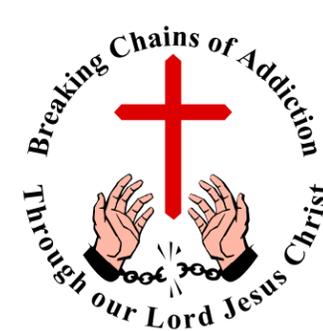


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"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." II Cor. 4:5

WAYS TO GIVE

Consider a gift to this ministry in memory of a departed friend or loved one.

An honorarium is a wonderful way to celebrate a variety of occasions. You may honor a client or family member by making a donation in his/her name. These will be acknowledged in our newsletter.

Consider including the Mission of Hope in your will. You may also give a gift of property, stocks, bonds, boats or vehicles.

"But lay up yourselves for treasures in heaven..."
Matthew 6:20

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ADDICTS AND THE EXODUS

BROUGHT OUT BY THE BLOOD.

An addict's journey is much like the journey of the children of Israel recorded in the Old Testament and referred to multiple times in the New Testament. In Exodus 12, the Passover is instituted which involved the blood of a lamb. This passage is a beautiful foreshadowing of what would happen on the Cross of Jesus in the future. As the children of Israel were rescued from the death angel and brought out of Egypt by the blood of a lamb, so the drug addict is brought out of darkness and into the light by the Blood of THE Lamb of God, the Lord Jesus Christ.

BROUGHT OVER BY THE POWER OF GOD.

According to Old Testament scholars, one of the greatest miracles of God is the passage of the children of Israel across the Red Sea in Exodus 14. This miracle is great example of what our God is able to do in the life of a drug addict. All the elements of deliverance are contained in the chapter: desperation by the plan of God, (vv.1-12), inspiration through God's man Moses, (v. 13), expectation on everyone's part (vv. 13-14), separation from the past (vv. 27-29), and salvation at last (v. 31). So, they were brought over to the other side and new life by the power of God.

BROUGHT INTO THE PROMISES OF GOD.

Salvation is and should be followed by great celebration. Because they have been brought into the promises of God made to Abraham centuries before, they sing a song of celebration recorded in chapter 15. A drug addict being brought from all the forces of darkness and destruction bearing upon his soul into all the glorious promises contained in His Word is truly an event worthy of celebration. Jesus is the only one who can accomplish this in an addicts life. SO WE CELEBRATE JESUS.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEN'S LOCATION. WE HAVE HAD TO CLOSE DOWN PART OF ONE OF OUR MEN'S HALFWAY HOUSES AND NEED TO CLOSE THE MEN'S STAFF HOUSE DUE TO THE DETERIORATION OF THESE OLDER BUILDINGS. PLEASE LIFT THIS NEED UP TO THE LORD FOR US.



TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

Who could have imagined forty-six years ago, that a young man, with his wife and three children, could come from Houston, Texas, to Mobile, Alabama, to begin an alcohol and drug rehab, just because God led them to come?

Who could have imagined that a love for the addicted and broken, fueled by the passion to serve their Savior, would be enough to leave family, friends and careers behind, to enter these unchartered waters? Support would need to be raised. Buildings would need to be built. Clothing, food, personal effects, as well as instruction, counseling and spiritual teaching, would all need to be provided for the future residents. And all the Miller family brought with them was a single-wide mobile home; a few meager belongings they kept back when they sold their home, and everything they owned, to answer God's call with willing hearts. It was indeed a journey of faith.

BUT GOD...

Over the past forty-six years, Mission of Hope Ministries has provided help, healing and hope to thousands of men, women, children and their families through a three-month program, step-up and half-way programs, a home for mothers with young children, jail ministry, street ministry, one on one counseling, and family counseling through the *Welcome Home Ministry*. And because of generous friends and supporters like you, this ninety-day program has remained FREE of charge to the clients for forty-six years. FORTY-SIX YEARS! Who could have ever imagined all of this? Only God!

We say with the Apostle Paul: *Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.* Ephesians 3:20-21

We praise You, O God, for Your wondrous works. We thank You for Your blessings on Mission of Hope Ministries these past forty-six years, and pray Your richest blessings on those who have made this all possible through their prayerful and financial support. To God be the glory! Amen

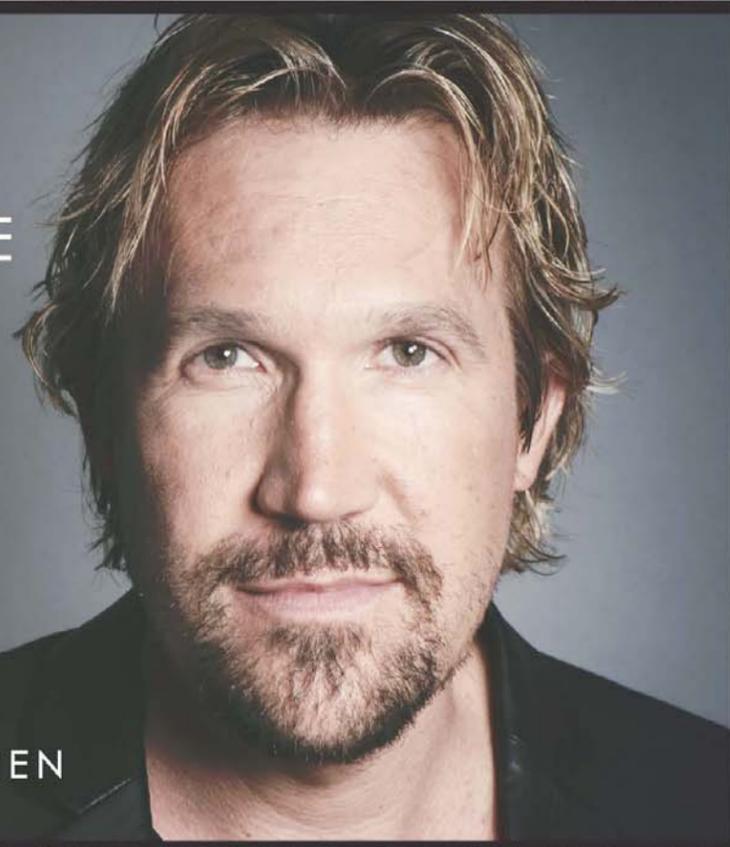
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Meet the Counselors



Dr. Alben & Vickie Gaston



Brother Ralph Williams



Brother Michael Cooper



Julie Reed

A lot of the men and women who turn to addiction are fighting un-forgiveness, low self worth, bitterness and many other negative effects from their sinful lifestyle. The addiction has complicated their lives. They might be using drugs to try to cover up the hurt or pain from past experiences, but it doesn't work. Many need the opportunity to open up and talk about and confront their past so that God can begin the healing process.

At both the men and the women's campuses, clients are counseled during their program. Our counselors are doing God's work to guide these clients with the Word of God and through prayer with them as they ask God to help them move on to who they were called to be.

One of our counselors is Brother Ralph Williams who also teaches a 3 session class called Soul Winning at the men's campus. Brother Williams goes over the plan of salvation with the newer clients using the Roman Road.

Dr. Alben was a pastor for many years. He teaches a Bible class every Monday morning. He and his wife do couples counseling for husbands and wives who come through our program at the same time as well as engaged couples. Dr. Alben has an earned and accredited doctorate in missions from Mid America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis, TN.

Michael Cooper does in depth counseling with the men helping them resolve personal issues with biblical understanding. He teaches the clients to examine their salvation as it says in 2 Corinthians 13:5.

Julie Reed has been with the Haven of Hope since 2010. She counsels at both women's campuses and teaches Addiction & Recovery classes every week to the ladies. Ms. Julie conducts Welcome Home services which helps to educate the families about the addiction and recovery process.

Thank you to these counselors who use the gifts God gave them, along with the Holy Spirit's guidance, to invest in turning the lives of these men and women to God.

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2 YEARS



Shelly Montgomery

1 YEAR



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