients not only step up and help with different house chores, but also to see them working together and enjoying each other's company. We often talk about how our aim is to have a family atmosphere at Hope Awaits – well with this group of clients it sure feels like a family.

How You Can Help

1. Donate Towards Our Current Needs

- Cereal
- Bottled Water
- Vegetable Oil
- White Sugar
- Frozen Fruit Juice
- Dish Soap
- Multi-Purpose Cleaner
- Large or Small Garbage Bags

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

2. Help Re-Stock Our Clothing Bank

Our on-site clothing bank is used by our clients as well as those who come to our door. Currently we are running low on the following items:

- Extra Large Long Sleeve Shirts
- Large Sweaters
- Winter Coats
- Winter Boots

We accept both new and gently used clothing items. Help us re-stock our clothing bank to ensure that the homeless are kept warm this winter!

3. Host a Presentation

Do you want to learn more about Hope Awaits and how your church, business, or organization can get involved? Contact us about having our Executive Director make a presentation to your church or community group. We would love to come and share more about what God is doing within our city.

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