

F. A. Q.'s

When and how did Operation Living Hope begin?

Bill and Annie, over the years, have been people in need, helping other people in need. We make no claims to be "miracle" workers. But we have received training and experience. We have gained many friends. We have provided care and shelter. And we have left tools or resources with them to use to enhance their lives. With that came a move for us to organize in August of 2007 under what we have felt an appropriate title, "Operation Living Hope."

Why has Operation Living Hope chosen crisis intervention as its mission purpose? It would seem that those having attempted suicide or others suffering end of life physical afflictions would tend to be individuals one would rather avoid or shut the door to.

We are living in times where there are trends toward desensitization toward the afflicted. We have found it necessary to supply what has been lacking in this area of need. Popular thinking focuses on self-esteem, self-enhancement, self-concept, self-image, self-fulfillment, self-actualization. Operation Living Hope does consider self-interests, but more on the interests of others -- particularly to the disadvantaged needing assistance through their personal disaster. It is our hope that many will replicate the Good Samaritan application to help others in need.

What is meant by Set Free?

For some, it is release from bondage to addictions, dependencies, possibly anger, fear, anxiety, depression or any degree of lack of self control in these areas. For others, it can mean separation from the oppression caused by another individual or individuals who are enticed by the aforementioned areas of demise. For still others, it can mean the opportunity for Salvation.

What criteria determine an individual in crisis?

- An individual who considers his or herself in a seriously unmanageable situation. (A cry for help, suicide thoughts or attempt)*
- Coping strategies are exhausted.*
- Loss of personal integrity, onset of a state of disequilibrium*
- Physical symptoms such as changes in overall health, energy, or activity level, as well as in eating or sleeping patterns, may point to a problem. Emotional signs that may*

indicate a person in crisis include increased tension or fatigue, and changes in temperament. Behavioral signs such as the inability to concentrate, being preoccupied with certain ideas, or social withdrawal may also indicate a person in crisis

Where does your drive-resolve come from?

We at Operation Living Hope like to use personal relationship -- not with us--- but with Jesus Christ. His compassion for us has compelled us to return to others in like manner. Only He can change us from the inside. We are privileged to be stewards in His service. Therefore we take a stand strictly for mercy, compassion, forgiveness, and love.