



Dear Friends & Ministry Partners,

We have a mortal enemy – one who desires to “kill, steal, and destroy” (John 10:10, ESV) everything God has made and declared as “very good” (Genesis 1:31, ESV). Alcohol and substance dependence along with sexual brokenness are at least three primary ways in which our enemy is moving us toward destruction – broken marriages, destroyed families, loss of life, and ultimately, an eternity without God.

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ¹

Even so, our God wants to redeem us. He desires to restore us into a relationship with Himself, through His Son Jesus. Our God wants to see us set free from the clutches of our mortal enemy, Satan. He wants to see us “have life abundantly” – not die a premature death never having known the glory of our God and the fullness of life in Him. In Christ, our destiny is to become like Him, conformed into His very image (Romans 8:29, ESV).

Yet, redemption is something so many never taste.

Freedom from the bondage to sin is something so many never experience. Healing from the wounds experienced in life is something so many never receive. Transformation into Christlikeness is something that so many never know.

Relationship with God as Provider, as Protector as intimate Father – as *El Shaddai*, our All Sufficient One – is something many never taste.

And so many continue to experience the killing, stealing, and destruction – at the hands of our mortal enemy rather than the abundant life that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ says that we can have in Him.

God has literally raised the staff of The HopeQuest Ministry Group, Inc. from the ashes lying in the wake of Satan’s attempts to kill us, steal from us, and destroy us. The organization called HopeQuest has become a strong beacon declaring the truth of God and the hope that can be found in a life redeemed by Christ and obediently allowing the transforming power of God to work in them through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Quite literally, HopeQuest is a miracle – not the organization, not the program and its curriculum – but the people that make it happen and the powerful testimonies of redemption and grace that their lives portray.



Andrew

In writing this year-end letter, I am reflecting on the sad reality that we are not doing enough. This past week, I learned from my program screening staff that we were in contact with a 25 year-old man who had been hospitalized, as a result of a severe trauma reaction related to past wounds. His parents were working to get him enrolled and admitted into our TREK residential intensive treatment program – one of the only programs of its kind in the entire United States of America, if not anywhere in the world. Unfortunately, the next day this young man committed suicide. His decision to take his own life was most likely motivated by deep despair and the loss of hope – two of our mortal enemy’s most effective tools.

I am reminded of Jesus’ own words: “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly”.¹

Not only does he come, but Peter warns us to: “Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”²

This untimely death and needless loss of life is a reminder to me of why HopeQuest exists. It reminds me of the reason my staff and I exhaust ourselves in making this ministry and its program services available to those in need. This untimely death reminds me of why I am motivated to believe God for the \$1,300,000 required in 2012 to cover the cost of this organization, its ministry programs and service offerings. Andrew’s untimely death reminds me of why I am willing to bear the burden of funding deficiencies in order to keep the program fees low enough that people in need can have access to the unique ministry that HopeQuest makes available.

On Monday of this week, the day before this young man took his life, I felt a nudge – I believe from the Spirit of God – to actually travel to his home town and personally be involved in stabilizing him and getting him transported to Georgia and into our TREK Program. Maybe through me, he could have received the message of hope and life that can be found in Jesus. I didn’t go. How can I spend money on a plane ticket and travel when I’m struggling to get the utility bills paid and meet this week’s payroll? How can I spend money on travel when I need to conserve every dollar so that we can add an additional counselor/therapist to our staff so that we all can be more effective at our work while still having time to breathe and even to acknowledge that the Holy Spirit is nudging us?

¹ *The Holy Bible: English standard version*. 2001 (Jn 10:10). Wheaton: Standard Bible Society.

² *The Holy Bible: English standard version*. 2001 (1 Pe 5:8). Wheaton: Standard Bible Society.

Will you please prayerfully consider helping us?

Will you please prayerfully consider being a consistent and faithful *partner-in-hope*?

Will you please prayerfully consider what our Father would have you do in order to help make this incredibly needed ministry available to those in need?

Help us make up the shortage of funds needed to support our 2011 operating budget – funds that we would not be in need of if we had not provided a scholarship to so many who have legitimate financial needs.

Help us to get started on a good financial footing in 2012 and then remain on a good financial footing throughout the year.

Help us by being involved in the unfolding of the next phase of our vision for The HopeQuest Ministry Group, Inc. as we begin the process of constructing four needed facilities on our 10-acre campus.



We need prayer *partners-in-hope* who will consistently pray for:

1. The protection of our staff, their families,
2. The protection of our organization, and
3. The provision for our organizations financial needs.

We need volunteer *partners-in-hope* who will commit to help us with:

1. Maintenance of our equipment and facilities,
2. Maintenance of our campus area (landscaping),
3. Building of our new campus structures – including all of the professional planning activities required in planning and permitting,
4. In-residence mentoring activities in both the men's dormitory and the women's dormitory, and
5. Administrative projects the day-to-day operations of the ministry center.

We need financial *partners-in-hope* who will stand with us by:

1. Making a one-time year-end gift, and/or
2. Making a consistent monthly gift throughout the year.

Through your partnership with us to make the ministry programs and service offerings provided through The HopeQuest Ministry Group, Inc. available, you are being personally involved with: a targeted focus on outreach and evangelism, a necessary work in deliverance and healing, and the life transforming yet often very difficult activity of discipleship and mentoring in the lives of very broken people.

Here is a list of some financial needs:

1. \$50,000.00 to make up for revenues forfeited by providing for those with legitimate financial needs;
2. \$50,000.00 to replenish the program fee scholarship fund for 2012 which is currently depleted;
3. \$75,000.00 to cover the cost of deploying an outpatient version of our current intensive residential (inpatient) treatment program;
4. \$40,000.00 to cover the cost of expanding our current *Continuing-Care* program which will drastically improve our long-term success outcomes;
5. \$25,000.00 to help with the cost of obtaining an organizational accreditation through the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Behavioral Health Management organizations which will open the door for us to get payment reimbursements through a client's insurance company;
6. \$15,000.00 to cover the cost of our planned outreach program designed to help those impacted by addiction while also marketing the residential intensive recovery treatment offered by HopeQuest through offering a weekly 15 minute radio program on ten AM stations in major southern and eastern seaboard cities;
7. \$25,000.00 to cover the cost of a planned outreach effort designed to aggressively market the program services of HopeQuest in major FM Christian radio markets through strategically timed and frequently aired 60 second commercial spots; and finally,

8. \$35,000.00 to replace the 14-year old Ford E-350 15-passenger van which we use for transporting clients participating in the residential intensive-phase treatment program (TREK);

Jesus commands us: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, *let your light shine* before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."³

Help us remain on the front line of this war against our mortal enemy.

Help us resist and stand against Satan who daily plots and schemes of ways to shut down the operation of HopeQuest and the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that is raised up daily through our ministry efforts.

Help us avoid the light of HopeQuest being snuffed out.

Help us avoid the light of precious souls like Andrew being snuffed out.

Help us, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and for His sake only!



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³ *The Holy Bible: English standard version*. 2001 [Mt 5:14–16]. Wheaton: Standard Bible Society.