



HOPE³ Ministries News

Fall 2015/Winter 2016

Fall 2015 Open House & Blowout Tent Sale



Dear friends of HOPE³, we hope this finds you well and enjoying the gorgeous fall we have been having. We at HOPE³ Ministries have been busy planning a friend-raiser for our ministry. Are you interested? We invite you to join us this month at Peaceful Point Farm for a Fall Open House and Blowout Tent Sale!

HOPE³ Ministries has received a generous donation of a multitude of gently used items (including household items, furniture, clothing and kitchenware) and, as they say, everything must go!

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2015

Time: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Come to Peaceful Point Farm, rain or shine, and enjoy some fast food and family fun. We plan to cook hot dogs and have other snacks and drinks available for purchase. All items will be under canopies, so stop by in any weather for a great as-

sortment of diverse goodies. Outdoor activities for children will be available as well. Since all proceeds will benefit Ministry programming in the new year, this will be a "no-haggle" event with items grouped together by price: \$1.00, \$5.00, and \$10.00 and up.

Our physical location is:

HOPE³ Ministries

25428 Jefferson Davis Hwy

Ruther Glen, VA 22546

For more information, please feel free to contact us at hope3ministries@gmail.com. You may also call Deb Leeper at (804) 858-HOPE. We look forward to seeing you at Peaceful Point Farm on Saturday, October 24! Feel free to invite your friends and family! We plan to advertise on Craigslist, if you are interested in a sneak-peek of a sample of what's for sale.

Men's HOPE³ Weekend in May: A Recap

HOPE³ stands for **H**e **O**pens **P**eople's **E**yes — in **3** days. The HOPE³ Weekend is a non-denominational short course in Christianity designed to demonstrate the love and grace of Jesus Christ. Our goal is to reach out to those who may be outside the church, or in the church and disconnected, but who are willing to give God three days to show His presence and His love.

In May 2015, we hosted our second HOPE³ Weekend for men, and it was such a meaningful experience for all folks involved.

When asked what was their favorite part of the Weekend, one of the five seeds (participants) answered, "the talks and the music!" A team member's favorite moment of the Weekend was the Sunday morning service in the chapel in the dell. "It was like having God being present with us in His creation. We were blessed with beautiful weather and everyone participated." Another team member remembers sitting at the dinner table with the seeds and sharing their stories as their favorite experience.

Other parts of the Weekend were unex-

pected. For our seeds? The prayer chain, a tangible reminder of God's love.

For our team members, one thing that was unexpected was how young and old were able to relate to each other, and that the difference in ages was not an obstacle to communication and sharing. Young seeds, older team members, it didn't matter. God

brought them together! In addition, the unexpected down time allowed chatting with seeds and team members, which added a layer of intimacy that encouraged personal growth. "The young men accepting their crosses without hesitation. That truly shows that God works through, around and with us to bring His children to Him."



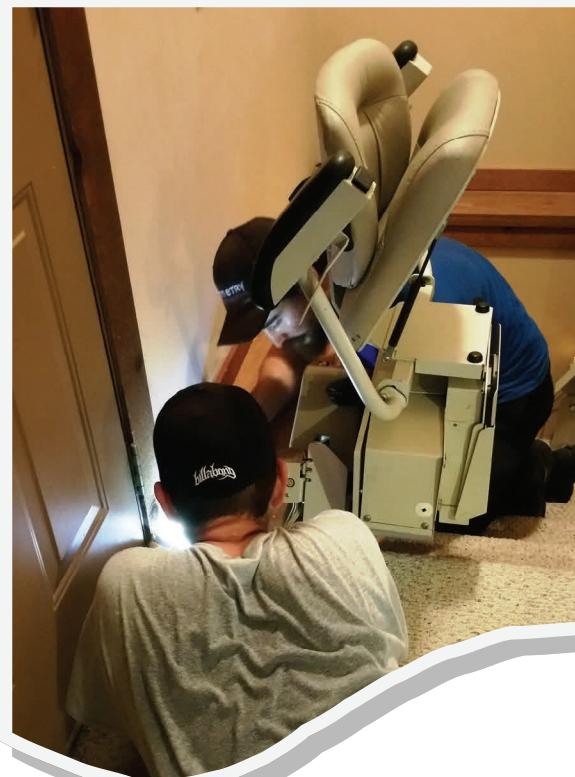
Call For Sponsors: Will You Serve?

Are you called to make a difference in a new Christian's life? As a HOPE³ sponsor, you can walk alongside someone who is encountering Christ for the first time, or in a new way, and your nurturing presence may be impactful for years to come.

What's involved? A HOPE³ sponsor gets the participant (called "seed") to and from the Weekend and joins in several activities during the Weekend. These actively demonstrate their support for the seed, as well as his/her family. Sponsors also commit to a post-Weekend mentorship with their seeds. In this manner, sponsors directly nurture the seeds and their families in their budding faith.

In order for this to happen, HOPE³ Ministries provides a sponsor training and resources that explain the Weekend and post-Weekend obligations. To apply to be a sponsor for one of the upcoming HOPE³ Weekends, please download an application at <http://hope3ministries.org/causes/hope3weekend/> and mail it to PO Box 444, Ruther Glen, VA 22546.





HOPE³ on the Move!

The story behind one of the most recent gifts to HOPE³ Ministries, a stair chair, is one that needs to be told. It's a story of God's abundant provision.

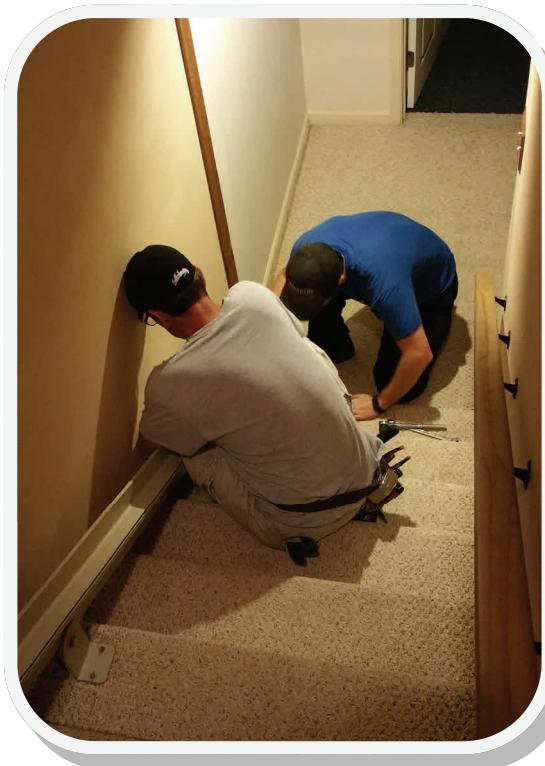
Recently we were preparing for the fall HOPE³ Weekend and received a participant application by someone who is wheelchair bound. Sleeping accommodations for Weekend participants are in a basement apartment.

One of the spiritual guides for the Weekend contacted us about the possibility of a donation to the ministry of a stair chair. The day we met the donor to pick up the unit, we learned that he actually had two units. We only needed one, but he told us to go ahead and take both and "find a good home for the second one."

When a representative from the installation company came to the farm to assess the job, he said that because the staircase to the basement made a 90 degree turn, we actually needed two units – exactly what we had been given!

Now, because of God's provision through a generous donor, the ministry is accessible to those who want to come to a Weekend and learn of God's sacrifice, love, and grace.

"The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." ~ Psalm 126:3 (NIV)



Coming Up at HOPE³ Ministries in Fall '15 & Spring '16

HOPE³ Ministries events are open to all who wish to experience God's love through fellowship or study of His word. Come as you are! Our next HOPE³ Weekend is for men and is scheduled to take place May 19-22, 2016. This will be the third men's Weekend in the life of the Ministry. To apply to be a participant or sponsor for this HOPE³ Weekend, please download the applications at <http://hope3ministries.org/causes/hope3weekend/> and mail them to PO Box 444, Ruther Glen, VA 22546. The Weekend is able to accommodate eight participants, who are considered in the order in which they are received.

We are also looking for folks to serve on the team for the HOPE³ Weekend this coming May. If you are interested in volunteering during the Weekend, or if you would like more information about the upcoming events for our ministry, please contact us at <http://hope3ministries.org/contact/> or the phone number or e-mail address below.

October 24	Fall Open House & Tent Sale
October 25	Family Fun
November 3, 18, 25	Bible Study
November 29	Family Fun
December 1, 9, 16	Bible Study
December 20	Family Fun
January 5, 13, 20, 29	Bible Study
January 31	Family Fun
February 2, 17, 24	Bible Study
February 28	Family Fun
March 1, 9, 16, 23, 30	Bible Study
March 20	Family Fun
April 5, 13, 20, 27	Bible Study
April 24	Family Fun
May 3, 11, 25	Bible Study

Please Pray For A Women's Weekend

HOPE³ Ministries has offered two successful HOPE³ Weekends for men in the past two years, and we are grateful for the wonderful results of those Weekends and the growth of the nine seeds who participated in them. For various reasons, however, we have encountered multiple obstacles in the execution of a Women's Weekend.

So today, we ask for your prayers. Please pray for a successful Women's Weekend in God's time. Please pray for eight open-minded and committed female seeds. Pray for a strong team, both the Journey Room team and the Servant team. And please pray during the Weekend that it may unfold as God has planned it.



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"Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them. ~ Psalm 126:6 (NIV)"