

Greater Hope Newsletter

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A Living Waters Testimony

“For from Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to whom be glory forever. Amen.” (Romans 11:36.)

By Miriam Hill Shoars

These words kept coming to me as I prepare to share with you a little of my experiences surrounding Living Waters and Greater Hope. For the last couple of years, I have been working my way through our program of classes. Last Fall I attended Living Waters training, an abbreviated version of the Living Waters class that we teach beginning in January most years. I went to the training eager to learn more about Living Waters so I could share it with others. Having already experienced a lot of healing from growing up in an abusive family and the trauma of divorce, I wasn't really expecting to receive a whole lot for myself. However, I was open to anything the Lord had for me. While listening to someone else's story, I was shocked to realize that my mother's diligent work ethic was her way of showing she loved us. After the teaching and ministry session on the blatant disregard for women, I experienced a freedom in my spirit that left me feeling grateful for attending the training. I came home feeling blessed.

Since we did not need as many leaders in January 2020 as we had anticipated, I opted to take the full Living Waters course and obtain the full experience. Once again, I wasn't sure how much I would personally get from it but was open to what God had for me. God had a surprise for me. During prayer time one week, I shared my frustration of wanting to serve the Lord as a wife and a partner in ministry.

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As we enter the Christmas season I am reminded that Christmas is about the gift of life – a newborn child, a Savior come to bring the gift of eternal life. This Christmas you have the chance to bring the gift of life to those in need of the ministry of Greater Hope – a life restored from the power of sexual addiction and pornography, a life renewed from the depths of sexual abuse and relational brokenness.

Your generous contributions and support contain the gift of life. No gift is too small. Please give to Greater Hope and help us share the true gift of Christmas – the gift of life more abundant in Christ. Following are ways you can give:

- Check - P O Box 772,
Harrisonburg, VA 22803
- Text - **GH199818** to **73256** to give using your text messaging. Standard text message rates do apply.
- Credit Card - Donate at www.greaterhope.org

To our partners who have given during 2020, we extend thanks and blessings for you and your faithful support to Greater Hope.

In the true Spirit of Christmas,

Kathy & the Greater Hope Board

What We Offer....

Living Waters: A 20 week in-depth healing and discipleship program which ministers to people who are seeking healing from relational and sexual brokenness.*

Boundaries, Beyond Boundaries, Safe People: Classroom study of books by Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr. John Townsend, addressing specific issues that confront today's Christians.*

CrossCurrent: A 9 week Christ centered ministry and support group for those seeking more truth and grace in their relationships and sexuality.

Men Pursuing Purity: An 8-10 week group equipping men to live lives of purity, purpose and power.*

Conquer Series 1 & 2: Men's recovery series enabling freedom from sexual addictions.

Women at the Well: An 8 week group equipping women to live lives of relational integrity.*

Friends Support Group: For parents who have a child exploring or struggling with homosexuality, same sex attractions or pornography addiction.

Various Continuing Support Groups: Maintenance groups providing continued helps for recovering men & women.

Counseling and Consultation: Confidential consultations and referrals for professional counseling.

Prayer Ministry: Available by appointment at the Greater Hope office.

Resource Room: Books & videos, TV & DVD player available.

Standing In The Gap: A prayer group interceding on behalf of the prayer needs of the ministry.

GREATER HOPE NEWS: Quarterly newsletter features articles ministering to those overcoming sexual sin.

*A nominal fee is charged.

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Who We Are....An evangelical ministry promoting freedom from and healing for heterosexual and homosexual sin and brokenness. Originally founded in 1995 as Day Seven, and re-established in 1998, Greater Hope operates under the direction of an interdenominational board of directors. The work of Greater Hope is supported entirely by the 501 (c) (3) tax-deductible contributions from individuals and churches who share our vision for ministry.

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The Lord began to speak to me through one of the leaders acknowledging that He was aware I was waiting. He addressed areas of my life that needed adjusting and gave healthy guidelines regarding the type of relationship He desired for me. Many of the principles lined up with the Living Waters teaching bringing together what I had been learning. I prayed, tested the information with others in my life, checked them against Scripture and became more open to the changes I needed to make. As I acted on what I felt God was saying to me, I met a godly, giving man who has brought much joy to me and my family. We were married on September 26, 2020, and are currently living in Fredericksburg closer to the ministry he is involved in. It has been amazing to see the hand of the Lord in our lives. It is a joy to support him in prayer as we seek God together on additional ways He will use us in ministry together as a couple. We give God the glory for bringing us to this point in our lives.

The ministry of Greater Hope and Living Waters has enriched my life. I look forward to giving back to others the hope He has given me through this ministry. I am confident that anyone who takes advantage of the ministry of Greater Hope will receive a blessing.



Mr. and Mrs. Pete Shoars

Living Waters 2020

A former participant and leader, speaking at a group meeting.



Sy's powerful testimony & teaching is shared with Living Waters groups. Sy Rogers, succumbed to cancer in 2020.

Final group meeting delayed due to Covid 2020. An outdoor picnic in late summer completed our Living Waters. (pictured, small group prayer)



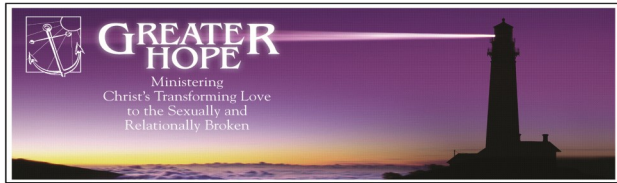
Winter Groups begin February 1, 2021

- **Men's Conquer Series**—available on Monday's. Men's recovery series enabling freedom from sexual addictions.
- **Living Waters Group**—planned for Thursday's through May, 2021. See page 4 for details.

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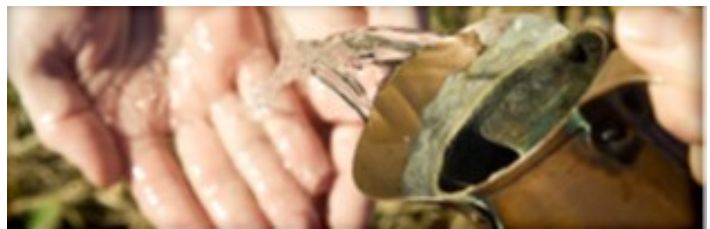
Our Mission

Greater Hope exists to offer hope, minister healing, and equip people for sexual and relational wholeness through Christ's transforming love.

Our ministry is for those who desire to develop the ability to love others in a Godly manner both physically and emotionally.

Living Waters...

*Intensive, immersed in healing curriculum
that will change your life!*



Why would someone go to Living Waters? If you are struggling with...Fear - Insecurity - Marital problems - Codependency - Pornography - Effects of abuse - Poor boundaries - Sexual addiction or Promiscuity -Isolation - Inability to trust - Anger or Unforgiveness - Masturbation - Gender identity issues -Unwanted same sex attraction - Fantasy, Shame and Self-hatred.... Living Waters provides a thoughtful and safe place to look at the ways we've become ensnared. Through weekly times of worship, teaching and small group prayer, our program leaders walk with participants in their struggle so they can live in freedom and truth. We pray for God's healing to restore broken areas of life so that people can "love well" as God intended.

Classes begin Thursday, February 4, 2021 in Harrisonburg

Apply online: www.livingwatersusa.us/

Print or download an application, forward completed application to kkipps@greaterhope.org

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