



# Hope Awaits MINISTRIES

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## Monthly Newsletter

As we begin a new year we would like to take some time to look back and thank God for all of the blessings received in 2022. We thank and praise God for:

- The 63 men who resided at Hope Awaits during the year
- The 3 men who gave their lives to Jesus
- The 11 men who moved into their own apartments
- The 3 men who left town to move closer to family and/or work
- The 7 men who left Hope Awaits to move in with family or friends
- Our clients who overcame addiction
- Being able to have bible studies with clients, some of whom had never read the bible before
- The many opportunities to pray not only with our clients, but also with those who came to our door for a care package
- The opportunities to witness clients:
  - Feel safe and secure
  - Build positive relationships
  - Begin to look out for others
  - Receive hope
  - Set goals and plans for their future
  - Find employment
  - Find suitable housing
- The 4,571 care packages that were distributed
- The weekly alumni bible studies that began in November
- His protection over our staff and volunteers
- Adding three new missionaries and 2 new volunteers to our team
- The new Shelter Supervisor position that was created and filled
- All of our wonderful staff that gave of themselves to serve at Hope Awaits
- Our faithful board members who gave of their time to serve and guide the ministry
- Our amazing volunteers who willingly covered shifts to ensure that Hope Awaits could continue to serve the homeless
- The opportunity to reconnect with churches
- All of our generous donors – who donate financially and donate items
- Our faithful prayer partners who continue to pray for the ministry and clients
- For God's great financial blessings

We thank God for all this and more!

*“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!”*

– 1 Chronicles 16:34

# Glory be to God!

## Our Vision

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

### Highlights

#### December Client Stats



Men resided in the shelter



2 men left town to continue their journey out west

1 man left to enter a detox program



3 men were asked to leave

#### Care Package Stats



428 care packages were distributed in December

#### Shelter Story

In December we had two clients staying at Hope Awaits who were on a pilgrimage to do outreach to the homeless. These gentlemen had been called by God to serve the homeless – and for them there was no better way to do so than to live as homeless themselves, to experience what the homeless experience and see life through their eyes.

It was a privilege to welcome them into Hope Awaits and hear about the work that God was doing through them, in North Bay and other communities across Canada that they had visited.

During their time at Hope Awaits they shared about Jesus with the other clients, encouraged our staff, and we hope were encouraged themselves.

### How You Can Help

#### 1. Donate Towards Our Current Needs

At the shelter, we are currently in need of:

- Juice Boxes
- Applesauce Cups
- Bottled Water
- Cereal
- Pasta Sauce
- Salad Dressing
- Peanut Butter
- Toothbrushes
- Laundry Detergent
- New Men's Underwear

#### 2. Winter Clothing Donations – Urgent Need!

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

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

#### 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!

Find out more about volunteer opportunities on our website:  
[hopeawaitsministries.com](http://hopeawaitsministries.com)



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