

Hope Revealed



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Please join us in thanking our 18 golfers, 16 caddies and 11 volunteers for a fabulous golf event on Tuesday, April 26, 2011. Despite the rainy weather and a two hour delay, the day turned out just right and many were able to golf 100 holes! In fact, **over 1,300 holes were played.** We also want to give a **big thank you to all who have supported this event** with their sponsorships and pledges. To date, the golf event has **raised \$17,237! Praise God!** And **one last thank you to the following sponsors who generously gave so that the event was 100% underwritten** thus allowing all donations to go directly to the ministries of Beacon of Hope.

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| Great American Bagel | Sunset Harbor Salon |
| | Teerman's |

From the Desk of the Director ✍

I had a boss once give me a book titled, When Life Throws You a Curve Ball, Hit It. I have to admit, I never read the whole book, but the **concept is so true for our clients at Beacon of Hope.** Life has truly thrown them a curve and our staff and volunteers are trying to **help them "hit it"**. I guess you could say we're "batting instructors".

One example, a current client of ours who has had many adverse things affect his life and the life of his family, is trying to make the most of it by hitting the curve ball. Not able to work, not able to drive, body weakened by complicated health issues, these are all curve balls this family faces. However, **with all these challenges, he has hung onto his faith and has trusted God to make a way.** And a new way God is making! This client has discovered a gift he has of writing and with some encouragement he continues to write. So with his permission, here is an excerpt from his writing, "Forgive Them".

"Have you ever experienced a time in your life when someone close to you said or did something hurtful? I am sure 'yes' would be the answer. Maybe you thought of getting even with the person. When you have done something hurtful and the opportunity arises to say 'I am sorry', take it. Forgiveness is the act of renewal. It is the decision of letting go of the bitterness and resentment built up within you. Forgiving a person means giving up the right to hold the offense over their head. Christ died for your offenders just as He did for you. Jesus calls us to live reconcilable lives and live at peace with all. I encourage you to make it right between you and Jesus first, then go to the person you're having a conflict with and make it right with them."

What a privilege it is to help our clients learn to hit life's curve balls. I am proud of this man for making the most of his circumstances and he is now impacting his friends through his writing. That wasn't his plan, but with a willing heart he's learned to take all the pitches and hit well. **My prayer is that we all learn to swing the bat and hit the curve balls with Christ as our guide.**

Hitting for the Kingdom,

Kyle Thompson MA LPC, Executive Director

On Track July Challenge

July 1 begins a new budget year for the ministry. Typically July is the second lowest giving month of the year. When this happens, we have to play a “catch-up-to-the-budget” game. Now, this is actually not one of those silly family fun games you make up when you’re on a vacation, but rather a very difficult task. So, this July, would you prayerfully consider a small gift to Beacon of Hope to help us stay on budget track? Last year our July deficit was \$4,200. Thank you in advance for your faithful support of God’s work at and through Beacon of Hope!

Praises & Requests

- † 2011 5th Annual Golf Event – great success!
- † Counseling office growth
- † Portland growth
- † 9 years of ministry
- † God’s Faithfulness!
- † Family of Heather Valentine (volunteer that unexpectedly passed away in April)
- † 10th year of ministry begins July 1
- † Growing needs of clientele (pantry serves over 100 families at each distribution)
- † Staffing adjustments in order to meet higher client volume

Beacon Briefs....

☒ **THANK YOU** to the Parkside Bible Pioneer Kids Club who raised over \$700 in their coin war. And, the girls won by 61¢.

☒ **SAVE THE DATE** for our Friends Dinner, Thursday, October 6, 2011. Mark your calendar and plan to invite a friend new to Beacon of Hope.

☒ **10 YEARS** BoH will begin our 10th year of ministry on July 1st, 2011. Celebrate with us during this coming year and praise God for His faithfulness. Our 9th Birthday is June 20.

☒ **Portland EMBRACES BoH** Three members of the Portland Area Ministerial Association recently participated in our Golf-a-thon, raising over \$4,000. Our Portland ministry continues to grow and we are excited to see where God is leading. Also, the Portland Community Fund granted our ministry \$500 towards our work in their area.

☒ **THANK YOU** Quality Car Wash for choosing BoH as the May Mission of the Month. Stop in to one of the three Holland locations and let them know we appreciate their support.

☒ **SPEAKING OPPORTUNITIES** Recently, Kyle spoke at the Portland Church of the Nazarene and is scheduled in May to speak at Northpoint Assembly in Holland. If your church would like to get more involved with BoH or know more about us, please contact our offices at 616.396.4956. Kyle is available for ministry briefings and/or pulpit supply.

☒ **GO GREEN** No, that doesn’t mean we’re rooting for a certain sports team, but rather trying to be good stewards of God’s resources. All of this information can be found online at our website www.beaconhope.net or can be emailed to you in a PDF. If you would like to receive your Hope Revealed newsletter electronically just let us know by emailing kristinthompson@beaconhope.net Thanks for helping us be good stewards and...go green.



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