



Hope Awaits

MINISTRIES

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Monthly Newsletter

“You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.” (Matthew 12:34-40)

The other morning, while on the overnight shift, two homeless gentlemen came to the door looking for assistance – food, blankets, and the like. I had seen these two a number of times before, but not together. Before they asked for help, with a bitter anger, one of the fellows said “you would not believe what just happened! We saw this woman walking down the street and we asked her if she knew what time it was and she yelled at us ‘Get away from me! Leave me alone!’ Do you see how we are treated?” I responded “Well, you won’t get that response here. It’s cold, how can I help you?” To which the second fellow, looking down and gently tapping his heart, said in reply “yeah, but that hurt here.”

Both bore the wound differently. Why? Well, the mouth speaks of what the heart is full. One was angry about it because he is angry. The other responded with a gentle sadness, because he is sad and gentle.

A day earlier, a group of five people came to the door about 5 in the morning. One of them, a man, said “Phillip! Anyone gives you trouble will meet my knuckles!” Another said “We want to do something to say ‘thank you’ for the help you give us.” I replied it was not necessary. The fellow who made the comment about his knuckles then said “I know what you want from us: you want us all to do really well.” I am sure someone along the way has “met his knuckles”, but “the mouth speaks of what the heart is full.”

The Apostle James wrote “With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.” (James 3:9-10)

As a missionary of the Gospel, here at Hope Awaits Ministries, I have a responsibility to speak well, to speak truthfully, to encourage, to call forth the best in and for others. My words must be full of the love of Christ, for “everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.” Why? Because “the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.”



Phillip
Missionary

Glory be to God!

Our Vision

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

Highlights

January Client Stats



Men resided in the shelter



1 man moved into an apartment

1 man left to enter a detox program

1 man left to live with a friend



1 man chose to leave



1 man was asked to leave

Care Package Stats



494 care packages were distributed in January

Shelter Story

Recently one of our clients shared some of his story about how he became homeless. For most of his life he worked hard labor jobs, and was able to provide for himself. Unfortunately, life took its toll on him, and he got to the point where his doctor told him that he couldn't work anymore because his back and shoulders were too damaged. He then went onto ODSP, but sadly it was not enough.

He had been couch surfing for a while before a friend told him about Hope Awaits. One comment that he made to staff is that he likes it here because it has brought stability back into his life.

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
- Salad Dressing
- Peanut Butter
- Deodorant
- Napkins
- Laundry Detergent
- New Men's Underwear
- Gloves and Mittens

2. Become a Missionary

We currently have a part-time position available at Hope Awaits! You can be a part of a team that is reaching out to those in need with the love and compassion of Jesus Christ!

For more information, visit our website at www.hopeawaitsministries.com



2022 Charitable Tax Receipts

All 2022 Charitable Tax Receipts have been mailed. If you made a donation to Hope Awaits Ministries in 2022 and have not received your tax receipt, please contact us.

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