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Spring Newsletter

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We praise the Lord for the opportunity to serve Him, and to preach the Gospel every day at Mission of Hope, where we are blessed to see God's life changing power transforming lives each and every day.

Celebrating Unity in Christ. Programs at Mission of Hope continue to be supported through local organizations who offer ongoing donations of food, clothing, and time. This newsletter is dedicated to praising the Lord for the churches and individuals who come together in unity to serve at Mission of Hope, where we see every day that there is indeed "one Lord, one faith, and one baptism" (Ephesians 4:5). Here are just a few of the great things God has done recently at Mission of Hope:



	Through March 31		
	2014	2013	% Increase
Mission			
Total Lunches	7,866	5,665	38.85%
Food Pantry (# served)	5,497	3,752	46.51%
Clothes Closet (# served)	503	213	136.15%
Shelter House			
Total Bed Intakes	106	93	13.98%
Total Cot Intakes	41	13	215.38%



Food for the Soul. Mission of Hope was blessed this Spring with several cases of new bibles from The Gideons. The bibles are helping facilitate ten bible studies and three faith based addiction recovery programs.

Pizza for Lunch. One exciting day this Spring the Mission of Hope was blessed with the help of the 'Little Caesar's Love Kitchen'. The mission lunch crowd was bigger than ever as the Love Kitchen produced enough pizza for over 200 meals. Open six days a week for lunch, the Mission of Hope has seen a nearly 40% increase in lunch meals during 2014.



Yes We Can. Special thanks also to the 'Yes We Can' food drive, which coordinated collection of canned goods at grocery stores across the Cedar Rapids area. In May, the program delivered 3,000 pounds of canned goods to Mission of Hope in a single day. We are grateful for dozens of volunteers who assisted in this project.



Grass is Greener. As Spring came, one long time supporter pulled up with enough sod to give the street view of our operation a whole new look. We are also grateful to our volunteers who have been faithfully watering the grass and keeping it clean.



Your Support is Needed. Mission of Hope survives on your prayer, food, clothing, time and financial support. The ministry remains 100% privately funded. Donations can be made online or mailed to Mission of Hope, P.O. Box 1101, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52406.

"For I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in"

Matthew 25:35

Martin Dwyer
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