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Dear Co-Laborers,

We want to take the opportunity as we near the end of the year, to give you a praise report and thank you for all that you do to help with the ministry of New Hope. Your support, prayers, and giving have accomplished so much this year. Even though the year is not completely over, we want to give you an idea of what is being accomplished by giving you some testimonies of the work from January through September.

New Hope provides a unique **Biblical Counseling Program** that does not run people in and out quickly. We know that lasting change is not produced by a “quick fix.” Our goal and deep desire is for people to experience a final fix, which takes time. Romans 12:2 says that we are transformed by the renewing of our mind. It takes time to renew the mind. The New Hope Counseling Program takes an average of 12-18 months for each person to complete. Because of you and your support, 43 people, so far this year, have or are receiving the much needed and highly sought after Biblical Counseling services free of charge here at New Hope Counseling Center. This translates into 349 individual counseling sessions and an average of 698 counseling hours that we have had with people so far this year. During their counseling, 19 people made a decision to accept Christ as Savior or rededicated their life to Him. This local mission work is bringing about incredible transformation in people’s lives. Here is a personal thank you from one of our Counselees:

"I think everyone needs to go through this program. I believe that I have regained a life so much better now than it ever was in my past. God has truly opened my eyes, my heart, and my ears to make the drastic change that He has made in me. This program has wonderful tools to help us in all situations, whatever is pertaining to us at the time. God has truly blessed your New Hope Program to reach people in need. God always worked to bring things together with the situation at the time that it was going on. It always coincided with His Word and it always seemed to be right where I was in the Handbook. Amazing how God works! The literature and Scripture that you have incorporated into this program are extraordinary tools for all of us to learn how to be renewed and live in Christ to be free of the chains of bondage. I so much appreciate all of the hard work that it has taken to get this program into the works and how you all sacrifice your time for the good of the Lord to help others. Without God's help and your help I would not be where I am today. I praise God, because if you truly want help, you must be honest with yourself (God already knows), you have to be serious about a change (and I was), then God can work in you! I believe this is the best thing I have ever been through. I believe God opened the door for me to go through this program and break the chains that satan had me in. I AM NOW FREE, PRAISE GOD!!!! Thank you for your obedience to God to help others. I know how much I APPRECIATE it!!! My heart's desire is that one day I in return will be used of God to help others in their time of need. It should be required that EVERYONE go through this program. Wow— how much better would our world be?"

We are able to take people through the New Hope materials more quickly with the Bible Study Series in our 16-week **New Hope Seminars**, of which we offer two per year here at the Center. Many people take these classes to grow deeper in their walk with the Lord. It also serves another purpose in that it, at the same time, trains people in leading Small Groups through the New Hope Series. This helps us multiply our effectiveness and equip others to serve and get involved in ministry. The Leader Handbooks were created in such a way that *anyone* can follow the instructions and use them to help teach and strengthen others. In 2010, there were also Seminars held in Moravia and Bloomfield connected with New Hope, with a total of 32 people going through the New Hope teaching in these classes locally. We receive many heart warming testimonies from people whose lives have been forever affected by the study. Here are a few comments from some of those people revealing how thankful they were to everyone involved:

"The New Hope materials made me realize who I am in Christ. I knew these things, but now I know I can take authority over anything in my life by using the Word of God. I believe in my heart of hearts, that this program was inspired by God and His Holy Spirit. Thank you so much for sharing with us, what the Lord gave you. You are truly servants of God."

"I really enjoyed being a part of the seminar. I hadn't been a part of anything like it before. I feel God has blessed me and my marriage through these materials. I am so glad my husband and I went through it together. It has helped us get into a deeper level in our relationship with the spiritual healing we continue to receive through God's grace."

"I have felt such a yearning for God and His Word. I really feel that the New Hope program has changed my entire life. My husband and I were on the 'outs' and this program has turned it all around. Thank you for the great program, for listening to God's plan. I know that this material is life-changing. I have experienced it first hand. I am able and more likely to spread God's Word now that I have been a part of this program. Thank you once again. Our God is so awesome!!"

"I have become more bold in sharing the good news with others. I know now that I don't have to be afraid as God has not given me a spirit of fear, but of power. I have also brought things into the light out of darkness and they weren't nearly as big in God's light with His help to rid them out of my life."

"Yes, I have been a Christian 34 years and have been in many, many Bible Studies, but this seminar was so new and so very helpful to deepen my walk with my Lord."

"I believe this material should be taught to all growing Christians. Especially new believers of Christ. It is very good spiritual food."

"I just feel that every member of every church should go through this."

If you need some good material for a Bible Study or Small Groups at your church, please try the New Hope for Spiritual Growth Series!

Many other people have gone through the New Hope Biblical Counseling Program and New Hope Seminars at locations outside of this local area as a result of **Ministry Kits** being used. The New Hope Materials are not only in the Biblical Counseling form, but also in the Bible Study Series called, **New Hope**

for Spiritual Growth, the Prison/Jail Ministry Series called, **New Hope for Freedom**, and Personal Workbook Series called, **New Hope for Personal Freedom**. Materials and Ministry Kits have been ordered from California, Colorado, Montana, Kansas, Texas, Missouri, Illinois, North Dakota, and Louisiana just to name a few. We also have missionaries preparing to take the New Hope materials to Uganda and Thailand. Please keep up your prayers for God to work through the New Hope materials to bring hope and healing to His people wherever He desires to use them, and that we will be faithful and obedient to whatever He would have us do to accomplish it. Here are testimonies from a couple of people who wanted to express to us their continued gratefulness:

"I want you to know that New Hope has impacted my life more than you know! When my husband, daughter, & I went through the program with the Bible Study Series, we all found so much freedom, but then the Lord asked me about a year & a half ago to redo the main root problem principles, & I did, & got rid of even more junk! And then we moved to our apartment, & I had no vehicle, & I was stuck a half hour away from our family, & He asked me to do it once more! I did not want to do those principles again, & couldn't figure out why He would ask me to do it 3 times, but I knew if He said it I'd better do it, so I did. And at the end of each principle He would show me a picture in my mind of Jesus standing at a gate, & He would open it for me as I walked in with the problem, & put it on a pile that became a mountain of 'stuff,' & then we would walk to the pile together, & burn it as a sweet savor & offering to God. He told me when we were done that it had taken that long for me to trust Him enough to give it ALL to Him. And guess what, as soon as we neared the end, He provided an awesome Toyota for us for a great price, & I had transportation, & the blessings from Him have been unbelievable ever since!!! I am so thankful that we have a Father who loves us so much that He has the patience to do that with one of His kids, so we can be truly free! We thank all of you for hanging in there through a lot of attacks from the enemy, so that the rest of us can all be free!"

"Just a note of encouragement. There are so many things about New Hope that I'm thankful for, but today I'd like to express my gratitude for the New Hope reading materials! They have truly been a catalyst for getting me back in God's Word, searching and studying and being blessed more than I ever could have imagined! In 2 Timothy 2:15, Paul says, 'Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth (AMP).' Nelson's commentary says the Word of Truth defines the nature of Scripture. 'It is a beacon of truth in the darkness of all kinds of falsehoods.' Thank you New Hope for 'cutting Straight' and 'rightly dividing' His truth. Once again, I'm so indebted to your ministry because I have benefitted so greatly from your cause."

New Hope Ministry commits the tithe (10%) of our total income to a **Benevolence Fund**, which is used to help those who come to New Hope, or labor at New Hope, with financial needs and special blessings. We try to do it anonymously as much as possible, which brings us great joy. Giving to the poor and needy is something that's very important to the Lord and He promises blessings in return. "He that gives to the poor shall not lack: but he that hides his eyes shall have many a curse" (Proverbs 28:27). "He that has pity upon the poor lends unto the LORD; and that which he has given will He (the LORD) pay him again" (Proverbs 19:17). You are a part of this giving, so the promised blessings are for you too! We

wanted to share with you what was done with this fund from January through September 2010 (these totals were dispersed in gifts and assistance to many different people):

Dental Assistance	\$ 80.00
Moving Expenses	275.00
Utilities Assistance	200.00
Travel Expenses (medical related)	250.00
Legal Document Fees	200.00
Assistance to Ministry Kit Holders Ministries	360.00
School Clothing Assistance	40.66
Gifts of New Hope Seminar Materials (to those with financial need)	165.00
Death of Loved One Memorial	25.00
Home Repair	30.00
Rent Assistance	150.00
Flowers (hospital or special occasion)	189.20
Health Care Expenses	346.50
Gifts of New Hope Books (to Inmates, Missionaries, Counselees)	370.98
Gifts of Other Books	306.63
Gift Certificates	90.00
Food Assistance	849.33
Gas Assistance	195.00
Gifts	739.83
Conference or Retreat Expense	120.00
 Benevolence Total (Jan through Sept 2010):	 \$4983.13

Proverbs 22:9 says, “He that has a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he gives of his bread to the poor.”

We are accountable to the Lord and to our supporters for their sacrificial giving and generosity. Luke 12:48 says, “...*For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.*” We so want our supporters to feel that we are a trustworthy and responsible organization. New Hope is a ministry that focuses on operating on minimal expenses and a commitment to **financial accountability**. There have been stories in the media over the past few years concerning non-profit organizations where their top employees were making extremely unreasonable salaries. Because of this, we feel a responsibility to disclose the wages being paid at New Hope:

Executive Director: Salary averages out to \$8.85 per hr (on a 40 hr work week)

Counseling Director: \$7.85 per hr (averaging 30 hrs per week)

Production Director: \$7.50 per hr (averaging 40 hrs per week)

Our “Rummage Mania” event was a huge success! We were so blessed by everyone who took part and the donations that were given for it. We were absolutely blown away by all of the “stuff” that was given by the generous folks in our local communities. We asked people to give of their “stuff” and we certainly received in abundance! We had some awesome help in getting everything unpacked, displayed, and arranged. We really wanted this to be not just a fundraiser for New Hope, but also a way to bless the community. It was such a blessing to see so many people come and benefit from this event. One young woman had recently taken in some children and needed some bedding, clothes and toys. Another lady

was struggling with daily living expenses and was able to find some things she really needed. We heard so many comments on how many people it helped. Sometimes we forget that people right here locally are living under some very difficult circumstances. We received much appreciation and thanks from both those who gave and those who received. Over \$1700 was received in donations for that “stuff.” Your material donations will continue to be a blessing, as all of the clothing and linen leftovers were donated to “Angel’s Hands.” The miscellaneous items were taken to a consignment auction from which New Hope received an additional \$122.50. Your outpouring of donations showed a genuine love and concern for your community and was a true testimony to the love of Christ.

Much has been accomplished in 2010 on the **Spanish Translation** project of the New Hope materials with Phase I of the Series close to being completed. One of our goals for the coming year will be to see that the work is begun on Phase II. Please join with us in earnest prayer as we look to God to supply the needed funds to continue and complete this much requested project. What an outreach opportunity this will provide with the growing Spanish population in many areas.

The main body of work was also completed on Phase I of a new **Youth Edition** of the New Hope Study Series. Please pray for us as this goes through the editing and proofing process. This will open up an avenue of outreach that we are praying the Lord will use to work miracles in the lives of many young people.

We also seek to continue ministering to our **Counseling Graduates** and **Seminar Participants** by sending them a quarterly teaching packet.

Your gifts and support make a real difference in people’s lives, not only here in the local area, but farther reaching than any of us may even be aware of. As the Lord continues to give us even more opportunities to serve Him in the coming year, we are so grateful for your continued support, prayers, and encouragement. *God’s Word promises that you will receive an abundant return, plus rewards in Heaven (Mark 9:41; 10:21)! We know personally how much joy giving brings. And your gifts end up giving twice, as we then give a portion of it to the Benevolence Fund to help people in even more ways!*

Please remember how much of a difference your support and giving makes for this ministry *and* the people we serve. You are taking part in changing people’s lives, which changes the lives of entire families, which can then change churches and communities. This has a far reaching affect that really does change the world around us.

God bless you bountifully through the upcoming Holiday Season and throughout the New Year to follow!

In The King’s Service,

The Staff of New Hope Ministry & Counseling Center

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Thursday Evenings beginning Feb. 10, 2011 · 6:00-9:00 pm

New Hope Testimony Night

Friday, March 18, 2011

New Hope Week-end Retreat at Honey Creek

April 2011

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