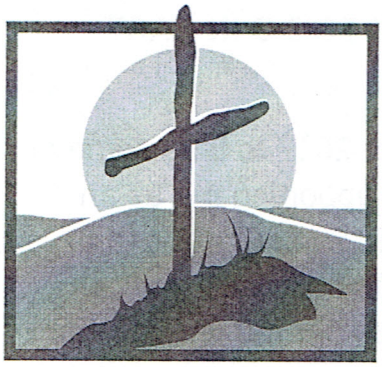

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**New Hope Church**
*"restoring hope one life at a time"*
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Dear partners in mission,

*Brian has lived in our community all his life. When he was two, his parents left Brian and his five year old sister by themselves for three days on a drug binge that left them alone in the house. Children's Services took Brian and his sister away from their home and placed them in foster care, where they bounced around for several years. Brian has been in and out of prison multiple times in his life, has wrestled with drugs and alcohol and thoughts of suicide, and has been a cutter for as long as he can remember. A few months ago, Brian came into the church with his fiancé and her son for worship and they haven't left. He has since become connected with a counselor to work through some of his issues, to a small group to grow spiritually, and he now has a God-job where he's serving every week. Brian's life is changing right before his eyes and his family is noticing the incredible thing that God is doing. All because God is working through a place called New Hope Church!*

**Now is the time for you to be a part of revitalization in downtown Dayton**. I have been serving an inner-city United Methodist church in Dayton, OH for 8 years as its lead pastor. New Hope Church is located in one of the poorest, most drug-infested communities in one of the 10 fastest dying cities in the country (as of a Forbes' Magazine article in 2010). With a commitment to "restoring hope one life at a time" and changing a community in desperate need, New Hope Church held its first worship service in January 2008 in the 500 block of Xenia Avenue with 25 people. And in that community, New Hope Church is sharing the light and the love of Jesus and slowly beginning to change lives.

However, we're facing some new realities. Though we are growing numerically, our financial support is shrinking. We have a core group of generous givers who have been supporting the mission and ministry of New Hope Church as their church home, but the truth is, we need help! I am the only staff person at New Hope Church, but honestly, my salary is becoming a burden for the church and I am being forced to consider cutting back to part time and seeking another job. This is not good for me, as a second job will take my focus off of the primary work to which I have been called, or for the church, which is already understaffed!

**PLEASE HELP ME CONTINUE THE WORK GOD HAS CALLED ME TO DO IN EAST DAYTON!**

I am setting a goal to raise approximately $20,000 in salary support for 2017 to take some of the burden from New Hope Church. Would you prayerfully consider supporting me as an inner-city missionary for 1 year? For only $50 per month, you can help us offer hope to 6 adults looking for work through POWERED FOR LIFE! For only $100 per month, you can help supply one Sunday evening meal for nearly 100 people! For $250 per month, you can fully fund TWO of our major outreach events during 2016! Think about it: your generous support of me and of this vital ministry can help change the course of someone's life.....someone like my friend Brian.

***You can be a part of this special mission to reach the heart of the city***! If you are willing to take a leap of faith with me, detach the commitment sheet at the bottom of this letter, fill it out and return it to New Hope Church by November 1, 2016.

We will, in turn, send you an invoice so that you can make your first payment in January of 2017. You may send support monthly if you choose, or, if it's easier for you, you may send a check containing one lump sum. This commitment will be tax deductible, since you will make payments to the church directly, and you'll receive a giving statement at the end of the year for tax purposes.

Thank you for your prayers and for your friendship and for everything you already do to change the world for Jesus. Whatever commitment you make, you're making a huge difference.....in my life and in the lives of the people we serve!

In Him,

I will commit to help Pastor Jeff Cartwright and New Hope Church in the following way(s):

_____I will pray for Pastor Jeff and the ministry of New Hope Church

_____I will commit a one-time financial gift to New Hope Church in the amount of _____. A check/money order is enclosed/will be sent later ***(please fill in the amount and circle "enclosed" or "sent later")***

_____I will make a monthly commitment in the amount of $25/$50/$100/$250/other _____ ***(please circle or fill in the amount)*** to New Hope Church beginning in January 2017.

Please detach and return to New Hope Church at:
***New Hope Church, PO Box 1402, Dayton, OH 45401***
By **November 1, 2017.**
Thank you for your support!