



CENTER OF HOPE

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Center of Hope Newsletter

Sowing Seeds of God's Love...Physically and Spiritually

Finding Common Ground through Outreach by Brian Narcomey

Greetings. My name is Brian J. Narcomey. I am the Outreach Coordinator/Pastor at the Center of Hope. The responsibilities of my position include planning, coordinating, and implementing outreach programs and activities to engage the community. With that said, I will say, first and foremost, Jesus is Lord and all things are done in His name and for His glory.

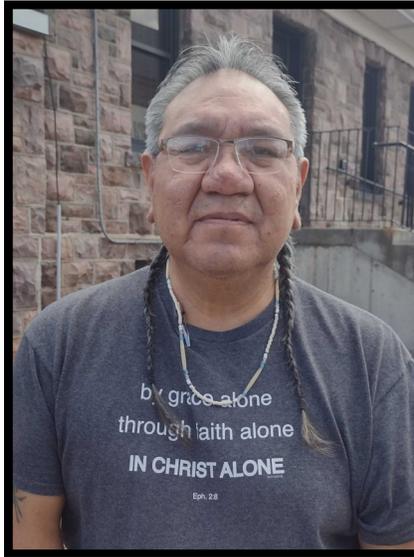
His plan starts with bringing together the struggling into the light of who they are in Christ's eyes.

Recognizing their worth and value as my brother or sister in Christ, I engage them with my story of brokenness as we all are related. After all, **Revelation 7:9** states that every nation, tribe, people, and language will stand before the Lamb.

I mention brokenness for the reason of the healing and transformation that has been taking place in my life since September 7th, 2001. That I, too, am related by my sinfulness and broken nature. Sharing our testimony of who we are in Christ, God our Heavenly Father, through the Holy Spirit, engages us all with the mystery of how we may think of ourselves as not worthy.

God thinks of us as holy and without fault (**Ephesians 1:4**). My Father God even now blessed me with scripture as I am preparing to

officiate a sister's funeral. The blessing in this is that at the passing of a loved one, we engage the family and members to witness and share the



Gospel. Funerals are part of life. Yet, we do have to prepare, so it is a blessed and sad time to be with family at this event.

Isaiah 55:11 says "I send my word out. It does what I desire it to do, for it will not come back void."

Before knowing Christ, I was scattered. Yet,

His thoughts towards me are precious (**Psalms 139:17**), He says not of bad but of good (**Jeremiah 29:11**). To all of us broken-hearted, struggling, and suffering children, words of adoration are hard to take, swallow, and sometimes comprehend. Even so, God's thoughts towards us are precious.

So, I seek to find common ground with everyone. Jesus tells us when they are joyful, be joyful; when they are sad, be sad with them. The privilege comes with giving honor to those who are broken, and then God the Father gets the praise and glory for loving us in it.

Paul says in **1 Corinthians 9:22 - 23**, "When I am with those whose consciences bother them easily, I don't act as though I know it all and

don't say they are foolish; the result is that they are willing to let me help them. Yes, whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him. **23** I do this to get the Gospel to them and also for the blessing I myself receive when I see them come to Christ" (TLB). Engaging the community from Christ's perspective is in love, because when it is in love and truth expressed, there will be a genuine reception or rejection.

As soldiers in our King's army, I believe, we have all been tested in many ways. **1 Corinthians 1:26-31**; "Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. **27** Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And He chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. **28** God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important.

29 As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God. **30** God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit, God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; He made us pure and holy, and He freed us from sin. **31** Therefore, as the Scriptures say, 'If you want to boast, boast only about the Lord.'" So, in closing, the main responsibility of my position is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and as broken, sinful being, I have become a child of God to love others as He loved me first.

BIBLE STUDIES additions!!! Praise God!!!

One of my goals when I became the Executive Director of Center of Hope in April 2024 was to make sure there was a Bible Study at every homeless shelter and transition house in Sioux Falls. I need to know that people are hearing the WORD OF GOD! That was one of the reasons why one of the first things I did in my new role was hire Brian Narcomey. Ministry isn't a job for Brian; ministry is his life! And he radically meets people where they are in life on the streets, in the County Jail, hospices, hospitals, and homes.

I am pleased to let you know that since 2024, Center of Hope has started:

- **2024:** A weekly Bible Study at the Bishop Dudley Hospital-ity House.
- **2025:** Weekly Bible Studies / Talking Circles at House of Grace/Kingdom Boundaries, St. Francis House, and all the floors of the County Jail.
- **2026:** A weekly Bible Study at the South Dakota State Penitentiary.

We exist to share the Good News of Jesus Christ! We will continue to seek new, exciting ways to share His hope with the people in our community. In addition to weekly Bible Studies and other outreach activities, we offer pulpit supply assistance to churches nearby. If you need a fill-in pastor, we are more than happy in partnering in ministry with you in that way. **All for His glory and honor!**

Ministry Updates

To keep you informed on ministry changes at Center of Hope, I wanted to give you a brief list of how your support is changing lives:

- **2025:** We started a Mobile Ministry by using a 24' trailer. In the Spring/Summer, we had a mobile Bike Ministry in neighborhoods throughout Sioux Falls. In the Fall/Winter, we had a mobile Clothing Ministry outside schools through our Coats For Kids program.
- **2025:** We started a Prison Transition Mentorship program in which we connected the recently incarcerated to a team of mentors to help them in their re-entry process.

The **Spiritual Mentor** taught our mentees about what it means to live for Christ and grow in relationship with Him.

Our **Financial Mentor** (Dawson Muska at The Community Out-

reach) taught what it means to be stewards of what God gives (time, resources, etc.). Our **Addiction Counselor** (Brian Narcomey) taught what it means to put our trust in God instead of substances. This new program has had such great success thus far! I'm greatly encouraged. Honestly, thinking about it makes me tear up a bit because of the impact the program is making. My vision for this program is to make the program a multi-agency second-chance program for the recently released. Doing so would lower the recidivism rates in South Dakota while leading people to Christ. Our national recidivism rate is that 75% of people leaving prison go back to prison within 5 years!!!! That should not be the case. We will address this issue aggressively. Not in our State!

- **2025:** Started chaplain visits within the South Dakota State Penitentiary. This has been very rewarding! I can honestly say that lives have been changed for the better through our conversations.
- **2025:** Restarted Hygiene Kit Ministry, in collaboration with Journey of Hope.
- **2025:** Expanded Earn-Your-Way program to address ANY and ALL hurdles to employment.
- **2026 Plans:**
 - Expand Mobile Ministry and Prison Transition Mentorship program
 - Start a New Beginnings clothing program for the recently incarcerated in all of SD, in collaboration with churches and stakeholders. This is a dream of one of our Prison Transition mentees. We will work together to make this a reality.
 - Expand the hours of operation for our Free Clinic for the uninsured (dependent on volunteer recruitment), due to the increase in patients.
 - Strengthen collaboration to reduce duplication of services in Sioux Falls. Ministry is a team activity.
 - Our main task will always be to share the Hope we find *only* in Christ and share His love.

In-Kind Donation Most Urgent Needs

1. **Men's Coats and Coveralls**
2. **Children's Coats and Snow pants**
3. **Boots (all sizes!)**
4. **Shoes (all sizes!)**
5. **Men's and Children's Clothing**

MEMORIAL GIFTS

**Center of Hope appreciates the gifts In Memory of:
Bertha Vos, Hattie Van Heerde, and Peg Biermeier**

**Center of Hope In Honor gifts:
Alec Boyce and Joyce Baumgartner**

Your Gifts SPREADS HOPE:

Stock or Commodity Gifts—Talk to your financial advisor about gifting stocks and commodities to the Center of Hope.

Make it Double—Check with your employer to see if they will match your charitable contributions to the Center of Hope.

Be a Sustainer of Hope—A **monthly gift** will bring stability to individuals and families. Give online at: www.centerofhopesf.org OR via Venmo: @CenterofHopeSFSD

In-Kind Gifts—Clothing, Winter gear, Bicycles, Hygiene items, Backpacks for people transitioning out of prison, encouragement cards/letters, office supplies (contact before donating)

Financial Update

Fiscal year runs from April to March, for the year 2025-26

April—To Date Income

\$437,702.57

2025-26 Budget Need

\$459,866.37