



# Hope Awaits MINISTRIES

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## Monthly Newsletter

While January was a slow month, February made up for it! February was kicked off by Hope Awaits receiving a grant from Walmart! Throughout the month we continued to receive many donations, both monetary and physical. Due to the overabundance of items that we have been blessed with, we have begun creating kitchen starter packs that we can give out to men when they get their own apartment. Currently these kitchen starter packs include large and small plates, mugs, dish cloths and salt and pepper shakers. We would love to be able to fill them with everything needed to set up a kitchen, but it all depends on the donations we receive.

Our house is still under renovations, however in February our electricians were able to install all of the fire safety equipment, as well as complete other electrical work. There is still some work that needs to be completed, but we are much closer to the end of all the electrical. We have also been able to work on the third floor by mounting doors, patching walls, and starting on some painting. The handicap accessible washroom on the main floor has also come a long way. There is still more renovations to be done, but we are getting closer and closer each day! Praise the Lord for all the volunteers that have helped us thus far!

Near the beginning of February one of the gentlemen that we have been working with had just

received his first ODSP cheque. This man had been homeless for at least two years that we know about. However, now that he was receiving ODSP he would be able to pay rent on an apartment. We were able to help him find an apartment to stay in, and we paid the security deposit as his cheque would not cover a month's rent as well as a security deposit. When we told this man that we would pay the deposit for him so he would have a place to stay he was visibly shocked. You could see in his face that he didn't expect us to help him in this way, and he didn't understand why we were helping him. However, after that point his entire demeanour changed; he was laughing and joking with us, and you could see that for the first time in a long time he wasn't filled with anxiety and fear. Sadly, he was only able to stay at the place we found for him for one weekend, as he had a previous history there and due to that the landlord was not willing to rent him an apartment on a long term. Since then he has not come back to Hope Awaits, so unfortunately we have not been able to help him find another place to stay. We pray that God protects him wherever he is, and that he was able to find another apartment to stay in.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

Sincerely,

Hope Awaits Ministries

**Glory be to God!**