



NEW HOPE

LOVING ONE *God* • LOVING ALL *People*

May 21, 2009

Dear *New Hope* Family,

Hopefully by now you have heard at least something regarding the house that was generously given to us at 407 Stockton St. and about Bob & Marilyn Mitchell, the missionary couple we are in the process of moving in there. If not, please stop reading this and go to www.newhope4square.org and download the message entitled, "Everyone Has a Part to Play" from Sunday, May 10th. Seriously, stop reading and go listen. If you don't have access to the web, you can order a CD through the office.

Ok, for those of you who listened to it, what did you think? Do you realize how historical all of this is? *New Hope* is sending out missionaries into a mission field in *the middle of our city!* The Mitchells will be living right there, in the flesh, in the midst of the people, not just visiting once a month. This is a HUGE step of faith and obedience...God is so AMAZING!

Enclosed you will find:

- a letter from Bob & Marilyn
- a support page
- a self-addressed return envelope, for your convenience
- the updated "Needs" list of practical things that are needed

What I am asking is for each one of us to really take some time to seek God in prayer and fasting and ask Him two things:

- 1.) What would you have me give to this mission field?
- 2.) If you want me to give financially, how much of Your money, Lord, would You like me to give?

It is so important that you seek God's will in this. He may not be calling everyone to give financially; maybe He will call some to give of their time, instead. Whatever He calls you to give, don't *almost* give...GIVE.

One last thing: Our Church Council has agreed to pay for the property tax and homeowner's insurance on the house out of the general budget. As missionaries, however, the Mitchells are responsible to raise their own personal ministry support.

God is truly at work, and He has a part for each of us to play. The question is, "Will each one of us play our part?"

Amazed at God's gracious hand,

May 21, 2009

Dear New Hope Family,

We are so excited about this great adventure that GOD has given our church Family in South Side Park! He has chosen the time and place for us to share His gospel in this part of a hurting world. Our Family began this journey with our *Hope in the Park* days for the last 18 months and our first Summer R.O.C.K event. Now He is moving us to the next level. He made that rather clear when He gave our family *The Lighthouse*, a home right in the midst of the neighborhood. We believe strongly that God has called us to fulfill the Great Commission found in Matthew 28: *"All authority has been given to Me in Heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

We want you to ask our heavenly Father how you can be part of this ministry. There are so many ways you can help. First, we need people who will commit to pray. *"We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."* Ephesians 6:12. SSP has been a dominion of darkness for far too long and the God of Angel Armies is sending us and others to take it back by force (see *Matthew 11:12*). We are looking for those who will stand with us in faithfully praying against the enemy's hold through hopelessness and fear, as well as praying for the people of this precious neighborhood, and for the advancement of the Gospel.

Second, we need people to come alongside us and give of their time. *"My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth."* 1 John 3:19. As a Family we need to form relationships with the people of SSP. All people need healthy relationships. Yes, the neighborhood has problems with gangs and violence, but most of the residents have the same desires as we do: to provide for their family, to have a safe neighborhood to live in and friends to bring joy to life. But fear keeps some withdrawn in their houses, and hopelessness keeps some from seeking God. As we reach out, we will be able to replace fear with *love* and hopelessness with *hope* in Jesus! We are looking for those who will use their God-given talents to love on the people of SSP. *"But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does."* James 1:25. On Saturday, May 16th, our Family came together to prepare *The Lighthouse* for us to move in. Relationships were begun and deepened as we worked together in the heat. Some even contemplated deep questions like, "How many *New Hope* men does it take to install a screen?" (answer forthcoming in the next newsletter) ☺.

Third, we need partners to support us with finances. For now, Bob is going to be a tent maker. Like Paul the Apostle, he is going to continue to work while ministering in this new mission field. Please join us in praying that God will open a position for him in the company office so he can come home every night instead of being on the road for two weeks at a time (this would be a reduction in income, but God has called both of us to this mission field, so we feel that Bob needs to be here much more regularly). Even though Bob will be tent making, we still need your financial support to see God's Kingdom come to SSP. We are praying that we can raise \$1,500 in monthly support, which was the amount approved by the Church Council when they looked at our proposed budget. *"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity, for GOD loves a cheerful giver."* 2 Corinthians 9:7.

Please pray for God to direct you in how He desires for you to be involved, then fill out the bottom portion of the Support Page and mail it in the enclosed envelope. Thank you for partnering with us in this new ministry.

HIS kids,
Bob and Marilyn Mitchell

Support Page (How You Can be Involved)

1. Prayer Focus

Choose a day of the week to be praying for:

- June 6th - target date to move us in to *The Lighthouse*.
- June 20th - official Dedication Celebration of *The Lighthouse* immediately following *HOPE in the Park*.
- Protection, Provision, and Favor for us as we connect with the residents
- That 100% of our needed monthly support would come in (\$1,500).
- That the light of salvation would dawn on the people, and that hope would spring up in their hearts, as a stream in the desert.
- That Bob's company would allow him to move from driving to working in the office so he can come home every night.

2. Physical Support

- Prayer Walk with us.
- Survey door to door with us.
- Get involved with the ministries once they get going.
- Help plan & work community events for small or large groups.
- Love the people in the neighborhood by using your God-given abilities to serve them practically.
- Love the people by simply having genuine conversation with them and listening to their stories.

3. Financial Support

- Give monthly support (at least a 1 year commitment beginning in July).
- Give a one time gift to help launch this ministry.

(Please cut and mail bottom portion in envelope, and keep top portion as a reminder to pray.)

_____ Yes, I want to be involved in this ministry with the following:

_____ Prayer Day of the week I will be praying: _____

_____ Physical support, please list: _____

Financially:

_____ I commit to give \$ _____ monthly for at least 1 year.

_____ I would like to give a one time gift of \$ _____.

(please make checks payable to *New Hope*, with "Lighthouse" in the memo)

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____