HAVEN OF HOPE **MINISTRIES** 9811 THOMPSON RD, LAKE ODESSA, MI 48849 616-693-2925

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 reoccurring donation by going to our website and clicking on the donation button or by calling the office.

Emmanuel, Redeemer of Hearts & Homes

"No room," he said. No room for the tired. No room for the hurt, nor the broken. "No room" has become a frequently heard mantra. "No room" says no hope. The sign above the door should say, "You are welcome!" "There is room for you here. There's a place at the table. The sheets are clean, awaiting you, and there is soup on the stove." "There's room for you" speaks hope. There are millions that need to hear this reality, this Hope. The reality of the Christmas Truth. Emmanuel came to make room, to rescue. To give Hope to the weary. Emmanuel came to save. The redeemer of hearts and homes says, "You matter so much that I've come."

We have had the opportunity to sit with many couples over the last 15 years of ministry here at Haven of Hope. We have observed Father God bring healing out of the brokenness of hearts and turn sorrow into joy. Many have experienced a taste of this fresh message of Jesus, yet some still yearn to. Just as a flower begins with a bud, so these hearts have begun a new journey towards wholeness and healing. Just as a gardener gently nurtures the new life in the garden, so do these tender budding hearts need a safe nourishing place to grow.

Haven of Hope has experienced some tremendous growth ministry wide. We have stood in awe as Jesus has begun a healing process in many of our past clients' personal lives and marriages. The harvest is happening right before our eyes, but there is an

urgent need for more workers in the harvest. Like never before, we need faithful men and women who are not afraid to hang the same sign above their doors – "There is room. There is a place for you. You are welcome here. You are loved." The reality of Christmas is us followers going out, being active in the harvest, bringing Hope. People are responding but unless we feed, encourage, and nurture them, for many the life slowly dims and eventually goes out. We feel the call of the Father in inviting you to help us set the table for those who are hungry and want to grow. We have more gardening than we can possibly do alone. Would you prayerfully consider joining our HOH team of volunteer harvest workers?

We have given much time and effort in 2019 to develop tools to help equip harvest workers with all they need, but we need volunteers. We need folks who would be willing to lead follow-up groups for couples, to be personal mentors, life coaches. Ah, I hear you saying, "But we are still on our own journey and have not yet arrived." Yes, I understand, but the truth is that none of us have arrived, but many are further along and have much to share. We need you. The refining process continues for us all but Jesus wants to use our broken stories to encourage others in their journey, to comfort others with the comfort we've received, as Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 1:4. We are not looking for

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perfection but men and women with open hearts willing to serve with humility and contrition. You can volunteer as a couple or individually. HOH will provide training and support to encourage you in the process. Please prayerfully consider joining our HOH team of volunteer harvest workers. The need is real. The time is now. The investment Eternal.

May we invite you to ask Jesus how He would want to use your story as an investment in others who, like you, are looking for 'a room'. We would love to have you on our team. Together, let's bring the kingdom of heaven to earth, just as Jesus did through the Glory of Christmas. I believe there are exciting times ahead. There is a hunger and a thirst for freedom. Peace and new life are budding all around us. Let's bring the message of the Truth of

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Christmas back into our communities, churches, and families.

Merry Christmas! Steve and April Swartz

For more information about joining our team of volunteers please visit our webpage at havenofhopes.com and click on the "Volunteer" (or "volunteer Opportunities") tab!

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