

## Wait. Watch. Work.

At the beginning of this year, our pastor encouraged us to pursue “New Heights” in our relationship with the Lord. He pointed us to Isaiah 40:27-31, and these verses have deeply challenged me, drawing me closer to God and strengthening my faith.

*Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. Is. 40:27-31*

In this passage, I see three essential practices: **Wait, Watch, and Work.**

**Wait.** As Christians, we are called to wait on the Lord: “But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint” (Isaiah 40:31). God promises renewed strength to those who wait for Him. Waiting does not mean being passive, complacent, or fearful. Rather, it means trusting God’s timing and not allowing our own opinions or plans to interfere with what He is trying to do in our lives.

**Watch.** We are also called to watch for God’s work in our daily lives, to pay attention to what He may be teaching us and how He may be leading us. When God places someone in our path, do we ignore it, or do we respond with spiritual discernment and compassion? The Lord may be giving us opportunities each day to encourage, serve, or help someone in need. Let’s stay attentive and ready to respond.

**Work.** Finally, we are called to work for the Lord, allowing Him to use us in meaningful ways. When we surrender our gifts, time, and efforts to Him, He can work in and through us to bring change and blessing to others. And as we serve, we are reminded to give **Him** all the glory.

What challenges me most is how easily we focus on working while neglecting to wait and watch. If we are always working without waiting on the Lord or watching for His direction, won’t we eventually grow weary? Won’t we become anxious or discouraged?

Today, I encourage you to reflect on these three practices: Wait, Watch, and Work, and consider which one God may be calling you to strengthen in your life.

To God be the glory.



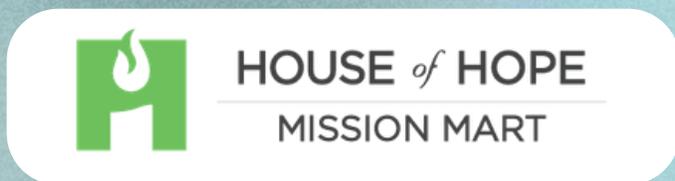
# 2025 Recap

**To every donor, volunteer, and friend of House of Hope, thank you. Because of your support, men found recovery, women and children found safety, and individuals facing homelessness were met with dignity, compassion, and practical help. You made room for healing, for new beginnings, and for the love of Christ to be made known in everyday moments. We are so grateful for the difference you made in 2025.**



In 2025, House of Hope acquired, and began fundraising, to renovate a resource center in Hartsville. This space will bring local nonprofits together to serve the community and will open as a shelter during severe weather. We look forward to beginning renovations in the next month or two. It reflects our heart to meet needs with dignity, compassion, and the love of Christ.

In 2025, House of Hope joyfully welcomed SNAC (Shelter, Nutrition for All Children) into our ministry. Founded in 2014 by Courtney McGinnis-Graham, SNAC has faithfully served families facing housing instability in Florence School District One. Now under the House of Hope umbrella, this partnership allows us to carry Courtney's legacy forward with greater coordination and care. Together with FSD1 we are helping families stay together and children find safety.



more than  
\$25,000

House of Hope distributed over \$25,000 in Mission Mart gift cards in 2025, offering individuals and families the chance to shop with dignity. These cards provided access to clothing, household items, and essentials in a clean, welcoming environment. They were shared not only with residents in our programs but also with community members facing hardship. It was a simple and powerful way to remind each person of their worth.

# HOPE Village



HOUSE of HOPE  
HOPE VILLAGE

When one woman arrived at HOPE Village, all she had was a trash bag of clothes and a fragile sense of hope. But over time, with stability, support, and a savings plan, she began to dream again. Before she left, she paid cash for a used car and put a down payment on her very first home. That's the power of long-term, Christ-centered recovery. At HOPE Village, women and children find more than shelter; they find a fresh start.



**10,585** nights of lodging provided  
**5,840** women and **4,745** children

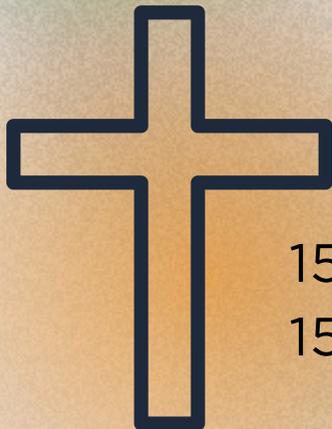


4,176 loads of  
laundry

10 children enrolled  
in school at FSD1  
And  
7 women signed up  
for college



31,755  
Meals Served



15 Baptisms and  
15 Salvations

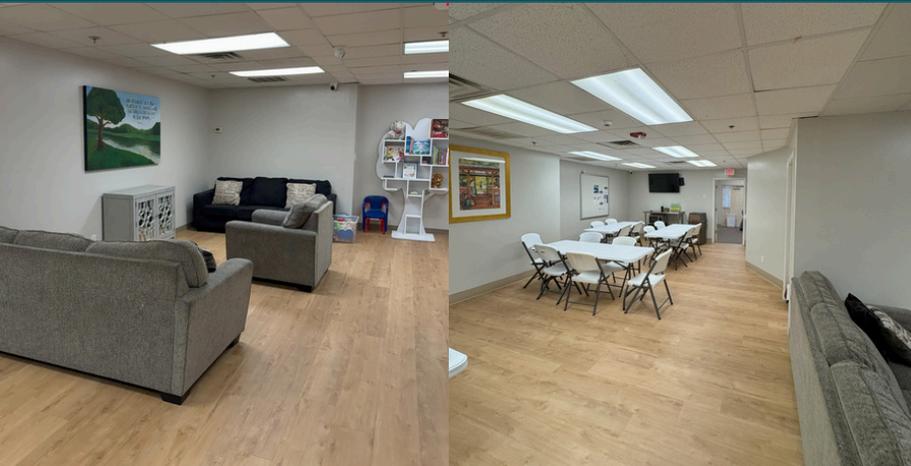


# CMG Community Shelter



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COURTNEY MCGINNIS GRAHAM  
COMMUNITY SHELTER



- Renovated and expanded dining area.
- Became a carpet-free facility.



23,287 meals served



**10,585** nights of lodging provided

- 540 Women
- 140 Children
- 632 Men



3,285 loads of laundry



192 nights of Bible study (4 nights a week)

Every night, the Courtney McGinnis Graham Community Shelter becomes a lifeline for those who have nowhere else to go. Recently, a man arrived after spending several weeks sleeping behind a gas station. Within just a few days, he had clean clothes, warm meals, and a case manager helping him take his next steps. The shelter offers more than just a roof over someone's head. It is a place where people are seen, supported, and given the opportunity to find stability. For many, this is where hope begins to grow again.

# Life Recovery Program



HOUSE of HOPE  
THE ARC



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MEN'S HOME

This past year, my first full year at House of Hope, has been a blessing. As someone who came from the streets myself, I know the shame and embarrassment that can come with that life. Here, I've seen men treated with real dignity and compassion. No one is judged or looked down on. We simply love them, point them to the Lord, and walk with them through the process. Watching God restore their lives and seeing their joy return is one of the greatest parts of my job.

— Axel Wittig, Director of the Men's Home

# 90%

of men who came to the LRP came through the ARC.

# 63%

of the men made it past the first 30 days.



3,468 loads of laundry



12,513 nights of lodging



37,539 meals served

# 20

Salvations

# 2

Rededications

# 11

Baptisms

# 7 Graduates!



# Evening of Hope

WITH BETHANY HAMILTON

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