



Hope Awaits MINISTRIES

May 3rd, 2018

Monthly Newsletter

April was a busy month as everything had to be done in the building in order for us to open. We spent the first three weeks of April doing the finishing touches, installing the lift and lift gate, and cleaning the entire building. During that time we also hired another full-time missionary, Dan Haw. Now our missionary team consists of Nicole Millage, Gene McGlashing, Emily Gray, Tyler Smith, Luke Charlton, and Dan Haw.

With 6 missionaries in place we spent the last week of April doing staff training. Throughout the week we were able to go through policies and procedures, plan to protect, and crisis intervention training; as well as spending time praying throughout and around the building, sharing testimonies, having daily devotionals, and getting to know each other. It was a wonderful week that we all got to spend together, which will probably be the last time all of us are at Hope Awaits at the same time as we only have 2 staff on each shift. However, that week of training and team building built up our trust in one another, and we are all excited to work together to change men's lives through the love of Christ.

In April we also launched our sponsor a missionary and/or sponsor a room program. Now when individuals, churches, or businesses donate to Hope Awaits Ministries they can designate their donation to a specific missionary, or a specific room.

With our grand opening happening on Saturday, April 28th, and our official opening to men in need on Tuesday, May 1st, we really needed to pass our final inspection. By April 23rd we had finally completed every part of our renovations and prayed that nothing else would come up. On Tuesday, April 24th, one week before we hoped to open our doors, the inspector came to do the final inspection, and we passed! Praise the Lord that the renovations are finally done!

Now that the renovations were done it was time to have our grand opening! So on Saturday, April 28th we opened our doors to our supporters and had our grand opening. We had a wonderful turnout even though it was snowing! There was a ribbon cutting ceremony at 1:00 p.m. with speeches from John Pace (chair of the board of directors), Vic Fedeli (MPP), Anthony Rota (MP), and Nicole Millage (executive director). After the ribbon cutting we invited everyone in for food, drinks, and tours of the facility. It was a wonderful day of celebration, and after working for almost 5 years to get to this point we realize that we've only just begun!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

Sincerely,

Hope Awaits Ministries

Glory be to God!