

Haven of Hope

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HAVEN OF HOPE MINISTRIES

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OUR MINISTRY GOALS

- Helping couples define their core emotional issues.
- Teaching couples how to care for each other's hearts.
- Discovering how to keep a person's heart open to love.
- Understanding cycles that lock a relationship.
- Experience healing for destructive emotional wounds.
- Applying truth to the heart through inner healing.

Haven of Hope is a faith-based, non-profit ministry committed to helping those who are hurting from their life experiences of the past, as well as, the present. We believe that there is life-changing help for the wounded hearts and broken relationships of those who are lead into putting their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. This miracle is only possible through His power. We are but instruments to help lead the hurting to Him, the "Healer of the Hurting."

You can make a one-time or recurring donation by going to our website and clicking on the donation button or by calling the office.

Immeasurably More Than We Could Imagine

April and I were able to take a few days to get away from the business of life and spent some time in Savannah, Georgia. From here, we plan to spend Thanksgiving with our children in South Georgia. Thanksgiving is always a time for me to remember the faithfulness of the Father who has once again blessed us beyond measure, both as a couple and in ministry. Looking back, Haven of Hope has had the privilege of ministering to over 60 individuals or couples this past year. We have seen the faithfulness of the Holy Spirit show up in many ways and are often encouraged by the healing and connection we see.

We have been so blessed to have Duane and Verba Cross join our team. Duane began counseling in the spring and has become an excellent encourager, mentor, and blessing to many. We have received nothing but good from those he has ministered to. They both have been a blessing from Jesus to HOH. We continued to enjoy the great retreat team that Father has put together for HOH. Together we hosted five retreats this past year in Jamaica, Indiana, Iowa, and Ohio ministering to approximately 120 couples. Stories of redemption in troubled relationships continue to come in from these rich times of ministry. In the spring of the year, Joe and Noreen Miller decided to move to Michigan. They have a passion for ministry and are in training now for some form of ministry in the future. Noreen has been helping out in the office part time. They have also been a real blessing to us here at HOH.

This past year, we have had eight interns come through our facilities for training. Some of these are actively helping us expand the ministry by meeting with couples in their spare time. We are grateful for all of them as the needs continue to expand. This fall I (Steve) was able to complete a follow up course for couples who have completed a week of intensive counseling. We have had the privilege to test run this material twice with 6 different groups. Lord willing, we hope to publish this material for others to use some time after the first of the year. Stay tuned for more information on this.

Last year at this time, we were anticipating the excitement of the school project and a possible move for HOH, but Father had other plans. It became clear in mid-summer that He wanted us to look in another direction. Exciting new things are on the horizon again, and we are trusting that we will have a more detailed update for you after our winter board retreat on January 11-13, 2019. Please pray for the board as they lead us through this process.

And finally, we are excited to inform you that Erin Swintek will be joining our staff shortly after the first of the year. We came to know Erin through our internship program. Her and her husband, Joel, reside in Michigan City Indiana. Erin felt the call to ministry and contacted our office about the possibility to continue her training and assist us in ministry for a year. She will serve as part time secretary, continue her

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training, and eventually join our counseling staff and focus on single women. We are anticipating her and Joel's arrival after the first of the year. And to all of you who have so faithfully blessed us another year with your prayers and financial

blessings, we wish you a very blessed Christmas and a wonderful 2019. Without your partnership, we could not have done it. You have blessed us in ways that we cannot express. Your involvement is so greatly appreciated. You have made it possible for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus. "Now to him who is able to do immeasurable more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work with us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever, Amen!"

Steve Swartz, HOH Director

Our Board

- Steve & April Swartz (Directors)
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- Jeff & Meryl VanderWeide

At present, Haven of Hope is experiencing a \$93k deficit in our 2018 annual budget. If you feel led to help us close this gap, we would be forever grateful. All contributions are tax deductible within the USA. We continue to trust the Father to provide.

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January 24-26, 2019

Washington, Indiana

February 28-March 1, 2019

Willow Street, Pennsylvania

April 4-6, 2019

Reamstown, Pennsylvania

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