



HOPE Ministries Highlights

April 2013

Special points of interest:

- Nevin talks about the ROOM OF GRACE
- Testimonies about the seminar are included on p.3
- HOPE Ministries shares their heart for Follow-Up
- Board member, Julian Nisly, writes about compassion

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.

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In Which Room Are You Dwelling?—by Nevin Nisly



A heart cry that keeps popping up here and there is “Why do I keep messing up? Why can’t I overcome this?” It isn’t because of a lack of knowledge or effort. The individuals KNOW they don’t want to do the things, but can’t seem to get on top of it. The recurrence of these enslavements is NOT because “there is something wrong with me” or “I am just a mistake and there is no hope for me.” Too many people believe these lies.

I am so glad that Jesus didn’t just come to be our Saviour. Jesus announced to the Jewish worshipers as He read the OT prophecy that the Messiah would come to heal the broken-hearted, to set the captives free, and to open the eyes of those who are blind. He is the One who

invites us to “yoke in” with Him and learn of Him and be guided and loved and enjoyed as He coaches us along life’s pathway. This includes those day-to-day decisions that we make. He will give us P E A C E and REST instead of that all-encompassing frustration which comes from trying so hard to get it right.

It is easy instead to go the route of “TRY HARDER,” “I MUST PUNISH MYSELF”, or “DO IT RIGHT”, and all kinds of SHOULDs and/or SELF-CONDEMNATION get heaped upon us. These steal life from us; Jesus instead offers to give life. These things kill relationships; Jesus wants us to enjoy rich and meaningful relationships. These destroy joy; Jesus offers abundant and overflowing joy. These methods of trying harder and other ways of working out a performance based theology are all part of the “room of good intentions” which requires us to put on

a mask and pretend we are OK, but in our hearts we feel defeated and accused. “*The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.*” John

10:10 (NLT)

Instead, Jesus invites us to drink from the fountain of GRACE, a place which allows for healing, support, and restoration, energizing us to fight the battle.

For those who are wearied and discouraged in the battles of life and experience defeat, I invite you to join me on a journey to discover what going to the ROOM OF GRACE looks like. It is a room where we can be open, vulnerable, and real; where God is able to lift us up again. One thing I do know: God is not stuck with our problems! Will we agree in our hearts with God that nothing is impossible with Him whose GRACE is truly sufficient for each of us personally?

(Some good resources to explore these concepts include *The Cure* and *Bo’s Café*. While we can’t endorse everything in these books, they do provide much insight for growth.)

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The New Hospitality Cottage

The cottage was very helpful. It gave us time to meditate and get the rest we needed.

The cottage is an excellent addition and the counseling room feels safe and welcoming.

The cottage is a beautiful place to stay to just be in a quiet place.

It was very relaxing to stay here! It's perfect for what it's for. It makes a nice retreat! Totally peaceful, relaxing, refreshing!

It's now been a little over a year since the building of our Hospitality Cottage began. In July 2012 we had our first occupants and it has stayed quite busy since that time. We ask people who attend HOPE Ministries to stay in the cottage for the duration of their sessions. This allows time for processing and applying the principles given. Enjoy the testimonials of people who have used this resource. We are grateful to the community for entering into this with us! We have \$22,000 of the \$35,000 needed for this facility. If God is asking you to contribute, please make checks payable to HOPE Ministries earmarked for the cottage.

Staying at the cottage for two nights was an added bonus. It gave us a home away from home where we could concentrate on the deep things we were learning.

We very much enjoyed staying at the cottage during our counseling sessions! We highly recommend it to anybody going through counseling. We were able to have plenty of time alone to reflect and pray without worrying about other responsibilities. For us having the special time away from everything was the icing on the cake. It gave us the chance to immediately use some of the tools we were given through the sessions.

Follow-Up Opportunities

At HOPE Ministries, we are trying to incorporate a number of ways that individuals can receive some follow-up time to continue the path of healing and changing old patterns, and renewing the mind. Sometimes the initial five sessions get the process started, but people need reminders of how to keep on the path. Two of these methods are advertised here. These opportunities will involve teaching and reminders, time for individuals to apply the concepts given, as well as a connecting time with others who are on the journey.

REGISTRATION FOR

Follow Up Day:

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FOLLOW UP DAY RENEWAL TIME

For **singles** who have been through
HOPE Ministries:

Saturday, May 18, 2013
9:00-4:30 p.m.

Registration due: May 13, 2013

For **couples** who have been through
HOPE Ministries:

Saturday, June 1, 2013
9:00-4:30 p.m.

Registration due: May 21, 2013

At HOPE Ministries
322 S. Briggs, Partridge, KS

Availability is very limited:
10 singles
6 couples

Cost: \$20 per person for registration
Lunch will be provided

Registration amount only covers cost; a donation box will be available for those who wish to donate to HOPE Ministries.

2nd Annual FOLLOW-UP RETREAT!

Anyone is welcome who has completed
a case at HOPE Ministries or at-
tended a previous retreat hosted
by HOPE Ministries.

Cross Wind Conference Center
Hesston, KS
October 4-6, 2013

\$275/couple or room of 2 or \$200/single
\$50 nonrefundable due upon registration
Registration due July 1, 2013

The facility has a total of 30 rooms. Since space is limited, book in advance to reserve your spot. The cost includes two night's lodging and four meals.

Call Gina at 620-200-2141

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Check website for updated
information.

Testimonials From Seminar, Youth and Training Days

Following are some testimonials that we received from individuals who took away principles from the seminar week and applied them. Thanks again, John Regier, for giving your time and energies to our community!

From the Seminar:

"We are so thankful for the opportunity of having been at the Caring For The Heart seminar! God did so much for us that week and continues to work in our hearts. One of the very exciting breakthroughs for us was with our daughter. She had been struggling with an area in school and we thought we had to do therapy to overcome the problem. During the week, the Lord revealed to me (the mother) how much control, expectations and performance I have placed on her and how it was affecting her. Whenever she felt the pressure, she would have a mind block. As I sought her forgiveness and prayed with her not only for what I had placed on her but also for what had been passed on generationally and from others, God was doing an amazing work! He took away the mind block and the next day she did her work ten+ times faster than ever before. We continue to see a new daughter in her school-work and daily life.

We thank and praise God for His miraculous healing & forgiveness!

From the Training Day:

Two times soon after the seminar with John Regier we were able to apply the principles of caring for the heart. Both times the Lord Jesus ministered in a very real way to the needs of the moment. We hadn't had time to study these principles enough to feel ready to apply them to real life situations, yet we discovered that the Lord Jesus wasn't limited by our inexperience! In the first place, the hearts of both ladies opened up when we told them that we really wanted to care for their hearts- just as John Regier had indicated.

Ann's (not her real name) mother had left the family when Ann was very young and she doesn't remember when it happened. She shared her story of struggling with regrets about the bad decisions she made as a young adult and her mixed feelings of rejection and bitterness towards her parents. As the hurts of her heart spilled out, it became evident that this was an opportunity for Jesus to begin healing a broken heart. Yet I hesitated. Would Jesus really listen to me in such a specific manner? My wife and I chose to believe Jesus, and ask Him if He would show Ann if He was with her when her mother left. In a very real way Jesus showed to her that He was there. We asked Jesus to heal her heart of that memory. Again she experienced His tender touch. We know there is much

ground to cover, but it was so encouraging to see our Lord ministering in such a clear way to Ann's heart.

Beth (also not her real name) has experienced numerous traumatic experiences in her life time. One time during one of these traumatic periods, she unthinkingly told it to a friend, and authorities were notified. Due to severe threats to her parents, she lied to the authorities and said there was nothing to the story after all. Again, as Beth shared her heart-rending story, we saw an opportunity for Jesus to bring healing to her heart. As we prayed, she saw a Godly lady who had been her neighbor when she was a little girl. In that way God showed her that He was with her at that specific time. Beth also faces a long journey of healing and restoration, but we praise the Lord Jesus for clearly answering our mutual prayer for touching her heart at that specific moment. Both of these examples have confirmed the trustworthiness of our Lord which is not limited by our inexperience!

From the Youth Day:

"Caring For The Heart did wonders for me and my relationship with God. It taught me how to stay committed and that staying together is part of God's plan. God led me to that seminar for a reason and it was so I knew how to keep relationships and be the best husband I could be."

Photos:



Training Day



Lunch was catered on the Training and Youth Days. They were days of great fellowship and learning.

The HOPE Ministries ladies enjoy times of fellowship and planning.



From a Board Member:



Julian, Bertha, Sherilyn & Johan Nisly

A Heart Of Compassion

Matthew 9:36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. (NKJV)

I have often been challenged by Jesus' heart of compassion for people even after a long day of interaction with them. While it is true that we need time away from people at times to rejuvenate, I believe it is possible to maintain a heart of compassion for others. I believe Jesus could do it because He was here to serve others, not to serve

Himself.

What is compassion? A dictionary definition is "a feeling of deep sympathy and sorrow for another who is stricken by misfortune, accompanied by a strong desire to alleviate the suffering." The Greek word for compassion in this verse has the idea of feeling sympathy, or to pity.

So how do I as a follower of Christ show compassion to others? Does it just happen because I am a Christian, or does it happen by surrendering myself to the Lordship of Jesus Christ? For me, having a heart of compassion doesn't just happen. In fact, my natural response to others is often one of frustration and exasperation at the "problems" of other people. I find it so easy to look at the outward issues and tend to want to address those rather than allowing God to give me a heart of compassion for them. If I address an issue with the idea that they should just change an outward behavior, it will most likely discourage them. Often people know their responses are wrong and don't need to be told.

I believe often what people are wanting is someone who cares

about what is really going on inside. When the Samaritan woman at the well saw that Jesus cared about what was going on inside, she opened up to Him and told Him a lot of her life story. Jesus could have addressed her sinful lifestyle, but instead I see a heart of compassion for her and as He did that, she recognized her need of what Jesus had to offer.

As I see it, I need to surrender my life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and ask for Him to fill me with a heart of compassion for others. I want to learn what it means to have a heart of compassion for others no matter who I relate to, whether it is my brother or sister in church, the person I meet once in life, or my wife and children. "Lord, give me a heart of compassion." It is a blessing to know that it is Nevin and Joann's desire to show the compassion of Jesus to all who come to HOPE Ministries. God Bless!

-Julian Nisly

Julian is on the pastoral team at Center Amish Mennonite Church. He does farming as well as part-time maintenance work in rental houses. He and his wife, Bertha, have 2 children, Sherilyn & Johan.

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, and this plus the gifts of God's people, allow us to be full time in this ministry. We are grateful for all who have stood with us in so many ways and do trust in God's continuing provision. As a 501(c)(3) organization, 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 Julian Nisly, our treasurer, at 620-664-5304. 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. Tax deductible receipts will automatically be issued for checks of \$50 or more.

Donations can be sent to:

HOPE Ministries
Box 103
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OR

Go to our website and use the donation button through Paypal.



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