



New Hope Counseling Center

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God's Sovereign Hand

Nowhere can God's sovereign hand be seen greater than in the lives of people who are being changed. We want all of you to know that your gifts and support for this ministry do so much more than just help with supplies to keep the center running. Since New Hope began in January 2004, we have seen 20 people graduate from our counseling program. The goal of our counseling program is not to help people *cope* or *manage their problems*. The goal is total life change. Not everyone who begins our program finishes it though, because it is not easy. We measure success by the fact that those who actually complete the program no longer have the problem they came with. Their life is completely changed. We also know that it has made a difference in the lives of many people who for whatever reason did not complete it. Many have told us that for even the short amount of time they were here it changed their life.

Most of our graduates are now actively involved in ministry, whether in their local churches or other ministries. Some are now Sunday School teachers, Bible Study leaders, Youth Group leaders, workers in Children's Ministries. Several are Volunteers here at New Hope, some are Prayer Partners, some are being trained to be Biblical Counselors. There are a couple of people who believe God is calling them into full-time Christian work of some kind. One person is becoming a Christian Speaker. One married couple whose lives and family were restored are now pastoring a small church in our community. We have a couple of people who believe God is calling them to be missionaries.

What we are really doing here is training up and sending out laborers into the field. "Then saith He (Jesus) unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38). You are helping to train up and send out laborers into the Lord's harvest! Thank you so much for being co-laborers with us in this ministry.

Jesus also explained how this co-laboring relationship works. "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours" (John 4:35-38). We each have a part in this ministry. By your support, you are entering into our labors, and it is so that we may rejoice together over the harvest that is reaped. We and all the people who are being helped want you to know how very grateful we are for you.

Thank You

We have been so blessed by the overwhelming response to the Special Request letter we sent out to everyone, in which we told you of our computer needs. We want to give you a report on what your special donations are purchasing. We had a goal for two new computers. One huge praise is that God has laid it on the heart of one of our volunteers to be here at the center pretty much full-time. This person is setting up our accounting and donor management system. The volunteer who is doing all of this computer entry has purchased one of the computers for herself to be used here at the Center. That means we will be able to purchase a Dell Inspiron E1705 Notebook Computer and the newest version of the Microsoft Office Software package to go with it. Recently, we were able to purchase a new accounting Software package— QuickBooks (they now make special software for non-profit organizations). We will also be able to now have QuickBooks Non-profit on three computers here at the Center. Thank you so much for your care for us and of all those God sends here.

It's Done!

After 18 months of working on getting the 62 needed permissions to have our counseling handbooks copy-righted, the process is now complete! Praise God!

Many people told us it would be impossible. We just love to hear that, because we know that God specializes in the impossible. During all that time, we went over our materials again in a five person committee for editing and updating. We believe our materials are even better than they were before.

We wanted to let you all know that our materials and counseling kits are now available for you. We have also put our materials into a Bible Study form where all references to "counseling" have been removed to reach even more people. The same basic materials we use in counseling have been put into this three-book series that can be ordered one book at a time, making it more affordable. This series could be used in Sunday School Classes, Discipleship Classes, One-on-One Discipleship, or Small Group Bible Studies. There is a Leader Handbook that is specially designed for *anyone* to be able to lead a group through the study. There is also a Student Handbook.

We wanted each of you to have our Resources Catalog in which you will find more information on each kit and other items we now have to offer.

Banquet Video

If you were unable to attend our Annual Banquet this year, but would like to hear the wonderful testimonies that were shared, we have copies of the video in our Library. Stop by and check one out anytime.



Great Idea

We wanted to share a letter with you that we received recently. This person had some great ideas she wanted to pass along to others. It read:

Just a note to say that your ministry is always in my prayers and I knew from the first time that I went to the testimonials/dinner that was in Centerville two years ago that this was an awesome event! I remember telling my husband, "This organization is going to be worldwide!"

I was feeling bad about not being able to contribute the last several months, but in not doing so, I came up with an idea that I want to pass on. I've decided to "adopt" New Hope as my designated tithe. We will continue to contribute to our church and others, but my personal income will be where I come up with this particular 10%. See, I've started my own business and I wanted to give back whatever I can. I've even named my business in hopes that the name will glorify God in some way, but am looking into other ways to reach out and help.

This letter isn't to let you know what I am up to, it is to hopefully spark a creative idea for others that may be searching for ways to contribute or help out with your "jobs." Hence, the "adoption" angle. Another idea would be to donate the money from returning cans and bottles. Money can most always be "found" when a person gets creative! This could be called "Nickels For New Hope!"

I hope that this letter can be inspiring in some way to someone, if not, well...at least you will know why my checks will vary in amounts!!! Keep up the great work and someday I hope I can help out even more!"

What a blessing and encouragement that was to us—and inspiring. Maybe it will inspire you in some way.

Co-Laboring Together

There is a special bond between you and someone who has given to help you. You care about them and pray for them in a special way. You also want to share news with them about your ministry and what their gift has done in the work of the Lord. All these things happen because of God's method of our giving to one another in the Body of Christ. Because every ministry needs money, He has guaranteed that we will always need each other and will always be working on our relationships with one another. At the same time the ministries' needs will be met, the people who give will have their personal vision enlarged and will come to see more of God at work—all because of their giving and the reports they get back from those who are serving on their field. And prayer will go up on all sides, doing the work of spiritual warfare that is necessary for anything to be accomplished. None of this would happen if we

didn't depend upon financial support, and people giving financial support to keep the work of God going. Missionaries need more than money. They need people backing them up, praying for the furthering of God's Kingdom, engaging with them in spiritual warfare through giving and intercession.

Will you prayerfully consider joining the New Hope Family of Supporters for 2007? *Your partnership can make a life-changing difference for so many people. Would you make a commitment of \$20, \$50, \$75, \$100 or some other amount of monthly support? Or a yearly gift?* If so, please fill out the enclosed Partnership Support Card and return it to us in the pre-addressed envelope. Our commitment to you will be to continue serving faithfully in our mission work, keeping you updated on what your partnership with us is accomplishing, sharing the testimonies of the real people whose lives are being changed through this ministry, and we will pray for you and your family. We also want to send you a Welcome Packet to welcome you to our family of supporters, and a New Hope Miracle Set as our special thank you gift to you. We will begin the process of sending this new Welcome Packet to our current monthly supporters as well.

We currently have \$1420.50 in committed monthly support. Our monthly budgeted expenses are \$3941.30. How do we continue to operate? God does a miracle every month. We have a great need to increase our staff to help us meet the increasing needs of people for this ministry. We need to raise our committed monthly support. Can you help us?

This is what your gifts will provide:

- More staff to help us concentrate on this local mission work of our own counseling center.
- Counseling materials and program resources for our 25 counselees right now.
- Extra materials and resources for the 12 people on our waiting list.
- New Hope Miracle Sets for each person we see in Immediate Needs Sessions who go onto our waiting list.
- Staff to follow-up with so many more people needing help.
- Office supplies and operating expenses to keep this ministry operating daily.
- Paper and printing costs to help spread the marketing of the New Hope materials.
- You will help us get through this time of up-front costs of building up our materials inventory.
- We also tithe 10% of all donations into our own Benevolence Fund to help meet any financial needs we become aware of in the lives of the people God sends to us for help, and the people involved in this ministry.
- You will be a part of *stretching out our hand to the poor; reaching forth our hands to the needy (Proverbs 31:20).*

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Holiday Open House

New Hope Counseling Center

303 W State Street (Upper floor)

Saturday, December 2, 2006

10:00a.m - 2:00p.m.

Come join us for refreshments.

Visit with the staff, take a look at our materials and tour the facility.

See how God is doing a mighty work in Centerville, Iowa!!!

Free Gift:

If you are a current New Hope monthly supporter, or sign up to be one, stop by our table to receive your Welcome Packet, which includes a New Hope Miracle Set as our gift to you.