

“Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.”

Luke 12:27

# 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.
- Experiencing 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 and the present. We believe that there is life-changing help for the wounded hearts and broken relationships of those who are led 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.”

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[www.havenofhopes.com](http://www.havenofhopes.com).

## New Life & Changes at Haven of Hope

God said, “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.” Genesis 8:22. To watch a couple who have endured the cold and harshness of winter in their relationship and then discover new life and purpose in their marriage creates a great satisfaction deep within my heart. God is always faithful when we do the hard work of sowing new seed in the heart of our spouse.

His faithfulness has sustained us through 18 years of ministry this spring. April and I sat with the very first couple in the spring of 2003. Since that time, we have ministered to over 500 couples. Many have come to un-

derstand a new springtime, a new beginning by learning to sow acceptance, understanding, and care for one another after many long hard winters.

Likewise, God has blessed us with new life and changes to the Haven of Hope staff. As of April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 we welcomed Jim and Diane Adamson to our staff. Jim and Diane will be working with couples and giving direction to the follow up ministry. We are so delighted to have them as a part of the HOH team. In our last newsletter we introduced you to Tim and Brittany Beckley, who joined Haven of Hope in January. Tim is assisting in administrative duties and is giving direction to the Two Hearts/One

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“Diane and I were both born and raised in Indiana. We have been married for 8 wonderful years. Six of those eight years we served as missionaries in Ghana, West Africa. However, we felt the call of God to return to the States in November 2020, and in March 2021 we had the privilege to join Haven of Hope. We have been greatly impressed by the simple and revolutionary truths that Haven of Hope offers. It has deeply impacted our own lives both personally and in our work with others overseas. We now feel so blessed to be part of this amazing ministry. Our wish is that we can humbly serve our God by loving those who are hurting, and by helping to bring them to places of hope and restoration.”

—Jim & Diane Adamson

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Flame marriage retreats. With these new additions we have outgrown our current facility. The Father has graciously provided a new office with much more room. We have moved the office next door to 9659 Thompson Road, Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849. Please take note of this address change.

As always, we are so incredibly grateful for your prayers and financial gifts throughout the years. Our desire is to continue to offer the services of Haven of Hope to all couples at no cost. Through your generosity, we have been able to meet our financial budgets. We thank you for your continued prayers for our counselors, staff, and board members as they

Steve & April Swartz (Executive Directors)  
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Elmer & Kathy Yoder

Our Board

give leadership to the growth of the ministry. Without them we would not be able to continue.

May God bless your springtime as you sow the seeds of goodness everywhere.

*Steve Swartz*  
Executive Director

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## Two Hearts, One Flame

### Marriage Get Away

Join us for one of these live events!

October 7-9, 2021

Broken Wheel Ranch, Big Rapids, Michigan  
Registration opens in July.

November 4-6, 2021

Fairlawn Mennonite Church, Apple Creek, Ohio  
Registration opens in August.

Because of generous donors, Haven of Hope Ministry is able to offer hurting couples an opportunity to experience true healing.

Couples are able to receive compassionate care through our *free* counseling services.

We don't know who will be next. But we need to be ready! Your gift today will help us reach these hurting couples.

**Can we count on your support today?**

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