



Dear Seminar Graduate,

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you (New Hope Seminar Graduates), I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:3-6).

I absolutely love this verse and claim it for your life and mine! We have the confidence that what God has started within each of us, He will complete it! Please know that you are in our prayers at New Hope! As a Volunteer at New Hope, I, Cathy Berner, have the privilege of sending out to each of you quarterly "Encouragement" packets. This is my first assignment and one that hits quite close to home for me.

What an extreme blessing it was for me to recently complete the New Hope Seminar Program. As the three month seminar classes drew to a close, there was sadness within, expressed by all in the class, not wanting this time to be over. God had faithfully revealed new things to each of us throughout the entire three months as feasting on His Word had become such a delight. Our class had also grown close together and we knew we would truly miss these times of accountability, fellowship and prayer support.

Sadness also crept in as I thought back to other past experiences. No matter how great something is, time has a way of taking what once captivated our hearts and thoughts, causing them to fade into a distant memory. I didn't want this to happen this time to me! This was too good to lose!

For some of you, it has been several years since you have gone through the New Hope Seminar, for others it has been more recent. No matter how much time has elapsed, how do we stay alive and vibrant in the Truth that has been revealed to us? If this is the cry of your heart too, I believe God is calling each of us to some much needed "R & R." Relaxation and Rest you ask? Absolutely!!!.....but also Remembrance and Renewal!

Relaxation and Rest is extremely important for our well being. God knows this and out of His great love for us has commanded that we take a Sabbath Rest weekly! He calls us to step out of the busyness of life and to rest in Him. (You can read more about this in Hebrews 4.) God calls us to also "Be Still and Know that I Am God." This requires that we shut everything else out...absolutely everything and purposely come before God and wait upon Him. It is through resting in God and being still before Him that He often reveals to us deeper understanding of His Word and shows Himself in a mighty way to us! Don't take lightly this "R & R" time! It is an absolute must for vibrancy in your life!

I encourage you to set aside a special quiet time with God in the next day or so to reflect on

the materials enclosed in this “Encouragement” packet, which are tailored specifically for all graduates of the New Hope Seminar Program. In this packet, you will find:

- ◆ A Study on “Remembrance and Renewal”
- ◆ Excerpts from “Faith & Trust” –truly gold nuggets to claim for your own!
- ◆ More information about “Faith & Trust” and an opportunity to order your own copy!
- ◆ A reminder card of “Christ’s Finished Work” and to “Draw from the Wells of Salvation.” Powerful Truths to know and mediate on!

It is our prayer that these resources will be of great blessing to you; that your personal relationship with God will grow deeper and become more intimate, as He reveals new Truth to you and brings to remembrance that which He has already shown you.

If you have not had the opportunity to review the New Hope materials recently, through a Bible study with others, or through being a Volunteer at New Hope, prayerfully consider this! God’s Word is so powerful and absolutely does not return void! His Word is alive and speaks intimately to each of us, as we seek God. Going through the New Hope materials more than once, will continually bless you, as God reveals more and more of Himself to you!

Here at New Hope, the Staff and Volunteers are committed to bringing to each Seminar Participant ongoing resources to assist you in your personal walk with God. If we can be of any assistance to you, please call us! We’d love to hear from you!

Enjoy your time with Jesus! His Spirit within us leads us into ALL TRUTH!

In the King’s Service,

*Cathy Berner*