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JUNE 12

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NOVEMBER 11

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For More Details About Any of These Events visit www.hopeharborinc.org

Helping Hand



BUILDING A HOSPITAL AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL

BY DR. BOB WHIDDON, JR.

Did you know that for every three churches that have some kind of divorce recovery ministry only one church has a healthy marriage ministry? Does this mean that churches are more interested in marriages that have fallen apart than in marriages that need help before they fall apart? I hope not.

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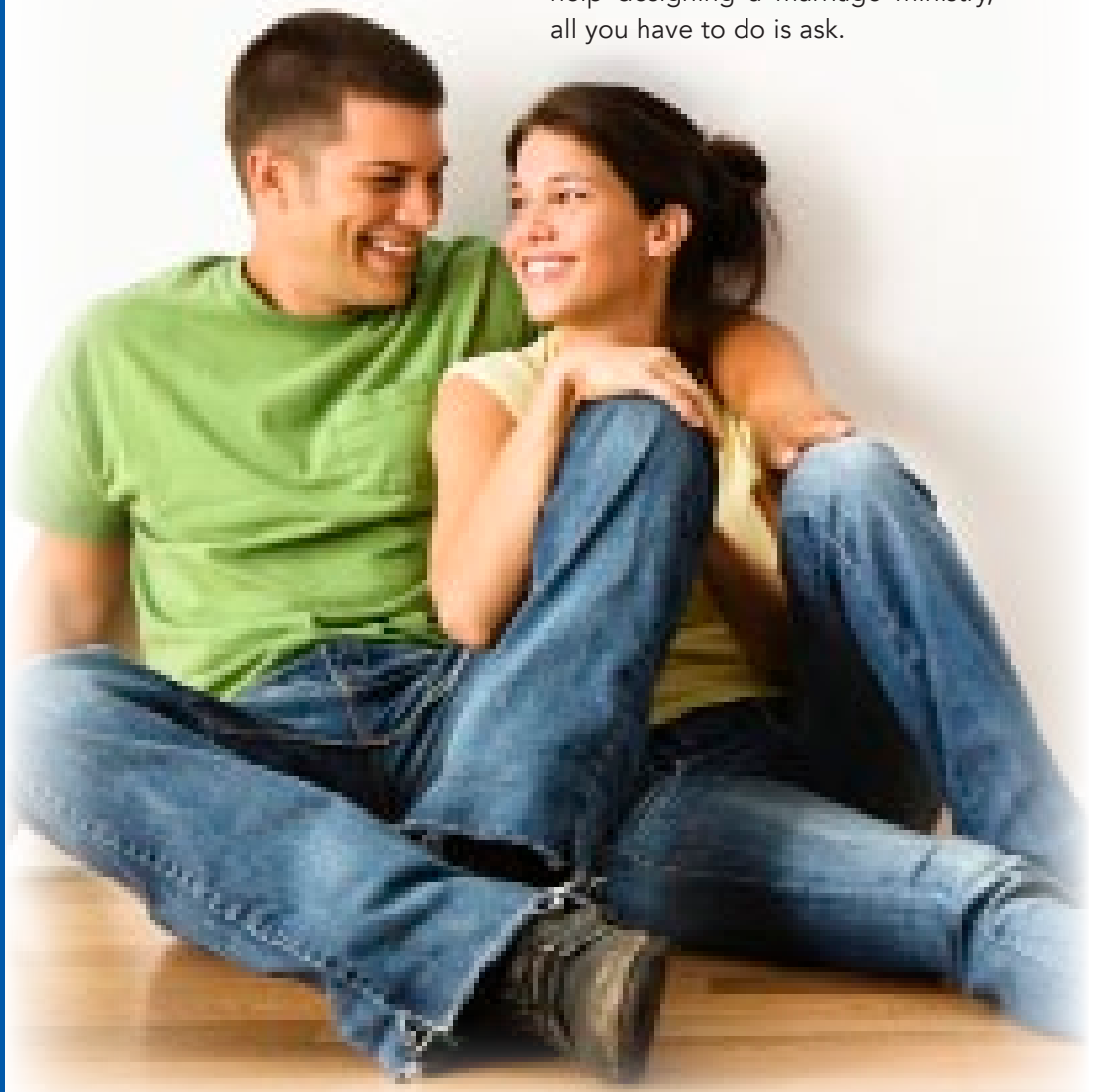
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There was once a village with many children. They regularly would go to the top of the hill right outside of the city to meet and play. But the hill, the cliff, was steep and dangerous. And very often a child would fall off the cliff and suffer injury or death. The problem was so great that the elders of the city came together to discuss what should be done. After a great debate, the city elders decided to build a hospital at the bottom of the hill. In that way, an injured child would be able to get medical attention more quickly.

So, what about prevention? Why is there more effort in churches to help individuals and couples AFTER

life-altering events than to help them BEFORE the hurt? The answer—recovery ministries are more popular. And, prevention ministries are often seen as “admission of failure” on the part of the families of the church. Wow. What a way to ignore the problem of marriage struggles and divorce.

I believe it’s time that we get our act together and promote healthy marriage and healthy parenting before the recovery ministries are needed. It is true that 50% of marriages will end in divorce. This includes marriages in your church. And, those other couples, the ones that won’t divorce, almost all of them will have struggles of average to major intensity. Let’s stop ignoring the problem. We have built too many hospitals at the bottom of the hill. If you need help designing a marriage ministry, all you have to do is ask.



In reviewing the applications and records I have to ask myself – “What could this child achieve if they were willing to accept our guidance? What changes are expected given their disabilities and are those expectations fair? How committed are the parents / guardians to this child and to helping the overall family make those changes?” Many aspects in the situation affect our decision to accept a child into the program. However, at the end of the day it boils down to these primary factors;

1) Can we keep this child and others safe while we work toward change through placement?

2) Is the child able to acknowledge the need for improvements in academics, behavior, relationships, etc. and show remorse for their actions?

3) Are the parents able to acknowledge their part in helping to create change and commit to supporting their child and their needs as well as the family’s needs during this process?

4) Do we provide the right academic, counseling, and supervisory supports?

When we begin the journey of placement with a child we acknowledge there will be bumps in the road. There will be difficult times where we really dislike their behavior or we are puzzled in our assessment. But we also have to acknowledge any anxiety they may feel, their cognitive challenges, and any other situational factors that contribute to the situation. In other words, we extend grace. In order to be fair to that child we look at the overall picture. As a minor, there are some aspects of the situation that are out of their control. As adults, we have to do what we can to provide the right supports and guidance to help them in their transition of independence through adolescence while coordinating with their family to make adjustments.

But grace is not always enough to commit to placement. Sometimes in the process of applying for placement, the best our staff can do for the child and family is to provide feedback and options outside of Hope Harbor. Sometimes

we can’t place a child but we can plant a seed to encourage change. Sometimes we can only listen and support the parents in their concerns and help them advocate for their child within ‘the system’ or community. While we firmly believe in our program and its benefits we also have our limitations. There are some situations where placement is not the answer or the supports the child needs aren’t possible within our structure and staffing. Occasionally the parents or the child are unwilling to change. Some-

times there are academic challenges based on the growth and development of the child’s brain and their trauma or cognitive challenges that cannot be changed. Sometimes we see a situation where the drug and alcohol exposure in utero cannot be undone.

There are numerous scenarios where we can help but a few that we cannot. The process of change requires a willingness on the part of the one experiencing change. You may have heard it stated ‘You can lead a horse to water but you cannot make it drink’. Such is changing someone’s life. As Christians this is more aptly illustrated by Jesus as planting seeds in different soil types.

At the end of the day what we do hope for is we’ve shown the love of Christ to those that are struggling and that our light has somehow brightened their life. We love, pray and support in any way we can. That’s what defines Hope Harbor and sets us apart from other institutions. We are genuinely concerned and will do what we can to help. So you may hear that we’re an awesome program. And I would have to agree. But you may also hear someone say, “well they wouldn’t take this kid”. Please know we do all we can for everyone. Anytime you have any questions about placement or criteria, please don’t hesitate to call me. I would be happy to consider a child in any situation and provide possible options. But keep in mind, these situations don’t usually occur overnight and won’t be fixed overnight. If placement and additional academic and counseling supports are needed, call us. We’re here to help you and the child in your life in any way we can!





Grace Through Trials

BY DARA SULLIVAN

After 13 years of listening to frustrated parents, struggling families, and tired caseworkers, all of whom are struggling to find placement for a child, I can vouch for the difficulty in parenting and assisting families. Sometimes the struggle seems overwhelming and there seems to be no light at the end of the tunnel. Sometimes you're not even sure how long that tunnel is going to last!

The lens through which we view the kids whose applications and records we review for placement is largely filled with Grace. You see, as Christians we believe in this concept of 'change'. We believe that we have deci-

sions and those decisions have consequences and that we are accountable and responsible for those decisions. However, we also believe that we can accept guidance and love into our lives and commit to making change occur with the right supports. So when applicants' records show some very ugly behavior, some academic struggles due to learning disabilities and/ or some family situation that I cannot even begin to imagine, I have to extend grace. Sometimes these families have endured extreme hardship, traumas, and unexpected events that are outside of their control. But, what if we walked beside them on their journey? What if we could provide assistance in some small way? What if we extend grace and provide supports?

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Called to (FOSTER) Care

BY JENNIFER BRISTOW, DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL SERVICES

We are excited to announce that we will now be serving children in DHS custody by providing certification and support for foster families. In Oklahoma in FY2015, 15,252 children were substantiated as victims of abuse and 10,916 children were in out of home care through the Department of Human Services. With the implementation of the Pinnacle Plan, and the closing of the shelters, there is a desperate need for homes willing to care for our children. There is a particular shortage of homes for children with special medical or behavioral needs, sibling groups, and teenagers.

Hope Harbor has been serving children and families since 1947, working to Restore Hope, Transform Lives and Reconcile Families. It is fitting that on our 70th Anniversary Year we take this next step to reaffirm our mission to Oklahoma's vulnerable children and their families.

For many foster families the biggest barriers to serving children in care include a lack of support and fears about being unable to meet

the needs of children in crisis. Children in foster care require many of the same supports being provided to our children in residential care. In fact, 88% of our current residents have been in foster care at some point! We are uniquely equipped to meet the needs of teenagers who have experienced the traumatic events, challenges and life disruptions which come with being in care, and those of the families who care for them. The families who partner with us will be provided with 24/7 on-call support, access to our counseling services and parent training at no cost for their family, and a community of like-minded believers experienced in addressing the needs of teenagers who have experienced challenges.

We are excited to work with these children and families. Please join us in praying for this work, and those affected by it. If you are called to serve as a foster parent, or to support those who do, contact us!

"We cared so much for you that we were pleased to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us." 1 Thessalonians 2:8

HOPE HARBOR

Gives
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Offering free workshops to churches and community groups within a reasonable driving distance from the Tulsa Metro area. We have experts on our staff to present a variety of workshop on topics that include:

- Building Healthy Marriages
- Parenting with Love & Logic
- How can I know when my child is ready for baptism?
- Managing Grief
- Estate Planning
- Nurturing the Shepherds (Workshop for Church Elders)

Contact Hope Harbor to
Schedule your free workshop

SCHEDULED WORKSHOPS:

Nurturing the Shepherds Workshop

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at Hope Harbor Campus, Claremore

Family Workshop

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at Crosstown

Church of Christ, Tulsa

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