



# Hope Awaits

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## Monthly Newsletter

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GLORY BE TO GOD!

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### Monthly Update

To begin this newsletter we, as the board of directors, would like to thank you all for your continued support in this process! Your prayers and words of encouragement mean a lot to us, and we are grateful that we have the opportunity to partner with each and every one of you as we work to make Hope Awaits Ministries come to life.

January was a busy month for us as we were returning from the Christmas holidays and had a lot to talk about and catch up on. This month was filled with editing and completing paperwork that we will need when we get started. Some of the paperwork that we have been working on includes our bylaws, the business plan, application forms, and job descriptions.

During all of this planning, we are still waiting to receive our charitable papers. Another way that we fill the time as we wait to receive our charitable papers is by working on promotional material so that we will be ready to launch when the time comes. We have been busy designing our business cards as well as our website. The website's general design is complete, now we simply have to fill the pages with information. This month we also looked into making a promotional video for Hope Awaits

IF YOU POUR YOURSELF OUT FOR THE HUNGRY AND SATISFY THE DESIRE OF THE AFFLICTED,  
THEN SHALL YOUR LIGHT RISE IN THE DARKNESS AND YOUR GLOOM BE AS THE NOONDAY.  
AND THE LORD WILL GUIDE YOU CONTINUALLY.

ISAIAH 58:10-11

Ministries. Our aim is to have a short video that we can post online and present in churches that will help raise awareness for Hope Awaits Ministries.

Throughout all the paperwork and decisions that had to be made this month we continuously thanked God for the unity within our team. God has given us like minds that all work together in order to further His kingdom. Even when we had not discussed a topic, God had laid the same ideas in our hearts and minds.

Something exciting that has occurred this month within North Bay is that a warming centre has been opened at St John's Anglican Church. When the temperature is around -30 the warming centre will be open for people to come and have a cup of coffee or tea, or if they wish there are cots for people to spend the night.

One of the final exciting items that has occurred this month is that we have begun looking into locations. We have a realtor that is finding out information on various locations within North Bay. Although there are various locations that we can look at, God has placed a specific location on a few of the board member's hearts. This location is currently not for sale, however if it is where God wants us to be there is no doubt in my mind that we will get it.

We still have a lot of work ahead of us; however God is continuously providing us with the wisdom, strength, and

determination that we need in order to make this vision become a reality.

Sincerely,

Hope Awaits Ministries Board of Directors

## Testimonial

Hello everyone, Steph here. I have a pretty great praise report coupled with an important prayer request. I've been investing in this one particular family for a couple of years now; a mom and her two daughters (20 and 24 years of age). At the beginning of the month I invited these three ladies over for cake to celebrate the youngest daughter's birthday. As they were over, the Lord really opened up so many doors and we wound up talking about some pretty tough stuff that they had been through over the years and how those past situations still affected them today. To make a long story short, God lead me in sharing the gospel with them. We went through some of the book of Romans together and they were very responsive to what I was telling them. We talked about everything from hell to heaven to the Holy Spirit, it was awesome! Anyways, as they left I told them to really think about what I had told them because it was the most important decision they would ever make. I saw them a week after this happened and they were excited to share with me that they had went to a church service that day. I would just ask for your prayers for this family! Although they did not make an "official" decision for Christ with me that night, that doesn't mean they haven't or will not in the future. Pray that God would open their eyes to the truth of his word and lead them to accepting him as their personal Lord and Savior. I will be meeting with them again this week and I'd also appreciate prayers for wisdom. Anyways, we just wanted to share this with you because although the homeless shelter isn't yet opened that doesn't mean that God is not working amongst those in need. Glory be to God!

## Meet Our Newest Board Member



My name is John Pace. I grew up in North Bay as part of a large and privileged family. We were blessed with many opportunities to attend church and school and to participate in sports, the outdoors, music, the arts, cultural events and many other blessings. I went to school at the University of Ottawa, and have lived in Toronto, Montreal, Whistler B.C. and South River. I have been blessed to work in the ski industry as a coach and instructor and in construction as a finishing carpenter, cabinet maker, and project manager. I also design and build furniture.

I have volunteered for a number of years for missions and soup kitchens. It was my grandfather who first showed me that people in need of help were not just in far off countries but that they were often our neighbours who lived just down the road. He took me with him as he delivered groceries and presents at Christmas time. It is the Lord who has opened my eyes and created in me a desire to help those who need a little help. We are called to be His hands and feet.