

Greetings Seminar Grads,

We're so happy to be getting this packet mailed out. With all of the wonderful things the Lord has been doing at New Hope, we seem to have gotten a little behind.

I believe this letter from the Berner's will be a great encouragement to you. It's amazing what can be seen when we look through the cross of Christ at any situation. Even when things appear to be impossible or unreasonable, the Lord has a way to bring out His best for our good when we leave the results to Him.

Paul & Cathy started this faith walk way before they sold all of their possessions, purchased a camper and pickup, then headed to Texas. What a journey the Lord has been leading them on. Daily, He has provided for every need. We get the benefit of witnessing God at work to bring about His plans in each of their lives.

I'd like to believe that I would be so bold as to sell everything I own and go in the direction God pointed. Just think about all the men of the Bible that God sent out with no compass, no map, and no cell phone! How in the world did they ever get to where they were going? By blind, unwavering, no place left to turn, faith!

Today's world is quite different. We have become so dependent upon material goods and every comfort known to man. I believe we would be pleasantly surprised if we would put our complete trust and faith in God and watch Him work on our behalf. That's what the Berner's have done. They listened, they obeyed, and they have received blessings in abundance for their faithfulness. Why is this so hard for us to grasp? All we have to do is listen and obey, having faith that the God of the *then* is still the God of the *now*. He is fully able to meet our needs in excess. But He is looking for a people who will trust Him with their entire being. A people who will believe in spite of what they see. A generation who will stand up for what is right and true.

In Mark 6:8-9, Jesus gave clear instruction to His disciples. "And commanded them that they should take *nothing* for their journey, save *a staff only*; no scribe, no bread, no money in their purse: But be shod with sandals; and not put on two coats." Jesus wanted them to rely on their Heavenly Father completely. This account, as well as others, was used to show us that God is faithful to meet and even exceed our needs.

Oh yes, it's been wonderful to watch the Berner's. We've been able to come along for the ride, without risking a thing. But on the other hand, what might we have received if we would have been bold enough to *ask* God what He would have us do, and then actually *do it*? How about it? Are you ready to take a bold step of faith?

God uses imperfect vessels, just like you and me. We need to be busy with our Father's business in preparation for the changes that will be coming, maybe sooner than we think. Be encouraged fellow Believer, and know that it's never too late to ask, "What would You have me to do Father? What can I do for *You*? And *when* He answer's, be ready to follow Him with your whole heart.

Grace & Peace to you from God our Father,  
*New Hope Ministry & Counseling Center*

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Our waiting list continues to grow. People are searching for something or someone to help them. We share the love of Jesus with them at our initial meeting. Then we have to inform them of our waiting list. It breaks their hearts and ours as well. Many are desperate and at a crossroads. Some of them are unable to hold on until we have a Counseling team available. We need your help!

Won't you consider becoming a Volunteer at New Hope? We need Counselor's and Prayer Partners, especially husband & wife teams for couples.

This is a way for you to minister to others, sharing what you have learned and helping those who may be trapped in the ways of the world.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a Volunteer. The Lord opens doors of opportunity. Perhaps this one is open just for you.

We know you will pray about this and do as the Lord leads. We pray God will continue to bless you and keep you in His loving care.

In His service,

The staff of New Hope Ministry & Counseling Center