



HOPE Ministries Highlights

June, 2010

Mission Statement:

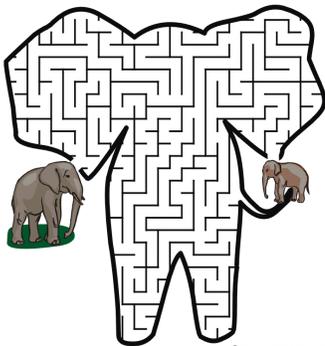
HOPE Ministries seeks to help individuals explore patterns that may have developed over their lifetime and provide opportunities to allow Jesus to bring healing and HOPE to their lives in fresh ways.

HOPE Ministries' needs:

- TV to be used with DVD player and VHS
 - window air conditioner for overflow hospital-ity cottage
- Please call 620-259-9390 if you know of something available.

FOR THE YOUNG

Help the elephant find her baby.



Loving With All the Heart

Since we have been working with people, trying to understand the deeper issues and emotional damage that may have occurred, many Scriptures have come to life. The word "heart" is often used in the Scriptures to mean the "real you" or "that which comes from the depth of one's soul."



The verses from Deut. 6, called the *Pivotal Passage*, command us to "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and soul and strength." This command was quoted by Jesus, and the scribes also recognized how it pinpoints the very heart of our Christian faith. Yes, our whole belief system and the working out of our belief system pivots around this concept. Let's explore the meaning of this verse.

For years I had thought this simply means that we need to throw our whole being and energies into loving God. The word *strength* would indicate this. But there is more—what about the words 'heart' and 'soul.' We are being told we need to love God with all our heart, that is, all our being, with the sum total of what we are and have experienced. We often come to God with our "head" (or intellect) and ask Him to meet us there. We approach Him as though our feelings don't matter, and we squash them as things that shouldn't be (I shouldn't feel that way). The amazing thing is that God wants to meet us at a heart level. He wants me to acknowledge my broken and wounded heart, the feelings and emotions I experience, and He wants to bring peace to those who are broken and contrite in heart

(Ps. 51:17). He doesn't expect me to be all cleaned up before I come to Him; He wants me to come as I am and accept His love, His grace, and His cleansing. He wants to walk with me through life and its challenges. His words are so different from the accusing and degrading words of the enemy. His words are affirming, confirming, and life-giving. He wants to strengthen and uphold us, to experience from our hearts His grace and forgiveness. He wants to heal our broken hearts!

In conclusion, God wants us to be able to love Him with a whole heart, which is all of it. He wants us to love Him with all our might and allow that to be the pivot around which our life revolves. He is worthy of it!
-Nevin Nisly

Seminars

In February and March, HOPE Ministries hosted two seminars, one in Yoder, KS, and one in Partridge, KS. DVD's were shown featuring teaching of John Regier on how to resolve emotional and spiritual

issues. The response to each one was encouraging. Quite a bit of interest was expressed in having future seminars and because of these requests, we plan to host another seminar this fall with different topics.

COMING UP

HOPE Ministries will host another seminar

October 21-24, 2010

in Yoder, KS. The same format will be used in the Partridge/Pleasantview community in Feb. or March, 2011. Flyers and registration forms will be available soon!

Jesus Is the Truth

Luke 4:18,19 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”

Jesus quoted this from the prophet Isaiah and said “this day this scripture is being fulfilled”. Jesus began this minis-

try while he was here on the earth and has been doing this work ever since. Our Saviour came not only to free people from their sinful ways, but also to heal broken hearts and free those who are bruised. This speaks of emotional needs as well as spiritual ones. God created us with emotions and as we experience life, we perceive reality through them. A person’s perception of life may not be accurately based on truth and because

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we live in a fallen world, Satan capitalizes on these misperceptions and wants us to believe lies about life and God. As we believe those lies, we become slaves to them and we only find freedom when God’s truth is revealed and applied to the misperception. I believe this is the role of Christian

counseling: helping bring truth to a situation and restoring the right perception.

As I think of Christian counseling, my view of it has changed. At one

time I would have seen it as help for those who need to be “fixed” or those who can’t deal well with life, but “normal people like me don’t need counseling”. However; the time spent at HOPE Ministries was a time of God revealing His truth to me in a very meaningful and personal way. So I have come to the conclusion that anyone can benefit from a time of hearing from God and allowing Him to give His perspective on life’s ex-

periences. He is a Gentle Shepherd who cares deeply for His own and longs for them to experience freedom that comes from living in His truth. I bless this ministry and give it my support as a valuable asset to the local church and community.

-Julian Nisly



Julian, Bertha, Sherilyn (11), and Johan (2)

Julian and Bertha Nisly joined the HOPE Ministries Board this past winter in effort to provide accountability and assistance in building the ministry. Julian was ordained to the ministry in 2005 and is part of the pastoral team at Center Amish Menmonite Church in Hutchinson, KS. His occupation is a dairy farmer. He has a vision for solid Biblical counseling and for reaching out in ministry.

About the Ministry

We moved to Kansas to start this ministry in August, 2009. We proceeded to get a website made during the fall when Nevin was working and Joann was at home. October brought our first cases and they began coming little by little through December and into Jan. Nevin worked part-time throughout the fall. After hosting two seminars in February and March, more people started booking. Since

“For we are laborers together with God:”

1 Cor. 3:9

mid-January Nevin has not had time to do any part-time work and we have been full-time in counseling. The seeds for this kind of ministry had already been sown and we are seeing results from those seeds being planted. People are excited about seeing Jesus involved with their lives in more personal ways. We are thankful to God for His provision and we desire to continue to follow His leading as HOPE Ministries develops.

The Remodel Project

On March 17, 2010, we signed papers for the purchase of our new house. We had been praying for a house that would have possibility for a counseling facility, an entrance to the counseling room, and a place to put a restroom. Two weeks after we began praying more intensely and specifically, we were notified of this possibility on 322 S. Briggs in Partridge, KS. The first time we walked through it, we knew it answered the prayers. After we were able to access the house, we saw it needed quite a bit of remodeling. To rid it of the smoke smell, we needed to repaint everything, and put all new flooring in. We also gutted all closets, and



the old bathroom to make the one wing to fit our needs. It turned out to be a much bigger project than we thought. It's an old house, but now has a more modern look to it. We realized that many people are

supportive of our ministry by the amount of help we received. Around 35 volunteers pulled together to provide man-labor, meals, or other needs. After 2 months of continuous work, we moved into our house May 21. We are now accessing all rooms of our house, boxes are unpacked, and we are trying to finish up the final trim work, painting, etc. We continue to thank the Lord for His provision! Enjoy the before and after pictures!



Kitchen before and after



Counseling Room

Working together brought exciting results!



Lunch time



Counseling entrance



Master bedroom



Dining room



Living room

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NOT-FOR-PROFIT STATUS UPDATE

In March we did receive our State not-for-profit status. This gave us an official name: HOPE Ministries of Kansas.

We are now ready to apply for our federal not-for-profit status, which will give us the benefit of writing tax receipts for donors. This step will take awhile, so at this time we cannot offer tax receipts. HOPE Ministries is looking for a volunteer that has expertise in this area and who would like to walk with us in this process of attaining our 501(c)3. If you are interested and able, please contact us.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Our desire is that no one will be excluded from meeting with us because of finances. All counseling is done on a donation basis where people can give with the idea of making this available to others and allowing us to be full time in this ministry. God has been faithful in supplying our needs and we are grateful for all who have stood with us in so many ways and do trust in God's continuing provision. We are accountable to our board for the finances and the operation of HOPE Ministries. If you wish to know more details about our finances, please contact us. As God leads you to think about HOPE Ministries, please pray for us, and if He prompts you to join in our financial support, donations can be made in several ways as stated below.

Donations can be sent to:

HOPE Ministries
Box 103
Partridge, KS 67566

OR

You may use bill pay for electronic processing

Please fill out the form and send it to the above address or email your information to:

hope4yourheart@gmail.com.

Name _____

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