



Hope Awaits

MINISTRIES

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Monthly Newsletter

It was just over eleven years ago that God called me to start Hope Awaits. I was still in university and didn't know anything about starting a ministry. I fought with God for months, telling Him that He had the wrong person for the job, that there must be another Nicole somewhere that He got me mixed up with. But, as always, God knows better than me. I decided to answer the call, and after finishing university in the spring of 2013 I followed God's leading in starting Hope Awaits.

As I look back all these years later I can tell you that God chose me for a reason. Not because of my abilities, but because of my lack thereof. As I had no idea what I was doing, all I could do was rely on Him. He brought along other people to help start the ministry; He provided us with our charitable status (despite me making a mistake); He provided the finances we needed to purchase a building (including an interest free loan); He provided the volunteers and supplies to renovate the facility; He provided the missionaries to work with the men that He would bring to our door; and He continues to provide! Nothing at Hope Awaits was accomplished because of who I am, it was all because of who He is!

"But He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in

hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." – 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

After serving Him at Hope Awaits for the past ten years, God has called me out. I have brought Hope Awaits as far as God wanted and allowed me to, and now He wants to bring in a new leader to carry the ministry further than I could. I will therefore be stepping down from my position as Executive Director in November 2023.

Just as I fought God when He called me to Hope Awaits, I fought Him as He has been calling me out. This decision was not easy, and I don't want to leave, but I know that I have to be obedient to what God is calling me to do.

I don't know what God has next for me, nor do I know what He has in store for Hope Awaits, but I trust in Him, knowing that He is always faithful, that His plans never fail, and that His ways are higher than my ways.

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." – 2 Corinthians 13:14

Sincerely,

Nicole Clark
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

August Client Stats



Men resided in the shelter



2 men moved into an apartment

5 men were still in the program at month end.

Care Package Stats



640 care packages were distributed in August

An average of over 20 care packages a day!

Hope Awaits is Hiring!



Visit our website for more information:

www.hopeawaitsministries.com

How You Can Help

1. Donate Towards Our Current Needs

At the shelter, we are currently in need of:

- Peanut Butter
- Jam
- Ketchup
- Granola Bars
- Sandwich Bags
- Deodorant
- Blankets

Food donations can be dropped off daily between 6pm and 9pm. Non-food donations can be dropped off in the donation bin at the side of our building.

2. Clothing Donations

Help clothe the homeless in North Bay by donating new or gently used men's clothing. Some clothing items that we are currently in need of include pants, long sleeve shirts, boxers, socks, and hoodies.

Provide an Open Door

Check out our Facebook page to learn more about our clients, missionaries, and the need in our city!

You can provide an Open Door to those in need by becoming a monthly donor, ensuring that men in need are able to continue to receive help.



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