



# New Hope Counseling Center

Spring 2007

## **G**od's Sovereign Hand

We have been given an opportunity for a new area of ministry, which I will give you more details on in a following article. A while back we were able to send the New Hope for Spiritual Growth Bible Study to a man in prison. As he is going through the program, he is writing back detailed letters of ideas and suggestions on how we could re-format the materials to work better in jails and prisons. Every little detail he is sharing with us is something that we could not have known. God is the Master at taking something bad and working it together for good. We are truly in amazement at what God is doing and how quickly it is all falling into place.

## **N**ew Hope for Inmates

The Bible Study form of the New Hope materials has now been tailored for jail or prison ministry. This new edition is called New Hope for Inmates.

Necessary adjustments have been made to the kit items that are used in assignments throughout the program, incorporating them into the actual text. We are also using plastic comb binding. This will make it much easier for ministry teams to take the materials into jails and prisons. The ministry leaders will have a New Hope Bible study guide in the Leader Handbook and can make available the Student Handbooks to the inmates. It is extremely effective to leave the men and women with something they can work with daily as they go through the New Hope program. The Handbooks are formatted with daily lessons and assignments that start out very basic and then build and deepen as they progress through the study.

One item that needs to come with every handbook is a soft cover Bible. God had actually made provision for this before we even knew we had a need. The Gideon's have Bibles that are pulled out of motel rooms sitting in storage to be refurbished with soft covers for jail ministries. They have donated 840 Bibles for our new project. What a blessing! We are so thankful for their generosity and God's abundant provision. We are still in need of some Large Print KJV Bibles. If anyone would like to donate soft cover KJV Bibles (whole Bible, new or used, even if they are written in), they would be greatly appreciated. These can be dropped off or sent to New Hope.

The Leader Handbook is also being put into a correspondence course that will be available for inmates to go through the course personally, on their own, while at the same time being trained to lead Bible Studies in jail or prison for other inmates. New Hope offers a certification for this course if the individual goes through the New Hope for Inmates three-book series and completes the final assignment of writing their own Personal Profession of Faith from what they learn and become through the course. This final assignment serves as their final exam for the course and they must send a copy of their written Personal Profession of Faith to New Hope Ministry for their certification to be sent to them.

The New Hope for Inmates three-book series accomplishes several very important things. It first of all leads people to the Savior; it builds and strengthens their personal, intimate relationship with their Heavenly Father; it brings healing and deliverance where needed; it makes them rooted and grounded, and built up in faith; it produces a desire to serve, and trains them up and equips them *to* serve. It begins with letting them know that they are a child of the King and ends with them having become a *warrior* of the King. There is a difference between a soldier and a warrior. A soldier serves out of duty. A warrior serves out of devotion. What could be accomplished with prisoners being set free from all that binds them and released as warriors of the King?

That is our mission *and* our ministry— to bring hope and healing as we lead people to the Savior, the great Healer, the Wonderful Counselor, and to train up and equip warriors of the King.

“Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen” (Ephesians 3:20-21).

## **U**nderwriters Needed

We have several churches that have a jail ministry who will be using the New Hope for Inmates program. We are also taking an opportunity to introduce the New Hope for Inmates materials into a federal prison in Minnesota. We are sending the handbooks that are being requested, free of charge. We first thought it would be three or four that would be needed, but many, many more inmates are sending in their requests for the materials. It is generating much enthusiasm. This presents a need for someone or several people who would be willing to sponsor this desperately needed program that could totally transform people's lives and futures. Results are already being seen and testified to. With the much publicized decision to remove the government funded Biblical program from the Newton prison, the need for this program, and for it being privately funded, has become critical. This could be an incredible ministry opportunity in prisons all over the country. If you would like to be a part of this new aspect of ministry, please contact us at 641-856-3326.

Along with the jail/prison ministry opportunities, we have two other special projects currently being worked on. It had been in our hearts from the very beginning to someday have the New Hope materials put into a child's form. Proverbs 22:6 says, “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” The child's form will be called “Children of Hope” and the handbooks are being formatted with daily lessons and assignments that start out very basic and then build and deepen as they progress. A Teacher Handbook is being designed with notes and instructions on exactly what to do



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and say to lead a child or children through the Children of Hope program, with accompanying Student Handbooks that also contain a kit of items used in assignments throughout the study. The needs are being presented to us for not only children here, but also for mission work overseas.

It has also been on our hearts for a long time now to put together a New Hope Graduate Program. Our Graduate Program will be called: *Warriors of the King*. When someone first starts our counseling program, they learn that they are a child of the King, but as they go through the program they become a *warrior* of the King. Warriors in the Old Testament were often referred to as “mighty men of valor.” *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* defines the Hebrew word used there for “mighty” as: *a valiant warrior; powerful; champion; to excel; strong*. We want to continue to encourage and train our graduates in their service to our King. We say to them: *Stand firm mighty warrior and do valiantly for your King. “Through God we shall do valiantly: for He it is that shall tread down our enemies” (Psalm 60:12).*

Both of these projects require greater man hours and increased expenses. We know God has instructed us to move forward with these projects and is leading and directing our progress. We also believe that God will use His people to fund these projects and our expanding ministry. Part of our job in a ministry that is being used to bring the Body of Christ together in Kingdom work is to inform you of the needs. If you can help us in any of these particular areas, please send in the Partnership Support Card we have enclosed or contact us personally. We are so thankful for God’s provision and that He is using His people to provide it. There is great power when the Body of Christ comes together and we really are co-laborers together.

### **B**ook Spotlight

*Kingdom*. What sort of images does that word bring to mind? King Arthur and his knights of the round table or possibly the façade of a kingdom we see in England? The democracy we hold so dear has prevented us from understanding the concept and principles associated with an unadulterated kingdom.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ used the word “kingdom” numerous times throughout His ministry (Matthew 51; Mark 17; Luke 36; John 5) as recorded in the KJV. Is this a clue that we need to develop a better appreciation for what He meant when He chose that particular word?

Miles Monroe, in his book, *Rediscovering the Kingdom* shares his conception of God’s Kingdom, conditioned both by his knowledge of Scripture, and his experiences having been born and raised under the governmental authority of a kingship.

New Hope Counseling Center teaches that we have many rights and privileges as a child of the King. By claiming these rights and privileges, are we evoking the Kingdom of God? Are we ambassadors of God’s Kingdom?

What do you think?

This is an excellent book written from a unique perspective. We highly recommend it.

*Loren Walker*

*NHCC Prayer Partner*

### **S**eminars

We are so thankful to have more teams trained and conducting Seminars now. We offer one Seminar on Biblical Counseling using the New Hope Counselor Handbook and another Seminar called New Hope for Spiritual Growth using the Leader Handbook of the Bible Study form of the New Hope materials. We will possibly have Seminars going on at four different locations this summer. If you are interested in attending one of them, please give us a call at 641-856-3326 so we can put your name, address, and phone number on our list to let you know when the dates and locations have been set.

### **L**aunching the New Hope Website

It’s here! New Hope now has a website!

Check it out at:

[www.NewHopeMinistryAndCounselingCenter.org](http://www.NewHopeMinistryAndCounselingCenter.org).

Yes, it is a long address, but it is difficult to find a website address that isn’t already taken. We had to have something that would be identifiable to our ministry. After you type it in once, though, you only have to type in the first few letters from then on. The site was created by web designer, Anne Elliott (you can find her own site at: AnneElliott.com). She has done such an excellent job and has donated her services of design and maintenance of the site, for which we are so thankful and grateful. It is in its final stages of completion, so still has a few adjustments to be made, but it is up and running. You can now place orders on-line for New Hope Resources. Donations can also be sent on-line. We are so excited to see what God is going to do with this. We are already getting responses from people far away from here.

### **A**nnual Banquet

The date has been set and plans are being made for our Annual Banquet. We are going to have a Desert Banquet again this year. It will be held at First Baptist Church, 603 W State Street in Centerville on Saturday, April 21st at 6:30 p.m. We will begin the evening with the Program in the Sanctuary. You will hear inspiring personal testimonies from individuals whose lives have been transformed by the ministry of New Hope. We will also be sharing about our new and future projects. Following the Program we will go downstairs for a fellowship time and refreshments (desserts and finger foods). There is no cost to attend. You will have an opportunity to partner with us in this ministry. Please join us for a wonderful evening and feel free to invite any others who might be interested in hearing about our mission.



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