

# Stories of HOPE

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## My Story Has a **NEW** **BEGINNING**

*Bouts of mental illness...  
complications with medication...  
periods of substance abuse...  
and finally time in jail.*

It was a downhill spiral that robbed Chris of his independence and self-esteem.

On page 5, read how your compassion and the guidance of godly mentors help people like Chris begin their lives anew.

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President/CEO Leon Negen understands the importance of community collaborations, which, along with our ministry's Christ-centered curriculum, equip men and women to rebuild stable lives.

Dear Friend,

As Hope Ministries begins our 103<sup>rd</sup> year of providing rescue, recovery and restoration to hurting people throughout Central Iowa, I'm filled with gratitude for the faithful friends and partners who make our outreach possible.

One of the great blessings I'm reminded of as we start out this new year is the joy of working alongside so many other organizations and service providers in our community. For instance, we collaborate with the VA to offer additional assistance to veterans, and with local colleges and universities in providing educational opportunities for individuals in our life recovery programs. Helping men, women and children find their new beginning is truly a community effort!

Continued stories of transformation are possible only through the ongoing partnership of those who support our ministry financially, as well as through their gifts of experience and expertise. Thank you for standing alongside us and for your dedication to our ministry and those we serve.

Your partner in ministry,

Leon Negen  
President/CEO

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

—2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)



## Our Ministry Centers

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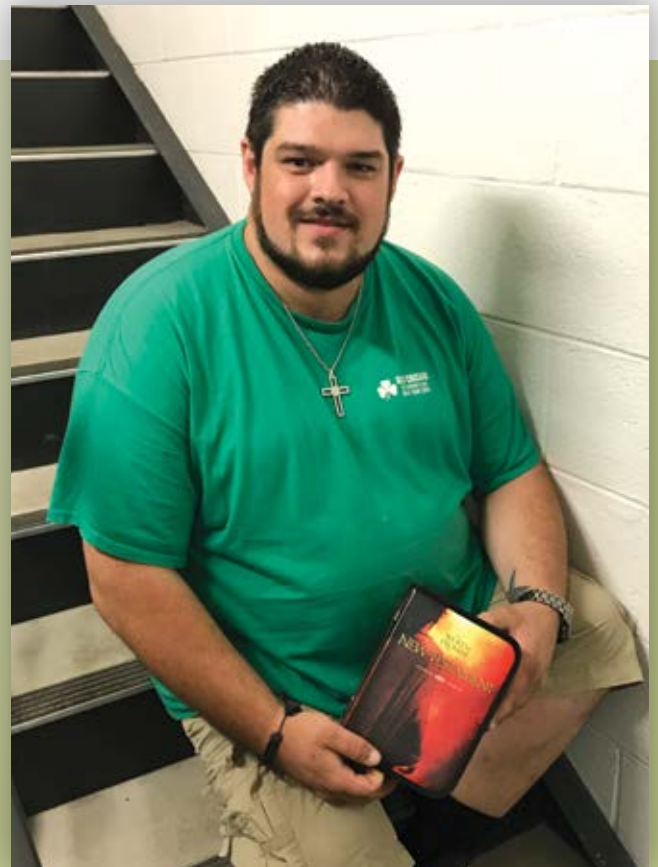
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Because God's Word is the foundation of our life-transforming ministry, the men in our long-term life recovery program are encouraged to memorize the books of the Bible, and they receive a study Bible or audio book Bible when they complete this important task. The Bibles are donated by friends and partners in the community who embrace the opportunity to help the men build new lives in Christ. Dakota, a current resident of our Door of Faith recovery center, was recently awarded a study Bible and is grateful for this special gift.



We welcome donations of Bibles! We accept donations of Bibles at our ENCORE Thrift Stores (4640 Merle Hay Road in Urbandale and 500 E. Army Post Road in Des Moines) during business hours.