



# Hope Awaits MINISTRIES

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## Monthly Newsletter

In January we had the privilege of doing three presentations; one during Lakeshore Missionary Church's Sunday service, one at the Lakeshore Senior Ladies Luncheon, and one at Issachar Christian Academy. We are grateful for each and every presentation that we are able to give, but it always warm's our heart to be able to share with the students at Issachar. The students have such pure, loving hearts; full of concern for the homeless in our city. They ask many wonderful questions, but the questions that touched us the most were questions about whether or not we were going to tell the men about Jesus, and give the men bibles. In most places we get asked questions about how we're funded, and how our program is going to run; but the students' main concern was if we were going to share about Jesus with the men we work with. I think that sometimes we need to take a lesson from children on what is truly important!

In January we received a blessing from Union Gas, whose volunteers assembles toiletry bags for us to give out to men who come to Hope Awaits. As you all know, we are not officially open yet, however on occasion we still have men stop by in need of assistance; and without the generosity of individuals, groups, and churches who continue to supply us with clothing, food, and toiletries we wouldn't be able to help the men who come through our doors in these ways.

One of the men that we have been working with came in throughout January, and we were able to help him get his Photo ID, and health card. If only you could all have seen the look on his face when he first saw his photo ID card – he now had a piece of ID with his picture on it!

In January we also launched our next fundraiser titled "7 for 7". This March we are challenging you to live a week in someone else's shoes by limiting yourself to either (a) only eating 7 different foods, or (b) choosing 7 articles of clothing and only wearing them throughout the week. Can you complete the challenge?

Unfortunately we still await the arrival of our fire rated doors and emergency lighting. Those two items are hopefully the last things that have to be done before we can open our doors and begin housing men. The doors should be in at the beginning of February, and we're praying that the lighting comes in in early February as well. So look forward to the next monthly newsletter which should be filled with more good news!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

Sincerely,

Hope Awaits Ministries

**Glory be to God!**