



Hope Awaits

MINISTRIES

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Monthly Newsletter

Recently I was at a meeting about homelessness, during which someone posed a question about providing for and helping the homeless: “who is responsible, the Federal or Provincial government?” I have heard variations of this statement many times, and I think we have it wrong. My response to the question “who is responsible?” is us – the body of Christ!

All throughout scripture we can see God’s heart for the poor, and His call for us to help them. In Deuteronomy 15:11 it says

“For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, ‘You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.’”

God has called His people to care for the needy and the poor in our lands. In Luke 14:13-14 Jesus said

“when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

We all might not be able to invite the poor to a banquet, but in one way or another we can all care for the needy and poor in our community – whether by praying, saying a kind word, or giving out of what God has given to us.

“We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.” – 1 John 3:16-18

As Christmas approaches we remember how God sent His son Jesus Christ to be born; but more than that, Jesus was sent to live a sinless life, to die on a cross for our sins and be raised on the third day. Let us remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for you and for me, and His call to each of us to sacrifice for one another. Let us love one another in truth and action.

Nicole
Missionary
Executive Director



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



1 man moved into his own apartment

2 men moved in with family



3 men decided to leave the program



1 man was asked to leave

Care Package Stats



515 care packages were distributed in November

New Program – Alumni Bible Studies!

In November we began holding a weekly bible study for Hope Awaits alumni. While men at are Hope Awaits they become part of our family and build relationships with our missionaries. Unfortunately, when they move out that connection is often lost; and more than that, all discipleship that has begun comes to an end.

Our prayer is that the weekly alumni bible studies will allow us to connect with our past clients, continue to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with them, and disciple them. We currently only have one alumni attending, but are praying that more will be added to our numbers.

How You Can Help

1. Donate Towards Our Current Needs

At the shelter, we are currently in need of:

- Juice Boxes
- Bottled Water
- Mayonnaise
- Jam
- Cereal
- Chocolate Chips
- Toothbrushes
- Paper Towel
- Glass Cleaner

2. Winter Clothing Donations

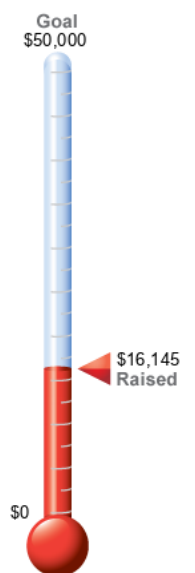
There is still a high demand for winter clothing! Help keep someone warm this winter by donating winter clothing today. Some items that we need are gloves/mittens, coats, hats, socks, and boots.

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

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



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