



Center of Hope Newsletter

Sowing Seeds of God's Love  Physically and Spiritually

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MINISTERING WITH GOOD PERSPECTIVE

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The overall desire of the Center of Hope has always remained the same: that people may personally experience God's love in our ministries, and through that, grow closer to God.

This happens in a variety of ways: Susan comes to use the computers and the telephone for making job contacts and we ask how the search is going and how we can pray for her, offering to pray together in the chapel. Sam comes for a bike-for-work and we share a note about God's love for him and take time to listen to him. This causes him to come back on a discouraging day when he needs someone to talk to, which often leads to prayer.

We want **so** much that every person has good opportunities to come to know God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. People everywhere carry on with their daily burdens without knowing that God desires that they "cast (their) anxieties (and the rest of their burdens) on Him, because He cares . . ." I Peter 5:7.

This is where theological perspective is key. There have been bil-

ions of believers before us to be "lights for the world" (Matthew 5:14), and there will be billions after us, Lord-willing. II Peter 3:1-10 reminds us that He, the Creator and Savior, is in charge, and that to Him, "a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. . .," and, thanks be


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to God, ". . .He is patient with (us), not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

More theological perspective is needed when we start to wonder what happens to all of those Muslims and Hindus and others who are just as passionate that their way is truth. My cousin and I visited over this recently. While we both came up with what we be-

lieve is the 'right' answer in John 14:6, where Jesus said, "I am the way...no one comes to the Father except through me." We then moved to Deuteronomy 29:29: "The secret things (*including difficult things to understand*) belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever."

With God in charge, and us as sharers of his Truth, we are called to act. Jesus said in Matthew 9:37-38: "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." In his fields, God does not just use big-time players like King David, Peter and the Apostle Paul, but God used Barnabas (a simple encourager), and Ruth and Mary Magdalene (humble, faithful women), and a boy willing to give up a few fish and loaves of bread. None of these folks would ever have imagined that we would still be talking about them today as ones who were simply but profoundly used by God, according to His will.

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MINISTRY UPDATE

Mother Baby Baskets

Our Mother Baby Baskets are a popular item for our guests who are new mothers! What is a Mother Baby Basket? A Mother Baby Basket is a gift to a new mother from the Center of Hope. There is a crib-sized quilt, some newborn or size 1 diapers, baby sleepers, toiletries for mom and baby, and other small items that a mother would appreciate.

We recently had a group from First Baptist Church in George, IA help us put together a bunch of Boy baby baskets. They had a blast!

This also depleted our supplies that we had on hand. Could you help re-

plenish our supplies? Here is a list of new items that are needed:

- Receiving blankets
- Crib Sized Quilts
- Burp rags
- Washcloths
- Bibs
- Newborn or size 1 Diapers
- Wipes
- Newborn or 3-6 month outfits (No seasonal items)
- Newborn or 3-6 month sleepers (No seasonal items)
- Newborn or 3-6 month onesies
- Socks or booties
- Baby caps
- Baby Wash
- Baby Shampoo

- Baby Lotion
- Feminine Pads
- Body Wash
- Lotion
- Deodorant
- Bottles



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MEMORIAL GIFTS



- Cheryl Van Duyn of Colton, South Dakota
Wilemena Van Duyn of Colton, South Dakota
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