



NEWSLETTER

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We praise the Lord for His love, and the love He calls us to live out day by day. In this newsletter, we look at three dimensions of our ministry; service, sharing, and sending.

Service. Our daily activities reflect our Lord's call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, and visit the imprisoned. With our expanded facility at 1700 B Ave NE, we now offer increased services in many areas. Through partnerships with local churches and volunteers, six days each week, the mission now offers:

- ❖ Hot lunches for 115 to 150 people daily
- ❖ Food pantry for 30 to 50 visitors daily
- ❖ Clothes closet services for 15 to 25 men, women, and children daily
- ❖ Shelter services for up to 20 men nightly
- ❖ Resources and programs for those leaving Linn County Correctional Center
- ❖ Discipleship and addiction recovery programs

In reaction to increased need and decreased supply of local shelter beds, Mission of Hope's shelter house has been over 100% capacity since last fall. In effort to keep up with demand, we expanded from 11 to 20 beds over the past 18 months. The need for shelter still far exceeds the local supply. Please join us in prayer that this need be met.

Sharing the gospel is integrated into every aspect of Mission of Hope. Each day, relationships are established and the gospel is shared. In the evening at the shelter, the gospel and prayer are offered before supper every night. Staff members, having all been touched deeply by the love of Christ, are compelled to spread the good news at every opportunity. Bible studies, discipleship programs, and Saturday evening chapel services are offered to encourage new believers to walk in the newness of life with Jesus Christ. The power of the gospel can be seen daily in transformed lives.

Will Torrey lives a life changed by the love of Christ while serving on staff at Mission of Hope. Converted from a teenage life of rebellion on the streets of Chicago, Will's new life in Christ reflects everything for which Mission of Hope stands. Will's life experience makes him uniquely suited to connect with many of the men visiting our shelter. He can be found building relationships and sharing the good news at all hours.

Sending transformed lives out to serve in God's kingdom is one of the blessings at Mission of Hope. In the past year, Mission of Hope has also begun significant new partnerships with educational institutions under internship and community service programs. At the present time, the ministry has active involvement with students from Moody Bible Institute, Coe College, and Kirkwood Community College.

We Need Your Help: The ministry remains 100% privately funded. Monthly budgeted expenses are \$22,000, and funds are needed for building projects, including new shelter space. Donate online or mail to Mission of Hope, P.O. Box 1101, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52406.



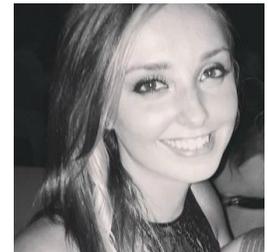
*Mission of Hope
1700 B Ave NE*



*Mission of Hope
Shelter House*



*Will Torrey
Mission of Hope Staff*



*Katty Perrell
Coe College Senior*

“And the king will answer them, ‘I tell you the truth, just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of mine, you did it for me.’”

Matthew 25:40

*Martin Dwyer
Executive Director*

