



# Hope Awaits MINISTRIES

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## Monthly Newsletter

As I reflect on my service at Hope Awaits over the past number of years in various capacities, from sitting on the board, to renovating the building, helping select and train staff, and opening the doors to see the Lord change the lives of men. Sitting and praying for and with men to see them become self supporting and independent. Seeing men restored to families and children.

This also means walking through failures and trying to understand why; for future ministry causes me to realize more than ever that I have an adversary and that adversary is relentless in wanting to seal, kill, and destroy both staff and clients and ministry.

In today's rapidly changing world the strength of God's people in His service becomes increasingly more complex.

What then do I do? I stand on the truth of the divinely given word of the Lord, that He has preserved for thousands of years and its primary truth for eternity – it has been my default setting and go to for over half a century.

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.” (Revelation 12:11)

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My personal experience when endeavouring to model this is that Psalm 31:14 rings in my spirit. “But I trust in You, O Lord, I say You are my God.”

To paraphrase, I don't look at the enemy but I look at what I AM is doing.

My Christianity should frighten Satan. I am an image bearer.

I am asking God “what am I going to pour out in response to you? Let my internal desires be an external demonstration. What is going on in me for you?”

Gene  
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 March and April we had 14 men reside at the shelter. Of the 14:

- two clients restored relationships with family, and then moved in with their family
- two clients moved in with friends
- one client moved into his own apartment
- three clients were only with us for a very short time as they were passing through
- one client left on his own
- five clients were asked to leave

#### Note from a Client

Recently, one of our clients who moved out left us a note that read:

“I give thanks for my time with you. It has been a very fruitful time for me. I enjoyed our rich conversations, the many helps along the way, the clean bed, and the warm welcome.

I left a little something of gratitude that I'm sure could be a little help in your mission. I pray that the Lord will continue to bless each one of you as He guides you further into His loving plan.”

#### Client Story

When one of our clients first came to our door he was just getting out of the hospital. This man has some very serious health concerns that he had been battling for months – taking him in and out of the hospital, and rendering him homeless.

Weeks prior to coming to Hope Awaits this man, being at the end of himself, tried to commit suicide. He was taken to the hospital and was there for a few weeks before being released and referred to us.

When he first came to us he physically looked like he could die any day – he was in really rough condition – and unfortunately his emotional condition wasn't much better. When we granted him admission and welcomed him into our home you could see his spirit liven – he had a glimmer of hope again.

During his time at Hope Awaits we saw a dramatic improvement in him – physically, emotionally, and spiritually! He gained weight and was able to get around better. His attitude improved – hope and life returned to him. And most dramatically of all, he started asking questions about God and the bible. When he first arrived he would avoid any conversations about God, the bible, or faith – but after a few weeks he sought out staff to ask questions.

This man is now living in his own apartment. We were blessed to be able to extend the hand of Jesus to him and to see him have hope once again!

### How You Can Help

#### 1. Donate Towards Our Current Needs

- Juice Boxes
- Granola Bars
- Blankets
- Plastic Sandwich Bags
- Bleach
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner

Donations can be dropped off daily from 6pm-9pm

#### 2. Other Ways to Help

Learn more about how you can help by visiting [hopeawaitsministries.com](http://hopeawaitsministries.com)

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