



Hope Awaits

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Monthly Newsletter

December was a wonderful month at Hope Awaits Ministries. We started the month with a presentation at Eau Claire Missionary Church, where we were given the opportunity to share about the amazing things God is doing at Hope Awaits. At the building we finished what we thought were the last items on our renovation list. However, when we called in the inspector we learned that we have to replace all of our bedroom doors with 20 minute fire rated doors, and we have to install emergency lighting. Although it first seemed like this was the worst thing that could ever happen, we realized that it was good for us to make these changes now so that we will be up to fire code before we open our doors. Unfortunately it pushes us further away from our opening date, but we know that we will open our doors in the Lord's perfect timing.

Although we are not officially open yet, God still gives us opportunities to work with men in need. Throughout December we had the opportunity to work with 4 different men; 3 of whom we had never worked with before. We were able to provide them with warm clothing, food, began the process of getting identification for one man, and helped another man find a place to stay.

God blessed us abundantly in December both financially, and with physical donations. We received socks, hats, mitts, scarves, underwear, and

toiletries from Faith Chapel, North Bay 911 Dispatch, Northern Energy Systems, South Shore Church, St. Alphonsus Parish, and Sykes Assistance Services Corporation. Because of the generosity of many individuals we can continue to provide much needed items to men who come through our doors.

One of the greatest opportunities that we had in December was to give out Christmas gifts to men in need. One Wednesday evening a group of 6 volunteers and staff went out in downtown North Bay to hand out gifts containing socks, a hat, mitts, a scarf, toiletries, a stocking, snacks, a Tim Hortons gift card, and a new testament. We broke up into two groups, one of which went to see some of the men we have had the opportunity to work with in the past, as we knew where some of them would be. The other group walked the streets and gave gifts to anyone they saw who was in need. We were able to give gifts to 10 men, all of whom were extremely grateful. When one of the men received his gift he couldn't believe that we had a present for him – he had never received a gift before. We are beyond grateful to be able to be God's hands and feet in North Bay – reaching out in love to the hurting in our community.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

Sincerely,

Hope Awaits Ministries

Glory be to God!