



Hope Awaits

MINISTRIES

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Monthly Newsletter

A man came to us in recent weeks preparing to die. Cancer had spread throughout his body and he was alone and hopeless, rejected by his family for choosing medically assisted suicide. It was definitely disturbing knowing that he was going to the hospital that day, not to receive life-supporting help, but to end it. He was discouraged and without hope. Sometimes it may be awkward to share the gospel. Uncomfortable. Scary even. Maybe we hope that our actions will be enough, or that someone else will use the words. But this was one time where waiting around for the “right moment” wasn’t really an option.

We are given opportunities all throughout our day to day lives to be ambassadors of Christ. Paul talks about his role as an ambassador in 2 Corinthians 5, and we are called to it too. It is our responsibility to act like Christ to the world around us. And it is also our responsibility to share the truth of God’s word verbally with them in love. That man was clearly heading for death, and it put an urgency on sharing Christ with him. Yet we don’t know how long anyone around us has left. And they may have never heard the good news that we possess.

One thing we seek to do at Hope Awaits is purposefully share the good news of Jesus Christ with the men using words. If we do not, men could easily come in and out of a “Christian ministry” and never once verbally hear the gospel and how God wants to save them. Sometimes in life we may be

looking for the perfect opportunities to share, when the fact that God has brought specific people into our lives in the first place may be the opportunity in itself.

It was so exciting to later hear that the gentleman who came to us ready to die had changed his mind! He was instead going for real medical help at a hospital, and was being reunited with his daughter. How exactly God used Hope Awaits in this process we may never know, but God cares about each and every human being, and he gave us the opportunity to speak truth and encouragement into this man’s life. Sometimes we simply need to represent Christ with our actions, but there are also many times where words are needed. Maybe it is sharing the gospel, or speaking a timely truth from God’s word and letting someone know He cares. Maybe it is praying with someone. I’ve personally never had a client or anyone who has come to the door object to me praying for them. The thought of representing Christ to the world can be intimidating. I am by no means perfect at being an ambassador. No one is. But let’s encourage each other to seek and then boldly take the opportunities God sets before us to share Him with others.

Devin
Shelter Supervisor



Glory be to God!

Our Vision

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

Highlights

Client Stats

In September we had **eleven men** reside at the shelter. Of the eleven:

- Four men were still in the program at the end of the month
- Two men moved into apartments
- One man left to go to the hospital
- One man decided to leave the program
- Three men were asked to leave

Care Package Stats

In September **652** care packages were distributed – that's an average of 22 care packages a day!

Client Story

One of the clients that was with us in September had been sober for 2 weeks before he was granted admission at Hope Awaits. While at Hope Awaits he found a part time job that he enjoyed, and that had the opportunity to get more hours!

In mid-September crisis hit for this man. He had a dog that some friends were taking care of; but they informed him that they could no longer care for his dog. Our client called numerous people, but wasn't able to find someone to look after his dog. It looked like his only option was to give up his dog – which was very difficult for him as he loved his dog, and being able to get a place for him and his dog was a big motivator for him as he wanted to be reunited with the dog that he loved. In the end he was able to find someone who could care for his dog until he got his own apartment.

What I find most encouraging about this story is that the entire time he didn't turn back to alcohol. He was going through crisis, but he sought help and support from people, rather than from alcohol.

How You Can Help

1. Donate Towards Our Current Needs

At the shelter, we are currently in need of:

- Pasta Sauce
- Granola Bars
- Mustard
- Sandwich Bags
- Glass Cleaner
- Toilet Paper
- Blankets

2. Become a Monthly Partner

A small donation on a monthly basis will ensure that services are able to continue to be provided – that homeless men are provided with a safe, warm place to find hope and healing.

For more information on becoming one of our monthly partners visit our website here:

<https://www.hopeawaitsministries.com/donate-monthly.html>



3. Volunteer

Your time and talents can make a big difference in the lives of homeless men. Whether you volunteer directly with the clients, or you volunteer behind the scenes, every hour given makes a real difference in someone's life!

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