



# Hope Notes



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*A Christ-centered ministry offering physical, emotional, & spiritual help to former offenders & others in need as we meet basic needs, change hearts, disciple people, and teach the church*

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Worship Services

Saturdays @ 5:00 pm  
Sundays @ 10:00 am  
All are welcome!

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Operational Hours

Monday  
CLOSED  
Tuesday—Saturday  
9:00 am—4:00 pm

\*The Mission is CLOSED the first Thursday of each month for a staff retreat.

Dear Friends,

Nearly 13 years ago, God gave Pastor Barb a vision. A vision for a place where all people could come, where all people could serve, where all people were loved unconditionally regardless of their past mistakes, where people's needs for food, clothing, & shelter were met, where there would be worship services, Bible studies, & support groups, where the Body of Christ could come together (regardless of denomination) to love & serve His people. We **have** such a place! Since Pastor Barb announced her retirement last summer, we have been transitioning to a new leadership & a new staff...in search of a new building. But our vision has always remained in tact; our vision will never change. And one day, we'll have a facility to call our own, offer more room for shelter & expanded services, and have our own business or factory where we employ those who have difficulty finding jobs. And this business will sustain the ministry! Over the past nine months, we've held Vision Events, inviting people to hear our history, our vision, and our future. And God has been so faithful to us during this time! We are so grateful for all Pastor Barb has given to Mission of Hope, and we are very pleased she is in wonderful health & can look forward to retirement, knowing that this ministry belongs to HIM & that He will continue to lead us & bless us as He's always done. We will have a farewell party for Pastor Barb, so be checking our web & facebook pages for that special event. What a blessing that she's been able to stick around to help mentor & teach us in this transition! And what a blessing you have been! **Thank you for all the ways you give to this ministry...**for your time, talents, gifts, & prayers. We couldn't do this work without you! In my study of the book of Isaiah this year, I see our Sovereign Lord's faithfulness over & over...YOU are a large portion of His faithfulness to us! Thank you for standing by Mission of Hope, as we move His vision forward, loving God & loving His people—the least, the last, and the lost in our community. Blessings to you! ~Tina

## Team Mission of Hope!

We do a lot of training on unity and what it means to be part of a team. We truly are family, called by God to do His work, & what an amazing team He's assembled! We have several new Board members in place, including our Chairman, Randy McCright. Bart Woods, Ken Kolek, and Mary Ann Snyder have also joined our Board. Julie Lefebure supervises the Mission daily activities, and Marcia Cramer supervises the Shelter. Currently, we have seven full-time staff & seven part-time staff, and they work hard to give God's people the very best! We are blessed to have such an incredible team of Board, staff, & volunteers!

## New Jail Ministry Leader!

We are pleased to announce the new head of our jail ministry! Gary Nelson is now ministering at the Linn County Jail on a volunteer basis, holding Bible studies & encouraging inmates. His presence at the Mission & at the jail helps to bridge the gap for those being released back into the community. Gary is married to Lynn, and they have two children, Kyle & Elyse. He is a partner at the law firm of Rush & Nicholson. Gary & Lynn attend New Covenant Bible Church. Thanks for prayers as Gary moves forward in his new role!



### A BLOG THAT'S MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

*"As I say often, God is at work changing lives through Mission of Hope. I'm living proof of that, and so are many others!" Julie has been blogging about her experiences at Mission of Hope for over two years. She is at the Mission every day, and she uses her blog to detail these encounters, to share of our needs, & to reveal*



*God's glory & His faithfulness as we serve Him & others. We encourage you to log on & follow her blog. It may very well be life-changing! Also, check our web site for special announcements, requests, and updates.*

### MISSION FOOD PANTRY STATS

2010-2011	Households	Ttl People
March	524	1,385
February	431	1,183
January	410	1,042
December	513	1,394
November	525	1,433
October	629	1,707

# Immediate Needs

Volunteers to help prepare & serve homemade meals for Tuesday—Friday lunches at the Mission & on the first Sunday of the month -Training provided

Volunteers to work a shift at the Mission. Includes greeting clients, helping in food pantry & clothes closet, and light cleaning - Training provided

Volunteers to work a shift at the Shelter. Includes pat-downs, answering the phone, & handling monies - Training provided

Paper towels, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, & Liquid Comet

Coffee & non-dairy creamer

Non-perishable food items for our pantry

Men's jeans, shorts, *new* socks, & *new* underwear; 2XL sizes & up of men's t-shirts; XL & up of men's sweatshirts

Van drivers to transport people to & from our worship services

Preachers & laypersons to give messages and persons or groups to lead worship at our worship services

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Shelter Phone: 365-0502

*If God's calling you to the mission field, we've got a place for you!*

*"... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."* ~ Matthew 25:40

## What's Happening?

**Tuesdays @ 7 pm**—All Addictions Anonymous (AAA)  
**Wednesdays @ Noon**—Bible Study  
**Thursdays @ 7 pm**—Bible Study  
**Saturdays @ 3:30 pm**—Bible Study  
**Saturdays @ 5 pm**—Worship Service  
**Sundays @ 10 am**—Worship Service  
**2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 1 pm**—Prayer Group

## HopeFest 2011!

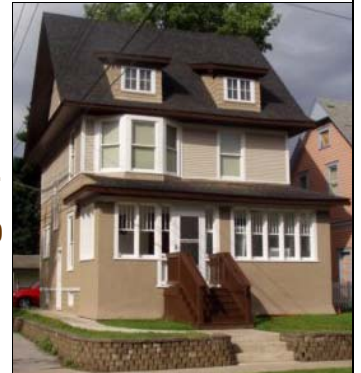
**HopeFest is back!** On Saturday, August 20, from 2-6 pm at Redmond Park in Cedar Rapids, we will bless the neighborhood! Free food, worship, children's games, and inflatables ... It's always a great time! We're seeking churches/groups to set-up food booths to each feed 150 people. You choose the menu! Please contact Julie or Marcia for details.

## DID YOU KNOW?!

We served over **28,000** free individual home cooked meals in 2010! Thanks to the generous help of individuals, churches, businesses, & other groups who volunteer to prepare them! We serve between **125-175** people during lunch. If you or your group would like to help, please contact Julie. We receive generous donations of bulk food, so we can help you cut costs by sharing!

## Faith Step!

We are discontinuing the Shelter grants, as they restrict our faith-based nature. This leaves a shortfall of \$52,000 for 2011. We'd love to talk to you about how you can help!



## Shelter Stats for January—December 2010

Total Resident Intakes Completed = 463

Former offenders	378/463	82%
Veterans	90/463	19%
Residents who secured housing	78/463	17%
Residents who secured jobs	77/301	26%
Residents with HS diploma and/or college education	281/463	61%

**Monthly Contribution:** Contribution will be automatically charged to credit card each month.

- \$ 500     \$ 100     \$ 75  
 \$ 50     \$ 25     \$ 10  
 (other) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**One-Time Contribution:** Contribution made **one time only.**

- \$5,000     \$1,000     \$500  
 \$365—One dollar a day     \$104—Two dollars a week  
 \$52—One dollar a week     \$12—One dollar a month  
 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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