



Hope Awaits

MINISTRIES

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Monthly Newsletter

We started off the month with a presentation at St. Brice's Anglican Church on Sunday, July 2nd. We are continually thankful when people open their doors to us and allow us to share about what God is doing in North Bay through Hope Awaits. There are still many people we wish to tell about this ministry, but every opportunity to share is a blessing.

As we are still in the long process of renovating our building, like other months July was full of renovations. Some of the renovations that were able to be accomplished include installing the surveillance system, painting, patching, and leveling the side porch. We have also had some volunteers who have offered to do the gardening; so throughout July they worked hard on the gardens, pulling out the many weeds, getting the tree stumps removed, planting flowers, and putting bark over the soil. Needless to say there has been quite an improvement to the landscaping around our building.

In mid-July we held a Neighbourhood BBQ, where we invited all of our neighbours to come to Hope Awaits for free food, to learn about our ministry, and to take a sneak peak at the building. As our building was in renovations we had to spend days cleaning it up so we could show off the beautiful building God gave us. When the day of the BBQ finally arrived it ended up raining. But did that discourage us; why of course not. We set up some canopy tents and

started barbequing. Unfortunately we did not have as many neighbours as we had hoped (probably due to the rain). However, we were able to get to know some of our neighbours, and it gave us a good reason to completely clean the house from top to bottom!

On July 22nd we held our "Let Hope Ride" fundraiser where people motorcycled around Lake Nipissing, and then joined us at Lakeshore church for a barbeque. It was the perfect day for the event, some clouds in the sky, but no rain. We had 31 riders participate and raised \$3,660! The best part was that individuals approached us about this fundraiser, and they did the majority of the planning! Praise the Lord for wonderful volunteers and for another successful fundraiser!

Throughout July we had five different men come through our doors looking for help; and more call looking for a place to stay. Unfortunately as we are not open yet we are not able to house any of the men who reach out to us. We help them as much as we are able, and direct them to other service providers that may be able to help them. We continue to see the need in our city, and are anxiously awaiting the day we officially open!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

Sincerely, Hope Awaits Ministries

Glory be to God!