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# **Monthly Newsletter**

During my time at Hope Awaits I have seen many men come and go through our program. Some have reached their goals and others have not. We at Hope Awaits look to partner with homeless men who want to make a change in their lives. This can be very difficult for some to do when the world around them continually tells them they are worthless and there is no hope for them. We try to encourage men that they are worth so much more than they think, not only to us but more importantly to God. Psalm 139:16 says, "You saw me before I was born. Everyday of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed." God knows each of us individuals and has instructed us as Christians to share His love with others who do not know Him yet.

Sometimes when we do intakes we ask men to show us that they truly want to change their lives. In one specific case we had a man come for an intake and he was asked to come back in two weeks, and during this time he was asked to stay sober. Two weeks later he came back for an intake and was accepted. He stayed with us for almost three months and his life was transformed physically and his faith began to grow as well. We had many conversations about his past life and his future life. I could see the hope in his eyes that he had a future and could make plans. He was very grateful that this ministry existed and that we could come alongside him and help him reach his goals. This is not always the case, some of the men that come for an intake that are told to come back in a couple weeks without being under the influence of drugs or alcohol we never see again. The lack of hope and faith in this world can be discouraging. But God gives us the strength to continue, and reveal Him to the people with no hope that come to our door everyday. "For I know the plans I have for you,' says the Lord. 'They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11). God has a plan for each of us and we at Hope Awaits are part of His plan to reach the hopeless in our community.

Kim Shelter Care Worker

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# **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



Men resided in the shelter



3 men moved into their own apartments



1 man decided to leave the program

2 men were asked to leave

1 man gave his life to Jesus Christ

### **Care Package Stats**



725 care packages were distributed in October

### **Client Story**

On Tuesdays and Thursdays we hold bible study at Hope Awaits. The clients aren't required to attend, and as such we hadn't had a bible study in quite some time as clients weren't interested. However, in October one of the men wanted to attend, so our staff joyfully opened the bible with him and together we began studying the gospel of John.

One evening, after reading only 2 verses, discussion took off. The client had so many questions that the study lasted about 2 hours! God had been working in this man's heart, and by His Spirit this man came to know Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Saviour!

### How You Can Help

#### 1. Donate Towards Our Current Needs

At the shelter, we are currently in need of:

- Granola Bars
- Applesauce Cups
- Salad Dressing
- Cereal
- Toilet Paper
- Blankets
- Gloves / Mittens

#### 2. Winter Clothing Donations

Winter is approaching and we need your help! Every day people come to our door looking for food and clothing – and now they're looking for clothing to keep them warm! We currently don't have any gloves or mittens; but moving into winter we will also need coats, hats, socks, and boots. Help keep someone warm this winter by donating today!

> Goal \$50,000

> > \$0 Raised

\$0

### 3. Help Us Reach Our Year-End Goal

Help us keep our doors open by making a donation today!

- \$25 = 1 week household supplies
- \$50 = 25 care packages
- \$100 = 1 week of groceries
- \$500 = 1 month of building maintenance
- \$1,000 = 2 clients for 1 month

https://www.hopeawaitsministries. com/christmas-hope.html

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