

HOUSE OF HOPE MINISTRY

2018 WINTER NEWSLETTER

~House of Hope Board member's stories~

Pastor Michael, Director....It's been a long, eventful year of planning, painting, packing and selling our home in Bremerton; and then relocating, getting settled in Odessa, Wash.

We moved in July, 2018, beginning the next chapter for House of Hope Ministry (HoH), preparation for House of Hope – EAST. As many things have been changing for Margie and I, much is also still the same. HoH is still very active in prisons/jails, but my involvement in Jail Ministry will be in Eastern Wash. I will also still visit prisoners at Clallam Bay Corrections Center. The Kitsap County Jail volunteers will still carry on ministry there. I am soon to begin in Lincoln County Jail in Davenport, Wash. *(cont.on back)*

Treasurer Don Berg...For nearly 30 yrs. I worked with the youth in our church, trying to help them avoid the mistakes I made, when I was there age. About 12 yrs ago I started working at an outreach to the homeless. For the first 3-4 years I cooked mostly, because by working in the kitchen I felt like I didn't have to go one-on-one with the folks we were serving.

But God had a different plan for me. He put me in a situation where I had to deal directly with some of these men and women. Wow...did that ever wake me up! Once I got to know them as people (instead of homeless people) I discovered that I enjoyed talking to them and sharing the love of Christ with them. Today, I find myself seeing them on the...*(cont. on back)*

Asst. Director Ken Mickelberry...After retiring from the Navy and graduating from a local seminary with a Master's Degree in Ministry I was seeking the Lord's calling to a ministry of His choosing I was already involved with numerous ministries with one of them being, leading a Bible study at the Kitsap Co. Jail every Tuesday. It was in the dormitory section of the jail where up to 14 men could attend one of the four 45 min. sessions held in the multipurpose room. While this ministry is fulfilling and fruitful to bring the good news that there is salvation and hope in Jesus, there was no time available for meeting one on one. When Michael asked me if I would be interested in coming in during the day to help answer Kites (written inmate requests for Chaplain type services and materials) I knew this was the ministry I was seeking. It was the most personally rewarding ministry I've ever done. Helping people see God's light while they are in a dark place in their life is a privilege. While the door has been closed to the daytime ministry I still am involved with facilitating the Tues. Bible Study, now I have a much deeper appreciation of how important it is to bring the Light of Jesus into this dark time for them. I look for any...*(cont. on back)*

Secretary Stanley Altaras...In about 2001 I met Michael Sgobba at the Kent RJC(King Co. Jail). I had been regularly visiting those in jail for about 6 years. Michael and I became, what I would call...close friends.

At the time I was finishing my 15 year term of working for Seattle Christian Schools. Michael reached out to me at that time. Michael then had invited me to consider myself to begin helping him direct a re-entry house for those coming out of jails and prisons. I had, at that time, eight years of directing men's transitional homes . These homes were discipleship homes and effective in helping men become reestablished in society.

My time working as founder of Fresh Start Ministries and Fountain Center provided me with much experience in spiritual counseling and Bible Teaching.

Michael and I had the opportunity of being interviewed on KGNW 820AM, a local Christian Radio station, concerning opening a re-entry home for ex-inmates. *(cont. on back)*

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**Michael: Mexico Ministry
Yakima Jail**

Baptizing Ex-Inmate Kitsap Co.

Pastor praying with inmate at



Pastor Michael (cont. from front)... Prayerfully, we will eventually be in Lincoln County and also Grant Co. Jail (Ephrata, Wash). The changes in our lives are much to do with temperature, physical location and new jail ministry!! The seasons and times are changing too....I would love to talk by phone or text anytime, please see new address and phone # below(New Mailing address).

Please keep us in your prayers!!

We are overjoyed to introduce to you our HoH Board Members in this newsletter, as follows: Ken Mickelberry, Asst. to Director; Don Berg, HoH Treasurer; Stanley Altares, Secretary of House of Hope.

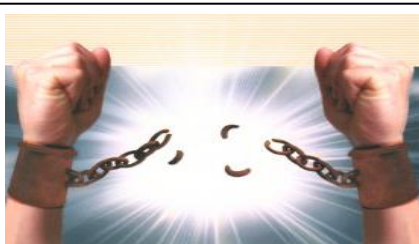
Ken Mickelberry (cont. from front)...Spirit led opportunity to reflect the light of Jesus in Jail Aftercare. HOH has taken me to school (so to speak) in Jail ministry and aftercare in ways that I could never have imagined. I am humbled and grateful for it.

Commander Ken
Mickelberry, USN (retired)
Asst. Director

Don Berg (cont. from front)...street and stopping to talk to them, genuinely caring about them...Several yrs ago I was asked to possibly update the HOH website for Michael. The more I talked with Michael, and the more I learned about HOH, the more I realized how much Jesus Christ is needed in the lives of not only those experiencing homelessness, but also those in Jail and Prisons. It didn't take me long to make the decision that I needed to do whatever I could to help this ministry keep going....quite honestly, I can hardly wait to see what God wants me to do next. Don Berg Treasurer

Stanley Altares (cont. from front)...In 2004 I began to volunteer as a Chaplain at the Fed. Detention Ctn., SeaTac, WA; and still to this day. Also, I am a Chaplain in the WA State Prison, where I am sponsor for the Messianic Jewish Services. For the last 5 yrs. at Monroe Correctional Complex. I was nominated for volunteer of the year 2017 at MCC. At the Salvation Army (Seattle) I have been asst. chaplain with the Adult Rehab cnt. Volunteer of the year 2016. I was saved at age 5 yrs. and am grandson to the 1st ordained Seattle Rabbi of the Sephardi ethnic Jewish background. I praise God that He has kept me faithful, by the leading of the Holy Spirit. Also, on Fridays I hold church for Memory/Alzheimer patients.

As Secretary for HOH I look very much forward to the continued flourishing of fruit bearing for the Kingdom of God in Jails and Prisons. I'm excited about the outreach of HOH. I thank God for the work of HOH over the years. I hope to join in the work of this ministry, as a faithful laborer in the ministry God has called me to. ...Sincerely in the love of Messiah, Stanley David Altares, Secretary



Isaiah 43:19

"Behold! I will do something new, Now it will spring forth; Will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, Rivers in the desert."