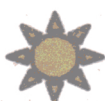
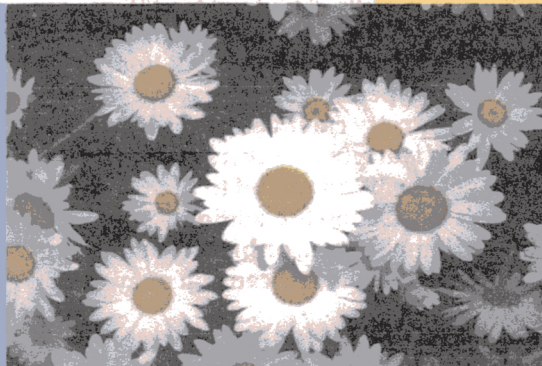
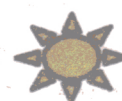


# THE GREAT COMMISSION!!



## SPRING 2019 NEWSLETTER



*Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord, when He comes, shall find the servant doing the Lord's work!!*

*Matthew 24:46*

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**"HOUSE OF HOPE EAST"**...As we grow East, and touch many lives in Eastern WA., **GOD IS AT WORK** in Odessa, Davenport, Ephrata, Wilbur, Ephrata, Moses Lake, Lincoln Co. and Grant Co.

Daniel writes from Grant Co. Jail, "Since your last visit, I started reading *The Word for You Today*, which is awesome. It spoke to me and others in our nightly prayer circle I lead. I thank you very much, and can't wait to hear you again, Daniel"

Jimmy from WSP, Walla Walla, writes, "First off, I thank you for all your correspondence, meditations *Through the Word for You Today*, and various study guides, it's all we received...things are going well with the church in WSP and I have been involved in leading some of the bible study groups. I wanted to send you a message to say, "thank you for all you do for all of us, it's much appreciated." Your Bro in Christ, Jimmy

Dear Pastor Mike, enclosed is a check as a donation to HOH Ministry. Doug and I are very impressed with the work "House of Hope" does, and especially your love for God, commitment to His work. Also, we thank you for the *Word for you Today* devotional and newsletter. We are grateful there are people like yourself and staff, who share the love for Jesus Christ with those behind bars. Sincerely, Cheryle and Doug Fisher Prison Ministry Volunteers, (Spokane WA).

**NOTE: AS THIS GOES TO PRINT WE ARE REJOICING WITH THE ANGELS IN HEAVEN, THAT SEVERAL MEN RECEIVED JESUS IN GRANT CO. JAIL LAST NIGHT!! HALLEUJAH!!**

***A Word from Pastor Michael...*** I would like to share a page, from the devotional, we send out to over 325 inmates, plus others who have requested a copy;

***"The Word For You Today"...*** When...the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved."

Acts 27:10-24

### **YOU'LL GET THROUGH THIS STORM**

There are times in life when God seems distant. We pray, but feel abandoned, at the mercy of our circumstances, afraid and hopeless. Paul was no different. He'd longed for an opportunity to preach in Rome and was on his way there when a hurricane struck his ship, plunging everyone into despair. Paul had not only foreseen the loss of the vessel, it's crew and cargo, but his own (life) also. And his warning was disregarded by the captain, the pilot, and the centurion in charge of him. Consequently Paul and 276 passengers were placed in a life-threatening crisis, and there was nothing he could do about it. Terrified, he and his companions declared, "We finally gave up all hope of being saved!" After 14 days at sea without sun or stars to guide them, and just when the storm was the fiercest, God sent an angel to Paul, "Don't be afraid, Paul. You must stand before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you." They were cold, soaked and hungry when their ship finally ran aground on an island south of Italy. Every circumstance pointed to tragedy and demise of Paul's dream of preaching in Rome. However, when the sun rose, it became clear that God had piloted them through the storm and to the exact destination He had planned for them. And Paul ended up declaring God's Word before Caesar in Rome. **So take courage- you will get through this storm!**



House of Hope, over the years, has been blessed by many of God's servant's. Below are a few precious saints that have been with us the longest. Thank you!!

**Janita and Arnulfo Lagasca...** Back in 2002; Janita and Ruthy Goetz developed EVERGREEN MINISTRY, which is devoted to bringing the Word of God to the "least of these my brothers", as Jesus referred to those in prison. At one point they were able to get 20 cases of bibles a month to the inmates! Arnulfo and Janita had the 1<sup>st</sup> House of Hope(HOH) Fund and Food Drive at Highline Church in Seattle WA in 2008. Because of their endless assistance they have been extremely valuable to HOH's ability to advance the Kingdom of God into more and more areas of prison and jail ministries, HOH has been able to provide thousands of in-mates bibles and Christian reading materials because of their tireless work! They strongly believe that "You just start doing the Lord's work and never take "No" for an answer in gathering for the needs of ministry." They believe in being a PEN PAL to the prisoners, because it is extremely important to show them the love of Christ, which can lead them to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Whether it is helping those in prison or in a transition home, that needs bibles, food, clothing or in a ministry across the world; such as the Caleb Ministry, which they sent 50 cases last year to the Philippine's African Church, there they can be found! I know when they get to heaven they will hear, "Well done! Good and faithful Servants!"

**Theo Graham...** Rain...sleet...snow...or ice is this wonderful woman's MO! She has been in prison ministry since 2006, as a Chaplain up in the Whatcom Co. Jail in Bellingham WA. Faithfully bringing encouragement and Christian literature to the women behind bars 3 hours every Saturday. Theo found special ways to get the women to connect, such as buying pretty calendars to pass out, which encouraged them to start up a conversation with her and so she was able to get the Word of God to them. She believes that, "they can't live a good life without the Manual...the BIBLE! It will make you...or break you. Trying to live without the manual is silly! How can you obey God if you don't know His Word?"

Theo moved back to Bremerton and joined HOH in 2009. Her heart to bring the Word of God to the inmates in Kitsap Co. is remarkable. Many times taking a bus, ferry and the long hike up to the jail carrying her bible and bible study supplies too! All week long, she studies the Word, "So I am prepared by His word, to help teach what God says about any situation, when they express their hearts I will be able to lead them in His ways, so they can get out of the trap of sin. " Theo's dedication, wisdom and great love for people makes her a valuable priceless Servant of God to many!

**Ron Cardwell...** Such a gem! Ron has been with HOH since 2009. He has been very active in the prison and jail ministry for many years. One such ministry is called Man to Man, which he would minister to inmates in the Shelton prison starting back in 2002. Always looking for ways to help someone see their way out of sin and a mislead life, Ron went for years into The Kitsap Juvenile Detention Center in Kitsap Co. teaching and encouraging the youth to live for God, and have a future that was good and rewarding. He has such a special way of accepting and seeing the potential in others! He makes a huge impact on everyone he comes into contact with. Often he will stop and talk with people, on the street, and tell them about the Lord. He said, "so many say 'no one ever told me about Jesus' and I fight past my own feelings and tell them about God." Ron's ways are so charming and sincere that their hearts are touched and God is blessed!

Ron has helped support HOH over the years with food, finances, bibles and priceless encouragement to all of God's children! The HOH Ministry could never have achieved the ministry growth it has without Ron Cardwell! A true Servant and beloved of our Lord!

**Jackie and Dennis Kabel...** A dynamic couple! They were directors of Celebrate Life, (Mason co.), from 1983-'91, then remained on the board for additional 4 years. They joined HOH in 2010 in Kitsap Co. Jail and were willing to help in whatever capacity HOH needed; Dennis and Jackie traveled, often to Tacoma, for heavy cases of bibles and delivering them to the Kitsap jail. Recently they moved to Eastern WA, and we are blessed to minister together in the Grant Co Jail. Jackie said, "All ministry is such a humbling honor to serve God, as His representative. The Jail ministry has been a tremendously intimate revelation to the depth of God's love, compassion and mercy toward mankind. Initially my considering going into the jail was a bit scary. I went through the process by applying and attended the jail staff orientation, (for their strict rules and policies...the instructor didn't make us feel at ease!) As we toured the jail, my heart was moved with compassion. *Seeing human beings being locked in small rooms was unsettling!* I knew this was where the Lord wanted me to go and share His GOOD NEWS! As I partnered with Him in ministry, He took me deeper into His love, intimacy and His wiliness to forgive. In the jail, when I would look into the inmate's eyes, suddenly the Holy Spirit would move on their hearts and the ladies would be in tears from being connected to His Spirit of compassion! This ministry not only impacts the inmates, but all who were involved!"

**Spread the word and PRAY!! July 27, 2019 ODESSA WA.**

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