

HOUSE OF HOPE MINISTRY

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Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, a son is given: the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called (Shouted, Roared, Cried out, Proclaimed, Celebrated)
Wonderful! Counselor! The Mighty God! The Everlasting Father! The Prince of Peace!

MERRY CHRISTMAS !!

Pastor Michael and Margie Sgobba



Did you know? The heart of "House of Hope Ministry"(HOH) is to create bridges by loving, training women and men; delivering them from a broken life of crime and controlling addictions. Thus, becoming active in church and community through strong Biblical Discipleship, prayer, encouragement, strong family life goals; working hard together for lasting and true changes through Christ's Love, His Mercy and Redemption.

*"Naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me"... "that you did it to one the least of these brothers, you did it unto Me" (Jesus)
Mathew 25:36, 40*

A Prisoner's letter from Walla Walla (W.S.P.).....

"Hello Michael, I attended Sunday Service and the message was about: "Belonging". you are members of God's own family, citizens of God's country and you belong in God's household with every other Christian." (Eph. 2:19) I hope that this can happen for me. I never felt that I had a household of my own. I was never in any place long enough to call it my own. Can God put me into that kind of situation? I know that I'll need to continue my relationship with Him if I want to grow. Friendship is what I need. This will all be new to me as I walk through life on a righteous path..."

God bless you both for helping me, Robert B

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"Happy New Year!!"

As we take time to ponder the "Wonders of our Lord" this past year... we stand amazed! And thrilled that God would honor us to be a part of the miraculous advances He is bringing to the lives of those in this region (King County to Kitsap County... and beyond!). Here are just a few breakthroughs in God's Work:

- Over **500 prisoners** have received Jesus into their hearts and lives! Eternal dividends!
- **1000+ Bibles** have been given to Jesus' hungry souls in Kitsap Co. alone! (**we desperately need soft covered Bibles right now!!**)
- **Financial miracles** to keep advancing the kingdom work of God in HOH and House of Faith! **Bless all that donated!**
- **Margie healed** of a long and debilitating illness!
- Pastor Michael became the first **Religious Coordinator, (Chaplain)** in Kitsap Co. Jail...he volunteers there 30+ hours a week! **Thank you God!**
- **3 great volunteers to assist** Michael, trained in the Kitsap Jail; Ken Mickelberry, Bob Gaston and Kati Eckenrode. These volunteers are helping to carry the staggering load of ministering to many desperate souls, who are calling out for godly discipleship in Jail...(**helping to answer over 450 prayer requests per month!!**)
- The **permission to bring worship into the Kitsap Jail** every month. The 1st to break through was a strong Bible teacher and faithful Worship Leader, Harvey Roberts. Later, we were blessed to have Duncan Fisher join us, another gifted worship Leader in the Jail!
- **Highline Christian Church**, Burien WA, held "ministry-saving" 'Funding for Bibles/ Food & misc. Drives' for HOH. **Special Thanks** to Pastor Tim/ Jane Knight, Arnulfo/Janita Lagasca and Don Berg for opening doors in this vital outreach/fund raiser! **Thank you so much Highline C. C.!**
- **Jackie Kabel became HOH's Volunteer Schedule Coordinator. A huge help!!**
- **All the wonderful and dedicated volunteers**, that minister unto the Lord so faithfully! **We thank the Lord for approx. 50 HOH volunteers!!**

THANK YOU LORD!!

"It is Good to Give Thanks unto the Lord...Ps. 92:1"

A Prisoner's letter from WA. Corrections Ctr.....

"Pastor Michael and Margie, I am THANKFUL for you both in my life. I'm so blessed to be the recipient of your love. Please give my thanks to all those who support & volunteer in HOH ministry...Thank you for the wonderful card, and direction to study certain passages. Its always refreshing, having a Pastor that is Spirit led, speaking, teaching, encouraging, directing on matters pertaining to the exact season in my life...your card arrived right on my birthday! I read your cards/letters to my celly (cell-mate), and we pray for you and your ministry/family often.....In His grip, Aaron

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Kati and Mark Eckenrode

Recently, we have been blessed with a new ministry team; Mark and Kati Eckenrode. Kati was a Transition Coach, Teacher and a Class Co-Coordinator for Chrysalis Transitional Living/Lifestyle Changes, (Boise ID.) over 6 years; Mark and Kati have dedicated their lives to reach the lost. Mark has the Gift of Encouragement and Helps, and he volunteered in the Chrysalis House in a multitude of ways, helping to keep the home running smoothly. Now, HOH has Mark and Kati volunteering in the Kitsap Jail, Thurs. evenings. Kati has been recently asked to work with the Women and teach a 5 week "InsideOut Program" (Re-entry Course), 3 days a week inside the Jail! This is a great blessing and we can look forward to the effect this team will have on our community at large...We hope that we will be able to open up a Chrysalis Transitional Home in the up and coming months. We believe it is the Lord's desire to provide a "safe-home" for ex-inmate women to change, grow in the Lord and live the life Christ designed them to live. Please contact us, if you are interested in helping in any way...many hands make light work, thanks for whatever you CAN-DO!

+++++ Please continue to keep Pastor Michael your prayers as he hand writes to over 330 inmates a year. Travels 3 counties weekly to pick up bibles, along the way he has one-one counsel (discipleship)/Study Group with released inmates, helping them stay on track after they get out of jail. Plus, the 30 hours of volunteer service in the Kitsap Jail weekly, as the Religious Coordinator (Chaplain). (HOH passes out over 100 bibles a month!!) We always need MORE BIBLES!! And more Mentors to help in HOH. Please pray for all of HOH Ministry Team, as we endeavor to bring the saving knowledge of Jesus to those that are the walking wounded in our community!

Your tax-deductible donations are gladly accepted in this vital work of the Lord!!

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A Few Kitsap Co. Jail Volunteers

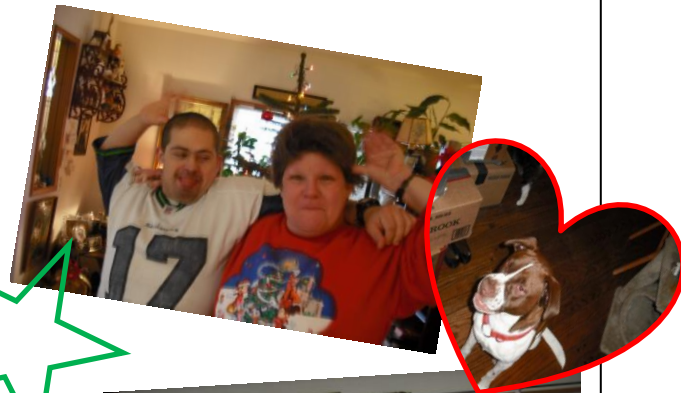


A BIG thank you to HOH Jail Volunteers: Theo, Dennis & Jackie, Kevin, Bob, Ken, Ron, Jeremy, Chris, Bruce & Veronica, Sharon, Harvey, Duncan, Calvin, Mark & Kati, Nick, Michael & Margie Please call and we will help you get started in serving with us in HOH Ministry.

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A few Favorites of the HOH Ministry...



PLEASE, help HOH in helping those in need! For years, fetal alcohol exposure was the leading known cause of intellectual disability in the Western world. In the US and Europe, the FAS Surveys found that in the US, 10-15% of pregnant women, report having recently drunk alcohol, and up to 30% drink alcohol at some point during pregnancy (Pregnant women are not uncommon in the Kitsap Co. Jail population). The current recommendation of the Surgeon General of the US and the Department of Health is to:

Drink NO alcohol (or take street drugs) at all during pregnancy!!