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Thoughts from Sandy:

As you all know, we are in a season, like no other, in which most of us are being mandated by our health and government officials to stay at home and maintain “social distancing.” We are instructed to remain 6 feet away from one another and limit physical touch with those who are ill or outside of our own home. We are being challenged to find creative ways to maintain connection with those important people in our lives and to get our socialization needs met.

With the weather getting nicer. . .it’s spring you all! . . . I see people outside going for walks and riding bikes, doing scavenger hunts around the community looking for hearts and bears in the windows of neighborhood homes. People are cruising by in their vehicles and waving at people in their homes. Window curtains are being pulled open to let the sunshine flood into their homes, making great efforts to take the opportunity to enjoy God’s great outdoors in a safe, responsible way.

I am also seeing people being creative in how they are staying connected relationally. Churches are having online services on Sunday mornings, pastors are posting daily inspirational thoughts and words of encouragement on social media. Many of my family participated in a group video chat, which was great fun! We plan to do this on a more regular basis even after the current crisis is over. My husband, Rob, and I are being intentional to read God’s word together daily, which has been a precious time for us as a couple.

As a counselor, I greatly appreciate the importance of physical touch and our need for connection with each other and within our community. I am also aware of the importance of not living in fear, yet as a Christ-follower, I am instructed through God’s Holy Word to be under the authority of our leaders. **“Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as those who must give an account. . . .” Hebrews 13:17** With that in mind, H2H leadership made the decision to close it’s doors to the public until such time that the restrictions are lifted. We as staff continue to make efforts to maintain contact and connected with each other via technology and with those clients who need ongoing connection and support.

This is a season in the life of the H2H ministry that is requiring great faith in the One who brought it into being so many years ago. We are unsure how Covid-19 is going to impact H2H financially in the coming days. We are convinced that many of our faithful supporters will be impacted financially which will in turn impact their ability to financially support H2H. There is no doubt in my mind that after we are past this crisis, the counseling services of H2H will be in greater need and demand than ever before . Please pray with us for God’s financial provision for and continued blessing to be on this ministry.

God Bless,

Sandy Egle

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“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4: 6-7

Covid-19

I want to address the “elephant in the room.” I can imagine that everyone is getting pretty tired of hearing about Covid-19. It is in the headlines and news reports, being incessantly talked about on social media, preached about in sermons and the list goes on. There seems to be a sense of doom and gloom about it all and some people are beginning to live in fear over the whole situation.

2 Timothy 1:7 tells us, **“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.** In this current crisis, we must not give in to a spirit of fear. We must be self-controlled and live within the restrictions that have been given to us. We must be strong and of good courage. We must find creative ways to express our love to one another. Finally, we must be bold in pointing others to our source of hope, Jesus Christ. We have wonderful opportunities to encourage and expand the kingdom of God, so let’s take advantage of every opportunity God gives to us and be a blessing to others around us.



Celebrating 20 Years of Ministry!

An anniversary celebration event was scheduled to take place on March 19. Gathering restrictions began to be given by government officials on Saturday, March 14, asking that only gatherings smaller than 200 people be held. Our event was going to be under the restriction guidelines at that time, however we anticipated that the restrictions were going to increase quickly. We made the decision on Monday, March 16, to postpone the event until after the health crisis was over. This was a very hard and disappointing decision to make but we wanted to be considerate of everyone’s health safety and to respect the recommendations/restrictions that were being handed down by governmental leaders and medical professionals.

We are very thankful that very little money was lost as a result of the postponement. All of the food orders were able to be cancelled, the programs had not yet been printed, and the venue offered a full refund of our deposit. The only investment that was lost was the cost of the invitations and the postage for mailing them.

Our plan is to hold the celebration at a later date. New invitations with the rescheduled event details will be sent when we have confidence that the health crisis is over and we have received the all-clear to resume normal activities. Please be watching for more information to come.

Finally, thank you to all who have blessed us with financial anniversary gifts! We feel very blessed to have so many faithful ministry partners! This celebration is to honor God first and to thank everyone for the many ways you all have supported H2H over the past 20 years.



“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble (tribulation, NASB). But take heart (courage, NASB; be of good cheer, NKJ)! I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33 NIV

Thank You!

We are so thankful for those of you who are able to continue with your monthly support gifts to H2H! For those who are not able to provide support because of your own financial distress, please don't worry about H2H. We are trusting God to provide for H2H during these uncertain times. We are trusting for God's provision for us ALL! Please know that we are praying for you just as you are praying for H2H! Be of good courage! God will carry us all through and we will rejoice in the victory on the other side!

By The Numbers

	Vol. Hrs.	Counseling Hrs.	Sessions Held	Admin. Hrs.	Re-Open Clients	New Clients
2019 Totals	2505.59	736.9	680	1226.2	8	31

*Rejoice in the Lord always.
I will say it again:
Rejoice!
Philippians 4:4*

*Be joyful in hope,
patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.
Romans 12:12*

Praises To God For:

- * His loving protection of all of our board members, staff and clients thus far during this health crisis.
- * All the H2H counseling staff and volunteers, who continue to faithfully serve God through ministry at H2H.
- * All of the board members who faithfully give leadership and guidance to the H2H ministry especially in times of crisis.
- * Technology that allows us to stay in contact with many of our clients being supported at the present time.
- * His watchful care over, protection of and provision for H2H for the past 20 years of ministry and during this current time of health and financial crisis.
- * The Godly counselors He has led to H2H and for the loving and respect-filled relationship that we have working together as the ministry team.
- * For our faithful supporters who have invested in H2H in the past and are committed to our future by continuing to support H2H during these uncertain times.

Prayer Requests



- * Peace, courage and safety for everyone impacted by the Covid-19 crisis.
- * Safety for the essential workers who continue to leave the safety of their homes to serve others.
- * Protection and provision for all who are involved with H2H in any way.
- * The Corona Virus would be completely eradicated and many lives will be spared and that God will be glorified through His protection and sustaining love.
- * Wisdom in decisions being made for the H2H ministry during this time of health crisis.
- * God would lead more Christian counselors to serve at H2H to help meet the increasing requests for counseling services after the crisis is over.
- * God would sustain each client during this time of separation from friends, family and support people.
- * Financial provision and stability of the H2H ministry and missionaries during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.