



# New Hope Ministry/Counseling Center

Winter-Spring 2009

## God's Sovereign Hand

We have a very big PRAISE to share with you, and God's sovereignty was involved in it all the way. When New Hope Counseling Center was incorporated in 2003, our 501 (c) (3) charitable organization status was temporary. Every organization receives a temporary classification for 5 years, during which they must prove that they are indeed operating as that classification. I am pleased to report to you that we have now received our permanent IRS ruling as a 501 (c) (3) organization (which is what makes all donations tax-deductible)!

It truly is amazing to see how God uses His people to provide for the needs of this ministry through the monthly giving of some, and surprise giving of others, but every one of them touches and blesses our hearts deeply. God uses it to strengthen—and stretch—our faith. "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation" (Psalm 68:19).

—Cindy

## New Board Members

We are very pleased to welcome Dick and Jan Allen to the New Hope Board of Directors. They live in Bloomfield, Iowa, where Dick is Pastor of Grace Pointe Church of the Nazarene, and Jan is a teacher at Grant Elementary in Albia. We look forward to serving with them in this ministry. We are grateful for their faithfulness.

*Please pray for New Hope's Board Members and Staff:*

### Board Members

Dennis & Judith Miller  
Wendell & Meridel Folkerts  
Dick & Jan Allen

### Advisory Board Members

Connie Drake  
Scott Farrington  
BB & Larry Rail  
Dave Stephens  
Norm & Kathy Wenig

### Staff

Cindy Farrington  
Kelly Evans  
Andrea Clark  
Julie Woodley

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16b). The Board Members and Staff of New Hope Ministry serve on the front lines for the Lord everyday. Your prayers are a part of our being lifted up and surrounded with God's protective covering. Thank you for your faithfulness.

## E-Newsletter

If you would *prefer* to receive our Newsletters by e-mail, please fill out the enclosed slip with your e-mail information and return it to New Hope Ministry in the enclosed envelope. This will also help us lower our printing and mailing costs. We want to be good stewards of your generous gifts to this ministry.

## Victory in the Lord: Completion of Two Fall Seminars

Once again, we've come to the end of our fall Seminars. The fellowship was great, but even more exciting was to see the Holy Spirit at work in the hearts and lives of each person who attended. It is such a privilege to walk people through the New Hope for Spiritual Growth series and be a witness to the miracle-working power of God. As Truth is revealed personally to each person and strongholds are broken, God never ceases to amaze us with His mercy, goodness and grace. Lives are transformed before our eyes. For those who have let their first love of Jesus grow dim, New Hope is like a bellows, fanning the tiny flame into a burning passion once again. The Holy Spirit stirs in our hearts to rekindle that love and reminds us of the deep love our Heavenly Father has for us. How He longs to have a relationship with us. No matter what level you are on in your relationship with the Lord—He wants you to go deeper.

It's always bittersweet when we meet for our last session. During our weeks together, a very special bond forms as we share our personal struggles and rejoice with those who gain victory over the lies the enemy has used to keep them in bondage for so long. To everyone who has ever attended a New Hope Seminar, we pray that the Holy Spirit will awaken in you the zeal that once elevated you from being just a Christian to realizing your status as a Child of the King! If your flame looks like a pilot light, you might consider attending another Seminar. I guarantee you'll be surprised and excited to see our improved materials, as much updating has taken place. Please keep in touch with us. We consider you part of our family here at New Hope and we love to hear about the mighty works God is doing in your life. We do indeed serve an Awesome God!

## Prayer Warriors

We want to express our gratitude to everyone who faithfully prays for this ministry. We have many people who have made a strong commitment to pray for us on a regular, even daily basis. Some meet together weekly to cry out to the Lord for the needs of this ministry and for those that we serve. In addition, we have people who meet quarterly to pray with the staff in New Hope's Upper Room. Our prayer warriors believe in the power of corporate prayer. As Augustine once said, **'if we love little, we'll pray little. If we love much, we'll pray much.'** These people let love guide their praying and we at New Hope want to say a big **THANK YOU!**



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## pring Seminar

Mr. Opportunity here, and I'm knockin'. Does that line sound familiar? It's a TV advertisement, trying to sell you a new car. It's a catchy commercial, designed to entice potential buyers. Over our lifetime, opportunity presents itself to us regularly. And now please indulge me as I utilize this cute little jingle for our potential patrons... The opportunity of a lifetime is knockin' on your door. We're getting ready for our Spring Seminars and God wants YOU to experience the chance of a lifetime! I'm not a salesman and the truth is, I don't have to be. The proof is in the pudding. (I never really understood that phrase. What would you hide in a bowl of pudding?) My point is, hundreds of people have attended a New Hope Seminar and I would be safe in saying that 95% of them have testified to the amazing changes that have taken place in their lives by applying the Biblical Principles God Himself put in place. Those of us who have gone through this awesome transformation are just so excited about it, that we want everyone to experience it! Listen to what one of our recent Seminar graduates had to say:

*"I received Jesus Christ as my Savior in January of 1980. Over the years, I have grown in my relationship with Him, but the last 3 or 4 years I felt like my excitement for the Lord had dimmed, like a fire as it burns down. My "first love" for the Lord God and His Word had weakened, and my faith also. Going through the New Hope materials which include God's precious and powerful words have reignited the fire, passion and faith in my heart. I have been encouraged and reminded of the power, might, love, holiness and awesomeness of our Abba Father. I have been reminded of who God is and who He wants to be in my life. The Holy Spirit has faithfully revealed sin in my life, wrong thinking I've allowed in and most of all shown me how much I am loved by the Father. This love goes beyond my understanding. My hunger and thirst for the Lord and His word has been increased and my heart's fire is flaming once again!"*

—Camille Stocker

Is your passion for the Lord blazing or has your flame diminished? God meant for all of His children to enjoy a life filled with blessings. Do you want to serve the Lord more effectively? No matter what level you are on in your relationship with the Lord, He wants you to go deeper. It seems that we're all so busy today and it's so easy to put off until tomorrow...you know the saying. Take some time to pray about it and ask God if this is your time. Because of the updating of Phase III, and by requests of many participants, we have extend the Seminar to 16 weeks. You need not be concerned, as after the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> session, everyone shares a similar opinion: "We don't want it to end!" The Seminar will be held on Monday afternoons, beginning March 2<sup>nd</sup> and run consecutively for 16 weeks through June 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00 in the

"Upper Room" at our Centerville location. It will also be offered at the Moravia Church of the Nazarene on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. beginning February 12<sup>th</sup> through May 28<sup>th</sup>. There is no charge for the Seminar above the cost of the materials. The Handbooks are \$55.00, which contain the New Hope for Spiritual Growth 3-book series, and includes all kit items. If you desire to attend and cannot afford the materials, please contact us at the center and prior arrangements can be made. God can make a way when there seems to be no way. And remember, if it's God knockin', you should probably answer the door! Hope to see you here!

If you or anyone you know are interested in taking a look at a sampling of the New Hope materials, you can do this downloading a free e-Book on our website at: [www.NewHopeMinistryAndCounselingCenter.org](http://www.NewHopeMinistryAndCounselingCenter.org).

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## ew Website Designer

We have sadly had to say good-bye to Kraig and Anne Elliott who created the New Hope Website and did so much volunteer work for this ministry. Kraig was called to pastor a church in Minnesota, where they moved to at the end of December. We will all miss them greatly, but are so thankful to still have Anne working on a child's form of the New Hope materials from afar.

It is so incredibly awesome to watch God's amazing provision of our needs. The very week Kraig and Anne moved, Camille Stocker stopped by the Center to talk to me about becoming a Volunteer. She had just completed the New Hope Seminar held in Moravia this past fall. She said she had heard our website person was leaving and wondered if we might need some help in that area. Then she proceeded to tell me that she uses *Dreamweaver*, which is the very same software our website was created in! I was astounded, and yet, not surprised at all. In order to maintain a website, you have to have the same software it was created in. God provided exactly what we needed and exactly who we needed. Welcome aboard, Camille!

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## needs List:

- Toilet Paper
- Kleenex
- Scotch tape dispenser refills
- Copy Paper
- Letter Size Envelopes
- Legal Size Envelopes
- Air Fresheners
- Hand Soap (pump)
- Paper Towels
- Folgers Half-Caf Coffee
- Homemade Cookies
- Used Printer Cartridges for recycling
- Old Cell Phones for recycling
- 2-inch Avery "View" 3-ring Binders (with plastic front and back cover insert pockets)



## NEW HOPE FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH SPRING SEMINARS!

Monday Afternoons – 16 weeks  
Beginning March 2 through June 15  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Location: New Hope Upper Room

Thursday Evenings – 16 weeks  
Beginning Feb. 12 through May 28  
6:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
Location: Moravia Church of the Nazarene

The Seminar will utilize the New Hope for Spiritual Growth Leader Handbook presented in a three-phase Bible Study format designed to accomplish several very important things:

- Guide people toward a personal, saving relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Build and strengthen their personal, intimate relationship with their Heavenly Father.
- Bring healing and deliverance where needed.
- Assist in the rooting, grounding, and building up of their faith.
- Produce a desire to serve, and train and equip them to do so effectively.

Please fill out and return the attached registration.  
Please Note: Seating is limited, so please return the Registration as soon as possible.

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A Suggested Donation of \$55 is asked to help cover the cost of the materials you will receive. Please let us know if you are unable to cover the cost and arrangements can be made.

Please fill out and return this registration to  
New Hope Ministry / New Hope Counseling Center  
PO Box 151 • Centerville, IA 52544 • 641.856.3326

### The New Hope 3-Phase Program

The New Hope materials help people, not to simply experience another good *program*, but to personally experience *God*. Our goal and desire is to lead people to experience the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ at work in their lives and that is what we see happen.

This program accomplishes several very important things. It guides people toward a personal, saving relationship with Jesus Christ; builds and strengthens their personal, intimate relationship with their Heavenly Father; brings healing and deliverance where needed; grounds people in their faith; produces a desire to serve and equips them to do so effectively. It begins with letting you know that you are a child of the King and ends with you 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. Imagine what a church full of warriors of the King could do for your church. What it could do in your community. What it could do in our world.

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.

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We at New Hope Ministry desire to operate responsibly. It is a joy for us to be able to send you information about our ministry, but if you do not want to continue receiving this Newsletter, please call us at: 641-856-3326 or e-mail: [kelly\\_nhcc@iowatelecom.net](mailto:kelly_nhcc@iowatelecom.net)  
Eliminating unwanted letters would help us cut down on printing and mailing costs. Thank you!!

*Are you looking for a good study for your Small Group?*

*Is your Men's Group or Women's Bible Study looking for what to do next?*

**Why not try the New Hope for Spiritual Growth Bible Study Materials?**

The New Hope for Spiritual Growth 3-Phase Series is ideal for small groups and is available in Leader and Student Handbooks!

The Leader Handbook is a unique ministry tool designed for *anyone* to be able to lead a group through the study, just by following the instructions in the text.

**Here are what others are saying:**

- "These materials are excellent. The use of God's Word throughout is life-changing. You are presenting God's truth in a practical way which can be applied to our life." —Camille Stocker
- "I am definitely closer to God now. I thought I was close and had a good walk with God, but man, I was no where near where I needed to be."  
—Seminar Participant