

House of HOPE Ministries



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**Every Year  
House of Hope  
Serves  
prisoners,  
ex-prisoners  
& their families**  
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God's Hotel

...by Leisa Lopez

I checked you in again last night, My child ~ cuz it hurt me so bad to see you out there running wild.
All tired and "sucked up" you appeared to me ~ but put a mirror in front of you, & you can't even see.
That you number among the walking dead ~ sores all over your body, confusion in your head.
Jail's not the place you want to be ~ but it's My "Hotel" where I can work on thee.
You see you weren't just arrested ~ you were rescued from yourself
I had to bring you back here ~ to **put your drug use on the shelf.**
Give you some rest, some food, & some talk ~ encourage you & love you, before I let you walk.
Don't be like a mule that's led around by a bit ~ Just listen to my warnings, and I can help you quit.
This could be the last time you have to come to this place
Just listen to me, the Creator of all,
with tears upon my face!!

PUT YOUR DRUG USE ON THE SHELF'

... BY SHANNON T

What do YOU do when you go to jail? Can't use drugs there, cause there are none! The things you 'can't live without' you end up living without! You 'Put your Drug Use on the Shelf'! (from the poem 'Gods Hotel').

You are '**torn down**' and '**stripped out**' and '**stowed away in chains**'. You wear P.J.'s n' socks all day & to court... just like everyone else. You feel the best you ever felt. Why!?? Because you are 'REMOVED' from the streets...from the drugs...from the people....**cleaned up and given a room in God's Hotel!**

'Welcome back!' How many more times? Will this be your last?

I heard about God in 2011 from a woman who came in on Thursday nights through **House of Hope Ministries**. I was curious & found myself looking forward to hearing more. I gave my life to Jesus during that Hotel stay & learned that GOD LOVES ME!!!!!! And yet, I walked back to the streets & away from Him. But He did not forget about me. He was always watching me & checked me into His Hotel again!

In 2014 I was back in jail again. He sent a lady named Kati in to his Hotel & I learned '**who I am in Jesus & how to seek Him**'. This time when I got out, I did something different. I went to church & surrounded myself with Christians. I went

to classes at church; avoided old hang outs; got Christian counseling; listened to worship music & not my old music. That was hard! I focused my whole life on a **surrendered** relationship with Jesus Christ! **What a difference!**

God wants to love you too. He wants to make life better for you. He is REAL.

We were on the streets fighting to find things to make us feel better. Why not seek God and find the good things that are real - to make us feel better? He loves you and He is the only one who can change things for your good!

Weren't we on the streets looking for something to make us feel better? I know I was. I want you to know - **Jesus PAID THE PRICE & He loves you!!** He is the only one who can change you!

If you are reading this from jail...I want you to know how much He loves you! Surrender is not a word we like on the streets...but it is my middle name now. I hope that you hear the Word and choose to surrender your whole life to Him.

If you are someone reading this at home & have a loved one in jail...just know, **it is God's Hotel. Pray for them.** He hears all your prayers! Your loved one is not 'missing in action', your loved one is just 'checked-in at God's Hotel'.

If you are someone reading this & **God is pulling on your heart strings**...get involved!!



Find a way to be Thankful for all your problems and they will become your blessings !!

Will YOU
Please Help?

We need Study Bibles!!

Presently we are in great need of Study Bibles. Life Application Study Bibles; the Prison Bible; How to Find God - New Testament...Any soft cover, used or new... would you consider donating Bibles monthly?

**SIN will take you farther than you intended to stray...
SIN will keep you longer than you intended to stay...
SIN will cost you more than you ever intended to pay!**

~ A Sinner Changed ~

I am blessed and honored to be walking with the Lord. My life has been turned upside down...or right side up, I should say! I feel changed from the inside out and it feels great. I can't imagine going back to living for the world, my flesh or Satan. I have been redeemed and give all the glory to Jesus Christ.

...excerpt from a letter by Donny M. @ WSP Walla Walla

Donny M is currently leading a Bible study of about 20 men.

- Study Bibles / Bibles / (Large Print as well) (soft cover only)
- Christian Recovery Books (paperback)
- True Christian Success Stories
- Daily Devotionals (paperback)
- Bookmarks – (paper only)
- Volunteers – Mentors
- Eye Glasses – no metal (i.e.: Dollar Store)
- Donations are also so appreciated: Cash Check Paypal

HOH serves over 9,000 inmates yearly!!

"We always
need"

WHAT HAS GOD CALLED YOU TO DO?

MICHAEL'S CORNER.....

I read a book years ago about **work habits, a Job -vs- a career**, compared to a **"Calling of God"**.

When I had a job in previous years in life, my job was a way to pay the bills. Not bad – but not the only thing God has intended for a job to do. On the other hand, later in life I looked at my job differently, as a "career or a career move" from a prior job, my motivation was higher than just paying the bills. It seemed as though I was investing my time and energy into a more worthwhile opportunity or career.

However, as I have now served the Lord and prisoners for over twenty years, as a calling...the purpose and reason for why God has called me to serve, it is now clear to me.

There is a **'Higher Calling'** more than a job or career! My 'Attitude of Gratitude' is so strong! Logically speaking, if there is a calling, there must be someone making the call, right? Phil 3:14

God is the one who calls! We are not the 'caller'!
Only God can elevate a job or career to "A much Higher Calling"!! Jesus said, "Many are called but few are Chosen." Matt 22:14

God does not call the Qualified...

But He does Qualify those that are called.

So...are you called?

Won't you join us in this exciting ministry?!



Pastor Michael
& Margie Sgobba

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