



Hope Awaits

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Monthly Newsletter

December was a bit of a slower month for us here at Hope Awaits Ministries. However, we continue to see how God is providing for us.

In December we had two groups organize and hold fundraisers to support us. The first was a bake sale held by the students at Issachar Christian Academy. Through all the students hard work they were able to raise \$184 for Hope Awaits Ministries. Nicole had the privilege of speaking to the students about homelessness in North Bay, and what their donation will go towards. It was so encouraging to see children caring for and wanting to help those in need within their own community.

The second fundraiser that was held for Hope Awaits Ministries was a jewelry fundraiser at Harmony Road Baptist Church in Oshawa. At the fundraiser Simple Elegance by Sue, one of a kind jewelry, was sold with a portion of each sale being donated to Hope Awaits. This fundraiser raised \$465! We are extremely thankful to both groups that took it upon themselves to raise money in order to help those who are hurting in North Bay.

During December Nicole received another heartbreaking phone call from a man who was

soon to be homeless. As with previous inquiries from those who are homeless; Nicole told the gentleman about the services that are currently available in North Bay. As we continue to hear about the need in North Bay we strive all the more to open the doors of Hope Awaits Ministries.

Nicole also had the opportunity to visit some shelters in southern Ontario. She visited Good Shepherd Ministries and Seaton House in Toronto, and Gate 3:16 in Oshawa. All three of these meetings were helpful as Nicole was able to see how other shelters work and to learn from their experience. Now she can take this knowledge back to North Bay and it will help the Board of Directors establish Hope Awaits Ministries.

We are extremely grateful for all the ways God has blessed us throughout this past year! From getting paperwork back quicker than expected, making important connections, holding two extremely successful fundraisers, speaking at many local churches, and so much more. To date God has blessed us with over \$51,000 in donations! We are so thankful to all those who have supported us throughout this year, and we look forward in anticipation to what God has in store for us in the year to come!

Sincerely,

Hope Awaits Ministries' Board of Directors

Glory be to God!