



Hope Awaits

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Monthly Newsletter

Hello all,

My name is Josh and I have been asked to write this month's newsletter.

First, I would like to share some very good news. One of the men staying with us has given his heart to the Lord. Praise God!! He has been staying with us for quite some time, and after months of prayer and petitioning God on his behalf, God has granted this man the gift of faith.

God truly is good.

Since this happened, this gentleman has been seeking God more and more and the staff have had great opportunities to come alongside him and really speak truth into his life. Although it is still a battle, there is great progress being made.

This leads quite nicely into what I would like to address in this month's letter to all of you; the importance of what God is doing here. I feel it necessary to state that I have gone through the secular system to acquire an education in the realm of addiction and mental health counseling. I would like to share some very stark contrasts between the way in which the secular (godless)

system operates in comparison with what I have seen in the 6 months I have been at Hope Awaits.

The first, and most terrifying element, I would like to address is harm reduction. It has recently been favored as the "best treatment for drug problems", in short, harm reduction means that instead of getting off drugs, they try to remove health risks associated with the use of drugs and there may be a bit of talk about weaning off the drugs. This method is a detriment to getting clean and promotes drug addiction through giving a safer manner in doing the drugs that people are addicted to. This does not come out of left field; this idea comes from organizations that have promised to help people overcome addictions, while instead they have openly admitted defeat by giving up this massive lot of real estate to drugs and thus opening doors to the demonic realm. This is counterproductive and the fact that this is being praised goes to show the way mankind functions without God.

Another interesting element of modern secular counselling is the spiritual component. Here we see that the system which denies a creator God has allowed Eastern as well as New Age practices and values to be utilized. These values should

Glory be to God!

“I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.”

– 1 Corinthians 15:50

have no place in a system that says it is non-religious. This leads to growth in self-centeredness and further masks the demonic activity present within the lives of those who are going through these systems.

There is no true hope without God.

In contrast, being an organization that first and foremost places God, and more importantly Christ, at its head and has zero tolerance for drugs and alcohol there is a great reach, so to speak, in terms of ability and opportunity in areas of spiritual, emotional, and physical wellbeing.

Instead of merely treating the physical side effects of the fall of man and putting a self-help band aid over the problems it has caused for each and every one of us, we here at Hope Awaits have the opportunity to really reach into the depths of the spiritual brokenness of each man and see real changes.

There is no hope for any real change in humanity's condition without the grace, mercy, and love of our God. Although we are a small organization, we have seen some very powerful transformations take place. By the grace of God, we hope to continue to impact the men we encounter in a manner that really brings the power and love of God to bare on these men's lives.

We are far beyond grateful and awestruck by God's grace toward Hope Awaits, and we cannot thank those who partner with us both financially as well as through prayer enough.

I hope this has been an informative newsletter as to the importance of the work that is being done at Hope Awaits Ministries.

We ask that if you feel so moved, to help further this mission as we partner together to further God's kingdom in North Bay, through the helping of the poor and destitute man, and proclaiming freedom in Christ.

Sincerely,

Josh

Glory be to God!