



# Hope Awaits

MINISTRIES

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## Monthly Newsletter

Christmas has historically always been a time of year that I have looked forward to. When I was a kid Christmas morning came with the excitement of gifts and family traditions. Christmas meant family gatherings with grandparents and cousins. As I grew older, Christmas meant going home and having time off with family between school semesters. For me it still carries with it the expectation of time with family, and I look forward to spending that time with them. What about you? What comes to mind to mind when you think about Christmas?

Everyone has an opinion on the season. For some there is pressure to give good gifts, or it may be a time of family strife and people butting heads as they come together. For many it is a joyous time,



but also for many it can be a time of loneliness and despair. Many of the men we serve come from difficult circumstances, and they may often feel alone this time of year as well.

We claim that the reason for the season is to celebrate the coming of Christ, yet it can often be pushed to the side or left out altogether. Christ is the one who brings ultimate hope, peace and joy to those who know Him. Let's take the time to remember and celebrate this season that God left the majesty of heaven because of His love for us. Who can we share hope and the love of Christ with who might need it this season?

Devin Groff

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

#### November Client Stats



Men resided in the shelter



1 man moved out as planned



1 man chose to leave



1 man was asked to leave

6 men were in the program at the end of the month

#### Care Package Stats



510 care packages were distributed in November

An average of 17 care packages a day

#### Donate Towards Our Current Needs

At the shelter, we are currently in need of:

- Toilet paper
- Cereal
- Juice boxes
- Paper towel
- Pasta sauce

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

#### Ways You Can Help

- Pray
- Donate Needed Items
- Volunteer
- Give towards our Christmas Campaign
- Tell Others About Us

#### Join Our Prayer Team

Prayer is a crucial part of any ministry, and Hope Awaits is no exception. Join our weekly prayer email to stay updated on specific ways you can pray. Contact Devin at [devinq@hopeawaitsministries.com](mailto:devinq@hopeawaitsministries.com) to be added to the list!

## Donate Today



**Help us reach our year-end goal!**

You can donate:

1. By E-transfer  
[hopeawaitsdonation@outlook.com](mailto:hopeawaitsdonation@outlook.com)
2. On our website 
3. By mailing a cheque to:  
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Goal \$55,000  
\$17,680 Raised

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