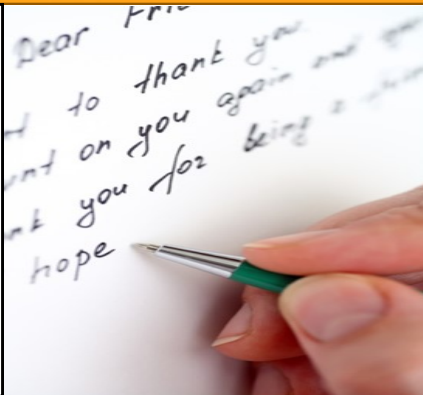


House of Hope Newsletter

"House of Hope has been serving prisoners for over 25 years & serves over 10,000 inmates yearly"

Dear Michael, The Word for You Today is a superb devotional. We thank you for it. Could you possibly send more copies to me? I would like to get one for each of our 3 children who live far away. May our Lord continue to bless your ministry in the jails and prisons of our state and country.

Retired District Court Judge Steve Alexander



Dear Pastor Mike and Margie, I have been promoted to minimum custody from medium custody. This is certainly a step in the right direction. I truly do wish to keep in contact with House of Hope. You are a lifeline for me and I often think and pray for all the volunteers.

I can still clearly envision you all in my mind and with that, the compassion of our Lord is tangible to me. I can still remember meeting with you weekly Pastor Mike. I remember looking forward to Ken's weekly Bible studies. I can also remember the faces, though their names elude me, of the men who visited us in the upper levels and encouraged us with testimony and song. Thank you very much for these fond memories. I also wanted to write to please keep me in mind if any of the Word for you Today devotionals become available. I look forward to them and use them regularly. They are my spiritual food, real meat that is not milk. I will continue to pray for you all. Your brother in Christ, Daniel R.

I am currently serving a 30 day sentence for a probation violation. During my stay, I went to church regularly and came across the Word for you Today booklet. It has really helped me to grow stronger in God's love and grace. He really been working on me and in me. When I am released, I will be homeless, penniless, and with overwhelming feeling of worthlessness. I would like to ask House of Hope Ministry if you could subscribe me to your publication as I find it very beneficial to help get centered in the morning. David W.

Homeless on the Streets of Seattle

Hi, we have had the privilege to meet a few times, while I was in Kitsap County Jail. There's some good news to tell you, I've finally come to the understanding of the term to be completely surrendered to God. It only took me 32 years to do this. Even though I'm locked up, I feel free on the inside for the first time and am comfortable with who I am as a person. I would like to thank you for choosing to open your heart to Christ and allowing our Heavenly Father to work through you, because you and your ministry have really helped me stay walking in my faith. I appreciate our conversations. God is great always! Your Brother in Christ, Marshall C

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House of Hope Ministries is a Non Profit Charitable 501c3 Corporation Ministry serving inmates of jail, prison and after-care in Kitsap, King, Pierce County and Washington State.

FORGIVEN = FREEDOM

Imagine, if you will, seeing one woman after another who come from scandalous and abusive backgrounds. Many have been raped in their child-hood being traumatized at an early age and they don't know what to do with what happened to them. They usually use heavy drugs...and usually to excess. They don't have any 'worth'. They have been defiled, abused and abandoned. They generally act out in rebellion and get into big trouble and end up in jail.

Our mission, as Volunteer Religious Coordinators for House of Hope inside Kitsap County Jail – is to bring them hope and to help them see themselves in a different light.

One of the biggest keys to talk with them is about Forgiveness. We let them know how much the Lord loves them and that the Word of God is a Love Letter to them...to help them kick off the dark stuff that surrounds them. We explain that one of the biggest things that keeps them in the dark is if they hold on to un-forgiveness towards someone – or cannot forgive themselves. We walk them through scripture to help them see themselves in a new light.

Our Lord Jesus talks about Forgiveness in Matthew 6:14-15 For if you forgive others for their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your sins. (We pause and then say to them – 'wow, that's a pretty serious word from Jesus!')

After sharing that scripture with them, another scripture is often used to emphasize that word: Matthew 18:21-35 which is the parable of the master settling accounts with his servants and at the end of that parable, Jesus says: 'My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart (he'll turn you over to the torturers)."

This is a big thing for them to comprehend. So we spend time with them to help them understand that any UNFORGIVENESS is actually choosing 'to go against God!! Forgiveness is a choice. The best example, we tell them, is Jesus on the cross! He forgave us of all our sin. The BIG DEBT!! And He shows us the example of dying for all of the sins of all people, even the ones who perpetrated such a horrific crime. We let them know that they are not designed to carry un-forgiveness or hatred towards anyone...and that by forgiving them and releasing them from their heart and giving them to God, their own hearts will become free.

It is amazing to watch these brave, courageous women face these horrible memories and hand the judgment over to the One good Judge! We see miracles when this happens. Many times we have seen people who have been plagued with a 10 year heroin addiction become completely set free because they forgave and started walking in the Word.

It is a blessing and a privilege to serve the many women at Kitsap County Jail. Our goal is to bring 'the Lord's peace' to their mind, body and spirit, and help set the captives free 'in their hearts'.

Volunteer – Assistant Religious Coordinator

Getting to Know Our Volunteers" Bill — House of Hope (HOH) board member.

It's always amazing to me to see how God works in the life's of those who are submitted to His will and purpose. I see this in the heart of the volunteers that faith fully give of their time and efforts to reach those who are in the worst place a person can be, JAIL or PRISON. These volunteers have a heart that only comes from a deep intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and a deep desire to fulfill the commission that Jesus gave us. To reach the lost.

It has been such a blessing to see changed lives. Men and women come to accept Jesus as Lord and savior through the anointed preaching and ministering of our volunteers. It is such a blessing to meet and talk to these men and women in church and watching them worshiping and praising God.

If the Holy Spirit has put a desire in your heart to lead people to Christ consider joining us.

Thank you volunteers for your dedication to Jesus Christ.

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