



# Hope Awaits MINISTRIES

October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## Monthly Newsletter

In September we had a couple of exciting things happen. The first was that we had the opportunity to go and see some potential locations in the downtown core of North Bay. As most of you know, we have been looking at different locations for almost a year now. Throughout the entire time we have been, and still are, trusting in God to lead us to the right location.

In September we looked at three different buildings. They were all in the downtown core, which is where we want to be located. Two of the three were too small for us, as we need lots of space in order for us to run all of our programs.

However, one of the locations that we went to see looked promising. It is a three story plus basement building located on the corner of First Ave and Fisher St. It has more than enough space for what we need; it is in good condition and it would need very little renovations for it to suit our needs. The only problem we currently foresee is the cost. They are asking \$420,000 for the property, and currently we cannot afford such a price. Nevertheless our God is the God of miracles, and we are continuing to trust that if it is His will that we get this property then in the midst of all obstacles God will provide for our needs.

Our other big event in September was our Community BBQ held on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. We have been working at opening this shelter for two years now, and up to date we have done very little to actually help those in need. So, we decided that we were going to hold a BBQ for anyone in need. We invited the poor and homeless down to the waterfront for a free BBQ.

The BBQ was a way for us to get our name out into the community, while helping those in need, and sharing the love of God with all who came.

The BBQ went great! God blessed us with all the food we needed, the volunteers we needed, the use of BBQ's and propane, and a beautiful sunny day. As it was not a formal meal, as people could just drop by and get some food we were unable to get an official count. However, we served 275 burgers and 200 hotdogs in three and a half hours.

A few of the volunteers also had opportunities to share about God's love with those who attended. Glory be to God for all that was done and for the great success of the BBQ!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

Sincerely,

Hope Awaits Ministries' Board of Directors

**Glory be to God!**