



Yearly Report 2013 (First Three Quarters)

Dear Co-Laborers,

We send this Yearly Report for 2013 as a praise and a thank you for all you do to help with the ministry of New Hope. Your support and prayers have done so much over this past year. We want to give you an idea of what is being accomplished by sharing some testimonies from some real people who are being helped.

New Hope's **Biblical Counseling Program** is very unique. Our desire is to put in the time with people that will help bring about lasting change. Romans 12:2 says that we are transformed by the renewing of our mind. It takes time to renew the mind. Because of you and your support, 55 people received the much needed and highly sought after Biblical Counseling services free of charge here at NHCC. This translates into 979 counseling hours we spent with people. During counseling, 5 people made a decision to accept Christ as Savior or rededicated their life to Him.

This local mission work is bringing about incredible transformation in people's lives. Here is a poem written by one of our Counselees:

"The Shower of Forgiveness" – Written April 5, 2013 – (for sake of space the verses are printed in lines)

*The weight of my sin; Had me locked in heavy chains; I could not escape; I was trapped in the pain.
Tormented by guilt; And buried in shame; All I heard were accusations, So I carried the blame.
Wrestling for freedom; No words I could express; I wanted to cry out to You; But I had made such a mess.
One Name left my lips; Only one Name could I say; Jesus.....Was all that I could pray.
And in one instant; You were coming to me; I saw Your very being; And knew You wanted everything.
You knew what I needed; You heard the cry of my heart; You wanted to bring freedom; And cleanse every part.
"It was nailed to the cross;" Are the words that You spoke; And with those simple words; All my chains broke.
You showered me in forgiveness; And I gladly let it rain; Washing every part of me; I will never be the same.
All of our sin; You bore it on the cross; You lovingly took it; So we wouldn't stay lost.
I am free from all guilt; Because of what You've done; I am no longer in bondage; Because I've seen the Son.
I will never again; Live my life in shame; Because Jesus came to me; When I cried out His Name.
The shower of forgiveness; Will come to you and me; When we choose to believe; That we are free indeed!!*

—Christine

Christine shared her entire testimony at the Annual Women's Conference at Honey Creek, put on by the Life Empowered ministry in October. We were so very blessed by it.

Another testimony:

The Bible says our words are powerful, but I never understood how powerful until New Hope. In the past I brought destruction and death with the words of my mouth, but today is a new day and I am a new creature. My words will encourage the hopeless, uplift the depressed, speak healing to the sick, and life to the dead. I have been in church my entire life. I have seen God do amazing miracles and use others in incredible ways, yet I had done very little myself in pursuit of God. I sat on the sidelines and watched others doing the work I should be doing. Now it is time for me to rise up and take my place in the Lord's Kingdom, go where He wants me to go, and do what He wants me to do; my life is His. I will follow Him all the days of my life, until the very end...

—Andy

Our 16 week Seminars enable us to take people through the New Hope materials more quickly, using the Bible Study Series of our materials. Offered twice during the year, these Seminars draw people into a deeper and more personal and intimate relationship with the Lord. At the same time, it trains people to lead Small Groups through the New Hope Series. This helps us multiply our effectiveness and equip others to serve and get involved in ministry personally or in their own churches. The Leader Handbooks were created in such a way that *anyone* can follow the instructions to help teach and strengthen others. We receive many heart-warming testimonies from people whose lives have been forever affected by the study. Here are a couple of comments from some of those people:

My husband and I went through the materials together and agreed how completely different (better) our married life would have been had we been aware of these principles 40 years ago. This is an excellent resource which has "opened up" the Bible for me. God bless you and your team for developing this and making it available.

—Mirna

God is working through these materials! I can't tell you what the New Hope Bible Study materials have done for our family and for everyone we've taught in our little classes. Lives are being dramatically changed. And I'm talking about people who were already Christians! A Christian's life should be obviously different from a non-believer's. We, along with most of the Christians we were around, were just the same after we became Christians. That all changed when we took the New Hope class. Finally, the abundant life we'd been searching for is ours for the taking. And it doesn't really have to do with money. It's all about who you are in Christ, and I believe with all my heart that 90% of Christians don't know that. WE GET IT! So we will shout it from the rooftops that we are children of the King and joint-heirs with Christ, and all of the benefits that go with that position are ours! Hurray, hurray! —Steve & Mary

If you need some good material for a Bible Study, a Small Group at your church, or just with friends, you'll want to experience the newest form of our materials: New Hope for Discipleship!

Many other people have gone through the New Hope Biblical Counseling Program and New Hope Seminars at locations outside of this local area as a result of **Ministry Kits** being used. Materials and Ministry Kits have been ordered from all over the country. Please keep up your prayers for God to work through the New Hope materials to bring hope and healing to His people wherever He desires to use them, and that we will be faithful and obedient to whatever He would have us do to accomplish it.

New Hope commits 10% of our increase to a **Benevolence Fund**, which was set up by the Board of Directors to help New Hope Counselees or those who are a part of the ministry who have financial needs, and to bless and encourage any of those people with thoughtful gifts. We try to do it anonymously as much as possible, which brings us great joy. Giving to the poor and needy is something that's very important to the Lord and He promises blessings in return (Proverbs 19:17; 28:27). He also likes for us to bless and encourage others (2 Co 9:6-13). You are a part of this giving, so the promised blessings are for you too! "He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed..." (Proverbs 22:9). These totals were dispersed in gifts and assistance to many different people in the first three quarters of 2013:

Family Crisis	\$1,100.00
Car Repairs	620.41
Utilities Assistance	430.00
Moving Expenses	150.00
Connected Ministry Donations	500.00
Gifts of New Hope Seminar Materials (to those with financial need)	70.00
Flowers (hospital, funeral, or special occasion)	40.00
Health Care Expenses	475.61

Cards	6.43
Meals	445.86
Gas	200.00
Gifts	462.46
Gift Certificates	50.00
Book Gifts	143.39
Staff Development (gift from Board Members)	206.99
Conferences or Retreats Expense	648.56
Counselees Graduation Gifts	100.00
Benevolence Total (First 3 Quarters of 2013):	\$5,649.71

We hold three main “**Events**” each year, with our focus having changed from “fundraisers” to ways in which we can bless the community and our supporters.

Our Third annual **Talent Search Concert** was held in March, showcasing some amazing local talent. We continue to be amazed at the talent in this area. It was a lot of fun and entertaining for all.

Testimony Night was held in July, giving our supporters and others in the community an opportunity to hear first-hand how this ministry is making a difference in people’s lives. Several testimonies were shared and praise given to the Lord for all He had done. Everyone in attendance was very blessed.

We held our 3rd annual **Rummage Mania** in September, and it was by far our best year ever. We were so blessed by the outpouring of donations, both in items as well as financial gifts. It was such a blessing to see so many people come and benefit from it. Our first year at trying a Secret Auction on some of the especially nice items was just the ticket. It really livened things up and made it even more fun. The remaining shoes and clothing were donated to C.R.O.S.S. Ministries, located in Osceola, IA. This Christian ministry offers supplies and services to those in need all over this region of Iowa. Left over miscellaneous items were taken to a consignment auction and added to the financial blessing for New Hope. So everything donated was a blessing all the way around. Our grand total was over \$3,900.00! Wow!

Much was accomplished in 2013 on the **Spanish Translation** project of the New Hope materials. There have been some updates to the writing from our work on the Discipleship Series, so finalizing Books 1, 2, and 3 of the 6 Book Series takes a long time. But what an outreach opportunity this will provide with the growing Spanish population in many areas. Translation work is also very expensive. We are so blessed to have a retired missionary couple doing the work (Hugo and Katie Perez from St Joseph, MO – friends of one of our Volunteers at New Hope). Hugo is from Guatemala. They are doing the translation work at a greatly reduce price. If you would like to contribute to this special project, please designate your gift.

Work has also continued on our **Teen Edition**. This will open up an avenue of outreach that we are praying the Lord will use to work miracles in the lives of many young people. This will also be a 6-Book Series. Book 1 has been completed, praise the Lord, and Book 2 is in the works. Several churches are using Book 1 in their youth groups and confirmation classes, and we are hearing some fabulous reports!

The New Hope Teen book is very useful and helpful. It helps you understand and learn the way of life God has planned for you. Thanks to this guide, I understand how God feels and how He sees me. This book has helped me learn to live a better life and be a better Christian. —Jayden

We are so excited about our new **Discipleship Series!** Again, a 6-Book Series makes it affordable for everyone and the shorter workbook makes it easier to go through. Churches can utilize these materials to start a Discipleship Program. Here are some of the highlights:

We have divided the original New Hope three-phase series into a 6-book series. Each book is much smaller, and laid out as Workbooks. Looking up Scriptures and writing down answers to questions helps to get the Word in your heart and mind. Our Key Verse for Discipleship is Colossians 2:7, which describes our entire series: "Rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." This provides the titles:

- Book 1 – Planted in Him
- Book 2 – Rooted in Him
- Book 3 – Growing in Him
- Book 4 – Built up in Him
- Book 5 – Grounded in Him
- Book 6 – Established in Him

Books 1, 2, and 3 have been finalized, with Book 4 near completion, and Books 5 and 6 are in the works. We've done a major editing of the original materials to make it even more concise and impactful, including some new articles that people are loving. As we near the completion of the other books, we will send out a special flyer to announce it!

Last year, we had one church testing them out, but this year it has spread like wild fire. Here's a testimonial to encourage you with what's happening:

I can't explain why I've always been drawn to Christ and His houses of worship, but I was, even from a very young age. It doesn't really make sense because I had drug-addicted parents who were more concerned with getting their next "high" than making sure we attended church. Even so, little opportunities to attend church presented themselves when I was young and continued into my adulthood. I took advantage of them. At the time, I didn't know why, but today I recognize that the Lord was leading me to Himself. It wasn't until I was in my mid twenties that the Lord led me to someone who would lead me to salvation in Jesus. As a new Christian, I didn't entirely understand what that meant or what to "do" next. I know I'm supposed to honor God, but just how do I do that? What does it mean to be a good Christian? How do I let go of bad habits and bad influences that have trailed me all my life? This is where New Hope Ministry stepped into my life. God placed me in a church where I was approached about a one-on-one study group opportunity. I am well into the New Hope for Discipleship series now. So many amazing things have happened to me and my life has been transformed. I know God's hand is at work in all of the blessings my family has received. The materials are easy to follow and bring you to so many "aha!" moments, that I don't think I would have ever come to on my own. The structure of meeting regularly, having Scripture to examine, and a person to bounce my thoughts off of has been so valuable to me. I've not only come closer to God, I have a gained a valuable friend and mentor in the process. Now, this isn't to say my life hasn't been without its struggles. However, I recognize that I have God in my corner. When I'm reminded of this fact, the challenges that would previously have sent me down into depression, or searching for answers in alcohol, or other unsavory activities, seem manageable. I know that New Hope Ministry is doing God's work on earth every day and I can't begin to thank them enough. —Rachel Dicks

As Believers in Jesus Christ, there is at least one thing at one time or another that each of us struggles with in our lives. Through the New Hope Discipleship materials, it has been my privilege to watch God reveal, refine and grow Christians up from a child of God to becoming a Warrior of the King of kings, equipping them to live victoriously! —Debbie

Counseling Graduates and **Seminar Participants** are not left to fall in the cracks. We minister to them by sending them a quarterly packet, which includes articles and letters of encouragement and inspiration.

Last year at this time, God was directing us towards establishing a Prayer & Worship Center. We continued to pray about it and God began to open doors for us to move forward. Many of you might already know that on October 31st of this year, we opened the **New Hope Prayer & Worship Center**, dedicating it to the Lord and His purposes for this region. Over the past year the staff has been meeting at the location of the Prayer & Worship Center to pray, seeking the Lord for the ministry work of New Hope. The Lord began giving us a clearer picture of His *blueprint* for this new ministry in southern Iowa. On Thursday, October 31st, we opened at 1 pm and had 10 visitors throughout the afternoon. That evening we held our Dedication Service at 7 pm with 45 in attendance. We ended the evening with refreshments and were blessed by a special cake that was presented to us for the Dedication Service. Several people spent time in prayer and worship just soaking in God's Presence! How exciting to see so many come out to experience the Prayer & Worship Center and be a part of the Dedication service. It will be awesome to watch as God responds to our prayers. On the back page of this newsletter you will find a schedule with the upcoming dates the Prayer & Worship Center will be open to the public. You can also visit our website for the schedule and more information at www.NewHopeMinistryCC.org; click on the words "Prayer & Worship Center" on the left. If God is speaking to you about being a part of the Volunteer Staff, which will consist of teams of 2 people, please contact Camille Stocker, by email at camille@NewHopeMinistryCC.org or phone: 641-932-5385. As our Volunteer Staff grows, we will be open more hours and on a weekly basis! The Prayer & Worship Center is located at the Mystic Community Church.

Your **gifts and support** make a real difference in so many people's lives, not only here in the local area, but farther reaching than any of us may even be aware of. As the Lord continues to give us even more opportunities to serve Him in the coming year, we are so grateful for your continued support, prayers, and encouragement. *God's Word promises that you will receive an abundant return, plus rewards in Heaven (Mark 9:41; 10:21)!* We know personally how much *joy giving* brings. Your gifts end up giving *twice*, as we then give a portion of it to the Benevolence Fund to help people in even more ways!

We so want our supporters to feel that we are a trustworthy and responsible organization. New Hope is a ministry that focuses on operating on minimal expenses and a commitment to **financial responsibility and accountability**.

Please remember New Hope in your Tax-Deductible End-of-Year Giving. Even the smallest donations given by many different people enables New Hope Ministry to bring a life-changing message to people in need or desiring a deeper walk with the Lord, plus training God's people to help and teach others. Lives *are* being saved and changed, marriages are being restored, families are growing stronger, and many, many people are discovering a deeper walk with God than they ever knew possible. The lives of people all over the country are being touched by New Hope ministry outreaches, all impacted by your faithful prayers and support. We love and thank God for you. We pray for you and for the upcoming New Year to be one of fruitful ministry together.

For more information on New Hope's ministry outreaches and opportunities, visit our website: www.NewHopeMinistryCC.org

God bless you bountifully in the coming New Year!

In The King's Service,

The Staff of New Hope Ministry & Counseling Center

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641-932-5385 or 641-660-2554.

You can check the Prayer & Worship Center schedule on our website at:

www.NewHopeMinistryCC.org/PrayerWorship.html

MEMO:

Urgent prayer request:

Due to unforeseen circumstances, New Hope needs to relocate. Please join us in fervent prayer as we seek God's direction for our new Location!