

# MESSAGES OF HOPE

*Hope Ministries, where we are transforming lives through a multi-generational and community approach to alleviate poverty, providing Hope and a future.*

## Congrats, Grads!



What an exciting time of year as we get to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates. This year is especially momentous, given the different areas of achievement.

Laylah (featured left) graduated from UT Tyler with her Bachelor of Science-Nursing degree and completed her ministry time at Hope. It was fun to recognize her hard work and determination with a ceremony, surrounded by family, friends, and long-time supporters of Hope. Laylah has entered her field as a nurse and accepted a job at our own Titus Regional Medical Center. She is currently working to secure her first-time homeowner's financing to purchase her home in August. We will miss having Laylah here with us but are very excited to see her soar, and we have not seen the last of her!

Zaid (featured center) joined Hope with his two sisters, Ariana and Dayami, and is our High School graduate this year. You may know him as the phenomenal #73 of the MPISD Tigers. Zaid is paving the way for his younger sister and other Hope teens (present and future) as we watch him excel to the next level. He plays hard and works harder and has saved diligently for his first vehicle. Over the summer, Zaid plans to job shadow our Hope mechanic, Bryan Williamson, and enter NTCC's Shelby Automotive Program in the Fall.

Tabatha (featured right) has been with Hope for precisely one year, but it seems a lot longer if you look at what she has accomplished in this time. We could all learn a lesson in perseverance from Tabatha! Upon arriving at Hope, she was in the process of testing for the GED. Obstacle after obstacle seemed to come against her, but she did not let that stop her. She faithfully worked with Hope Tutor, Betty Stagg, and persisted until she completed all Texas state requirements to graduate with her GED. Tabatha is enrolled in pre-nursing at NTCC to begin this summer. We are all so proud of her and excited to see what God has in store for this champion.

We hope you will join us in celebrating these great victories in the lives of these fantastic young people. Their success is a testimony of the love and support of all of YOU! We cannot thank you enough.

## Meet Marie

Join us in welcoming our newest addition to the Hope family, Marie Beam and her precious baby boy, Zale. Since joining us at the end of April, God has begun working in Marie's life, which has led her to starting college this summer. She will begin taking welding classes this Fall, and we are thrilled to see what all she accomplishes. We are believing for reconciliation with her other children and know her three older children (Coral, Mariyna, and Tysun) will join us soon. Marie is excited to be here and cannot wait to see what the future holds.



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## Construction Update

“A lot full of RV campers and a group of two dozen volunteers from all across the country [began] a building project at Hope Ministries all in the name of helping mothers and [seniors] find a place to not only call home, but feel a sense of community. Volunteer Christian Builders is a non-profit group of volunteers that travel the United States helping make lives better. During their two weeks here in Mount Pleasant, the group worked diligently to renovate some old housing into [a community center] for moms and children that are looking for a fresh start and a place to call home.” - Mount Pleasant Tribune.

Volunteer Christian Builders were able to complete half of the project during their stay at Hope, and crews are currently working hard to finish up. The completion of this project will create an intimate, yet functional space, for Hope families to come together for Freedom class, family dinners, and much more!

In addition to the community center being worked on, ladies from the group sewed items for Hope Marketplace that will now be sold locally at Hess Furniture, Pack-N-Mail, Jo’s Downtown, and Ruby and Begonia, to raise money for the ministry’s efforts.

On top of the work being done, Volunteer Christian Builders generously donated on East Texas Giving Day, making it possible for us to exceed our goal of \$22,000. With over 15 families at Hope, both the building and the donations are vital for us to continue providing an opportunity for transformation.

We would like to also say a special thank you to those who assisted in serving the Volunteer Christian Builders. We were overwhelmed by the support of our community and the local churches who gave of themselves to help host and feed the builders and their wives during their stay. It truly takes a village, and we are so thankful for ours.



## Meet Lanita



Join us in welcoming our new senior, Lanita Mitchell. Lanita has worked part-time at Catfish King for the past three years, and she continues her gift of serving by volunteering at The Landing whenever she is not at work. Lanita has a love for baking, a passion for seniors, and a constant smile on her face. We are so happy to have Lanita with us, and we are thankful that she chose to make Hope her home.

## In Loving Memory

Dr. Monte W. Davenport

We are asking for prayers for the Davenport family as they navigate the loss of their beloved husband and father.

Monte faithfully served Hope as a board member and poured into Hope families through his Stop, Think, Go! program.

We will miss him!

