

# House of HOPE Ministries



*For He hath looked down from the height of His sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth; To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death...*

*Psalms 102:19-20*

## *"I'm A Three Striker"*

As I write this article, it seems so easy now, **SERVING LIFE IN PRISON** - but when I got here I was a wreck and planning on taking my life. My addiction had brought me to the edge of my abyss. I was spiritually dead. **"I am a 3-striker...**when I get behind the wheel, I crash!"

I started reading the Bible and I thought, **"No Way! I can't do this, it's too hard."** But I kept reading the Bible and slowly, daily, weekly, month by month, God began to change me from the inside out. Some days are better than others. Now I start each day with prayer asking God to guide, protect, and use me to help others. Next I read the scriptures and my *Daily Bread*. Mentally, I put on "the armor of God". I remind myself that the battle I fight is spiritual, not physical. I try to give respect to everyone, including the officers. I look for ways to share Christ without being smug. I have the choice to **do my time** watching: 'Jerry Springer' OR **'READ THE WORD and fellowship with my brothers in Christ'**. I **choose** to attend as many church services that are offered and sadly there are few....**BUT I thank God for the ministry of the Chaplains and the support I get from the outside. SERVING LIFE BEHIND BARS, I AM MORE FREE THAN I HAVE EVER BEEN!!**

**The Prince of Peace GAVE ME PEACE that passes all understanding**

*Doug's  
12-Steps  
ON  
Doing Time*

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| 1. Put God First Every Day   | 7. Fellowship - go to church |
| 2. Pray and read the Bible   | 8. Watch what you say        |
| 3. Put on the Armor of God   | 9. Be humble                 |
| 4. Be respectful to all      | 10. Help others              |
| 5. Focus on Christ           | 11. When you sin, repent     |
| 6. Listen to the Holy Spirit | 12. Never give up!!          |

Written by: Doug Gallagher – serving Life with Jesus behind bars

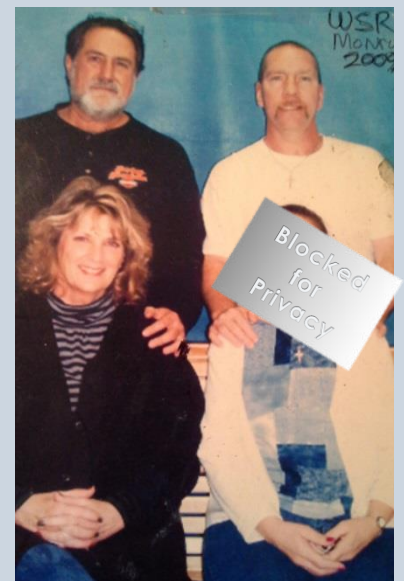
### **Note from Michael:**

I have been ministering to Doug since 2004. He was a Wiccan and a meth addict. He has **genuinely fallen in love with Jesus!** Doug is a true believer and evangelist now. He is bringing men to Jesus Christ!

*"He is changed!"*

**Jail Ministry**  
**Prison Ministry**  
**Reading Glasses**  
**Bibles & Books**  
**After-care Ministry**  
**Clergy Visits**  
**Pen Pal Ministry**  
**Mentor Network**  
**Bible Studies**  
**Angel Tree Kids**  
**Discipleship**  
**Transitional Homes**  
**Resource Ministry**

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**Every Year**  
**House of Hope**  
**Is serving over 9,000**  
**prisoners,**  
**ex-prisoners**  
**and their families**  
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Michael & Margie Sgobba (L)  
Doug Gallagher (R)

# Help us Help Them Read!!



## OUR VISION

### For Inmates to 'SEE'

When House of Hope first started at Kitsap County Jail, **there was no avenue for reading glasses to be given** to the inmates who needed them! We now provide glasses to the inmates! They may only receive one pair of glasses. We work with the Officers, as the giving of glasses is closely monitored. Every day we meet 10 – 15 new inmates who request glasses, so that they can 'read' their Bible and other books. We now give out more than 150 reading glasses every month!

***If they don't have the glasses they need, they won't be able to read the Word of God!***

#### House of Hope Looks to the Future

**Transitional Living – "House of Faith"** HoH began in 2008 and have always had a vision for a Men's Christian Discipleship House. House of Faith serves men who come from jail, prison, or other situations. They learn how to **truly change their lives by responding to the Spirit of the Lord**. They are reconciled with their families as their lifestyles radically change.

Any questions, please call: Chris Ayala 360 908 7344

#### **"Pen Pal Ministry" (Corresponding with Inmates)**

**REDY TO LAUNCH** We encourage you to check the HoH Website for the future "Pen Pal" tab. We are looking for Pen Pal Volunteers. This is a wonderful way to be involved – corresponding and encouraging inmates in jail or prison. Will you pray about this need?

**We Thank Our Dedicated Volunteers!**

**Success Story** We received a call from a Corrections Officer in Puyallup regarding a woman who was incarcerated at Kitsap County Jail, whom he has had on his case load for years. He said, "I have never seen her change in all the years I have worked with her. She is like a new person now! I just wanted you to know that you are making a difference!" This story is about a female inmate who worked with the House of Hope Female Religious Coordinator Volunteers and several volunteers outside in our community. She now resides in a Christian Transitional Living House and is **TRULY CHANGING!** Glory to God

**Chrysalis Kitsap** Transitional Living is in the planning stage, and will be a home for women who come from jail, prison, addiction, and domestic violence. Lives are being changed!

*It's All about Jesus*

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

We simply don't have the resources to continue this vital ministry. We are **making a plea** for you to see:

### **Our 'VISION FOR THEIR VISION' &**

### **Sponsor the 'Reading Glasses' Ministry**

Will you kindly consider giving to this Ministry on a monthly basis? The monies given have an eternal impact, as they **SEEK** the Lord through reading the Word of God. What if you could not read the Bible?!

Checks can be mailed to House of Hope (see address below). For Paypal: [www.houseofhopeministry.net](http://www.houseofhopeministry.net)

## Help us help them read!

If you wish to donate glasses, please purchase the **Dollar Store-type** (all plastic – no metal)

## We ALWAYS need:

### Literature

- Study Bibles / Bibles / (Large Print as well) (soft cover only)
- Christian Recovery Books (paperback)
- Christian books (paperback)
- True Christian Success Stories - Biographies
- Daily Devotionals (paperback)
- Christian Crossword & Word Search Books
- Christian Magazines
- Bookmarks – (paper only)
- Bible tracks

### Other Needs

- Volunteers – mentors
- Eye Glasses – no metal (Dollar Store-type)
- Donations: Cash; Check; Paypal

**NOTE: HOH serves over 9,000 inmates yearly!!**  
**We give approximately 1500 Bibles to prisoners EVERY YEAR!!**

## Please Pray for House of Hope Ministry

*Interested in volunteering? Please call!*



Michael and Margie Sgobba (founders)

House of Hope Ministries is a Non Profit Charitable 501c3 Corporation ministry serving inmates of jail, prison and after-care in Kitsap County and Washington state.

**We exist BECAUSE your generosity!**

**Thank you for your 'giving' heart!**

**HoH relies solely on your donations**