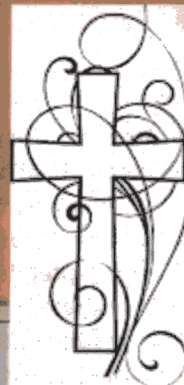


House of Hope Ministry  
Wishes you a Very  
Blessed New Year!



**I was in prison and you came to visit me  
Matthew 25:36**

Time in jail or prison is such a difficult time. Apart or estranged from families and loved ones, imagine the pain, loneliness, and suffering each inmate goes through. Some people say that they deserve it for what they have done, but look at what our Lord Jesus says:

*I was in prison and you came to visit me.*

He did not distinguish who to visit by saying this one is doing better than that one. No...He says that whenever you visit one of these, you are visiting ME.

That is what we do at House of Hope Ministries. We go faithfully into Kitsap County Jail and other prisons and share the Good News to the 'captives'. We bring in Bibles, Books, Glasses, and Encouragement. We minister to men and women.

**We thank you for your prayers and generous hearts.** Our mission continues day after day – inside the jail and prison walls. The best way you could walk in with us is to pray for us and continue to support us financially.

## INSIDE & OUT

**INSIDE:** Last month, a young Lady in Kitsap County Jail, 24 years old, asked to be seen. She had been ministered to by the House of Hope team that goes into Kitsap County Jail in the evenings and she had given her heart to Jesus Christ. She sent a request to speak to the ministry team who goes in during the day to have a one on one conversation. She got to speak to us about the choice she just made, and we were able to speak into her more about the Lord and His word. Although she was nervous about her future when she gets out, she was extremely joyful. The other women in her pod are also ministering to her! Praise God!! Anonymous

**OUT:** From John B... I spent 4 years in Juvenile Hall and then did 13 years in and out of prison and I got out of prison in 2010. I did 20 years-plus shooting up meth. At the end of all that time, I was shooting up in my neck. Regardless of my mistakes and shortcomings, no matter what I have done in the past, when I called on the Name of the Lord, I was saved! The first step after calling on the Lord seemed like an impassible 20 foot high wall that I could not get over...because there were so many things against me. I was aware of the many things I did not have. So I would think about not having 'this or that'. What I found was – taking that first step – that first leap of faith of giving it to God – that wall started to come down and doors start opening. Things started to happen that I never imagined possible for me. For others, yes, but surely not for me. I learned about going to small groups. I found that getting connected with other Christians is necessary for me. It is fellowship.

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Being with like-spirited people I am able to talk with them instead of bottling up everything. I have tools to deal with old triggers. Relationships were always jaded. I wouldn't trust people with any part of me. Now I am accepted for who I am and not feeling judged in any way by my church family. I am being loved on by everyone. This broke down my walls. I learned what real family is and I am accepted and am a part of a real family.

I now walk closer to God on that narrow path. In asking God to renew my mind, He changed my way of thinking and gave me purity of mind, heart, & body. It required a little bit of effort in the beginning, but praying & giving all my troubles to God, He started the change of those thought patterns.

The love and joy that I was given, I get to pour out to others! I give God the first of my day by reading the Bible each morning. It starts my day right.

I was unaware that I had an old warrant from 2002. I recently found this out and did 30 days at Kitsap County Jail. I was able to lead someone to the Lord while I was there. I get to interact with him now, on the outside – and encourage him in his walk!

All I can say is that God is Good!

By John B.

## HELLO & WELCOME

We would like to welcome John and Raylene to the ministry. They have been ministering for a while during evening services at Kitsap County Jail and just recently started ministering in the day as well. John and Raylene have a wealth of working knowledge with the homeless; juvenile hall & in jail & prison.

## FARE-THEE-WELL

It is with a 'bittersweet sigh' that we are saying 'farewell' to Jackie and Dennis K. They have been faithful servants ministering in Kitsap County Jail.

Jackie was the Coordinator for House of Hope Ministry for years. They are retiring to a peaceful piece of land – out of town. We will miss them dearly.

Here is a tribute to Jackie:

"It was Jackie's sweet smile and love of Jesus that poured out of her and led me to salvation..." She is faithful to speak truth in love. May the Lord bless her and keep her and Dennis through this transition. Shannon Twogood

Many more salvations to come! Blessings to all!



*Thank You*

**House of Hope Ministries is a Non-Profit Charitable 501(c)3 Corporation - serving inmates in jail & prison in Kitsap County and Washington State.**

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**Eye Glasses (i.e. dollar store type – no metal – plastic only)**

**Volunteers – for inside jail and serving outside**

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