# House of Hope Holiday Thanks - Newsletter



Pray without ceasing and in everything give thanks for it is the will of God.
1 Thessalonians 5:17 & 18
We thank God for you; Have a <u>thanks-filled</u> special season, filled with His love, peace, hope, and joy · We love and thank you all, "Michael & Margie" (M&M)

"Pastor Michael's Comments" I have been working with prisoners and ex-prisoners for over 20 years and with some men 10 to 12 of those years. One inmate, **Doug G**. at Clallam Bay C.C. is maturing in his faith in Christ. We fellowship with each other when we visit together monthly at CBCC. Doug is greatly blessed with all HOH has done to visit and pray for him and his wife. Also writing letters every month is a huge blessing to him in his faith walk with Jesus. He thanks me and is very grateful for our ministry over the years. (See Doug's story below). Another man in prison, Buddy, is now writing to me twice a month, yet I have never met him face to face. He was introduced to me through the mail by another prisoner over a year ago. An inmate gave him one of our Newsletters and my business card. His is a great encouragement to me and supports our ministry. (See Buddy's letter on the second page.) We Can Immediately Use:

#### **Donations**

Cash – Check – Pay Pal - Credit Card. All Donations' are Tax-Deductible. House of Hope is a Non-Profit 501c-3.

**Bibles** Study-Bibles Large Print Bibles

**Pen Pal Coordinator** and Pen Pals to write Inmates

**Reading Glasses** Plastic only.

#### "House of Hope has been serving prisoners for over 25 years & serves over 10,000 inmates yearly"

#### WAG — "Changing lives one dog at a time" Doug G @ Clallam Bay Correctional Center

In addition to Kitsap County Jail, Michael also ministers to men at King County Jail and at Clallam Bay Correctional Center. A unique program at Clallam Bay is for a few inmates to train service dogs. It is a special privilege to be selected for the Dog training program. Please visit <u>www.youtube.com/watch?</u> <u>v=1lK7JONnkbo</u> to see Doug working with Liam. There are also other short videos of inmates training the dogs that have been assigned to them. If you are a dog person these videos will warm your heart as well remind you just how much dogs are a gift from God, "Man's Best Friend.".



House of Hope Ministries is a Non Profit Charitable 501c3 Corporation Ministry serving inmates of jail, prison and Post-prison-After-care in Kitsap, King, Pierce Counties and Washington State.

## A Letter From PASTOR MICHAEL & MARGIE



#### Dear Friend of House of Hope,

Our prayer and vision is that each person reading this devotional will come to know God's Love, trusting Jesus personally, knowing that they are not alone or forgotten.

We wish to share His Love with inmates, correction staff and ex-prisoners, encouraging all to build a strong relationship with Jesus.

Prayers are always before God that your faith will grow stronger, by studying God's Holy Word; one of our goals is to encourage men and women to develop good daily Bible Study habits, while reaching out to Jesus with heart-rendering and soul-searching prayers.

May you know that God will be with you in your darkest, midnight hour, bringing you comfort and strength, as you call out to Him.

... "That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love and attaining to all riches of full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and Christ Jesus, in Whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge ... " Colossians 2:2-3 (NKJV)

We hope and pray for you to experience the life-changing power of God, as you learn to walk closer to Him, thereby producing the desire to turn to God for the healing of your heart and soul.

Prayerfully, Pastor Michael and Margie Sgobba

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## "I love GOD's Word. It is Jesus on Paper"

"Buddy" - Washington State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Wa "Thank you for your last letter. I love God's word. It sustains me in all the seasons of my life. It is Jesus on paper! God's word reveals the Epic nature of His love for me and in turn makes me love Him all the more. One thing about looking at 20 yrs in prison is it set me free from looking at the things of this world to make me happy! ONLY GOD CAN MAKE YOU HAPPY! What a blessing, especially for somebody like me who spent a lifetime chasing after things that can never make you happy. " HOUSE OF HOPE Unchained for Christ Ministry \*Assisting in Life Transition and Spiritual Maturity" houseofhopeministry.net

## Personalized Devotional

A recent letter from an inmate at Shelton (W.C.C.) starts out "First of all thank you so much for the issue of The Word For You Today! There are so many words of encouragement in every day." So we thought it was time to tell you about the blessing of connecting with the folks at the 'Word For You Today'. While there are many daily devotionals available in jails and prisons the 'Word For You Today' has been introduced to prisoners in Wash state by House of Hope giving the ministry a unique opportunity to provide a very inspiring daily devotional with a HOH personalized touch. It is not only given out personally at the jail but it is also mailed to many inmates in several prisons who correspond with us.

If you are a Church Pastor/Leader we would be overjoyed to send you a House Of Hope Ministry 'Word For You Today.

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