



# GRACE HAVEN

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### Ten Year Reflection 2006 - 2016

Can you believe it? It's been ten years since the birthing of the ministry of Grace Haven. So much goes through my mind as I think back to the many phone calls requesting counseling, to the meeting involving forty area pastors unanimously agreeing to the need and willing to support. I remember thinking that I would want to just serve on the board and support others on staff. I also remember serving on the initial steering committee and for a whole year checking out so many possible sites and praying for staff and nothing would come together. Then one day my wife so wisely says, the reason you don't have a counselor yet is because it's supposed to be you. "What? Are you serious?" I remember saying. Speaking of hearing God through your spouse, it was amazing how everything fell into place after that, including the location! That was in September and by January 2006 we opened at the current location.



2006

were asked to serve as the first executive board. When I accepted the Administrator/Director/Counselor position, I then was replaced

by Tom Miller. They did an outstanding job in allowing the spirit of Christ to lead while hearing my heart as director. Even though none of the original board



2016

members are serving currently on the board, we are still benefiting and appreciating from a lot of their decisions and choices today. We initially started with twelve supporting churches and have today grown to twenty - four and are very grateful for them. The ministry is here because of the needs that are in our churches and to assist bi-vocational pastors with difficult situations. It is a real honor to serve in this way. We are sustained financially by churches, businesses, and individuals that have experienced and believe in the work the Lord does in people's hearts.

I'm very grateful for the current board that is serving the ministry today and the sincerity and dedication from them. They have, along with Thomas Mast from John Mast Construction, led us in a smooth remodeling process to utilize the sanctuary part of our building. We are grateful for all the wisdom and expertise from JMC, help from volunteers in various ways, and your donations to have a state of the art finish.

I had not allowed myself to consider serving the Lord on staff - I always had the idea that I would keep my "comfortable" grocery store management position. The story of my life; God does not seem to let me get too comfortable. However, looking back, I'm very honored and grateful to be on staff here at Grace Haven. My first secretaries were Elnora Miller & Naomi Byler who were gracious enough to help us get started. The difficulty in getting a non - profit ministry started is: you can't get started until you have money, but you can't get money until you get started. The initial steering committee was Todd Neuschwander, Dave Hochstetler, Robert Reigsecker, Harvey Miller, and I. We

### Upcoming Event.

A pizza fundraiser will take place in February. Stayed tuned for more information, which will be announced in the churches and our next newsletter!

### Executive Board

CHAIRMAN  
Dave Slabaugh

SECRETARY  
Lyle Bontrager

TREASURER  
Delbert Schrock

MEMBER  
Brent Slabaugh

MEMBER  
Gerald Raber

MEMBER  
Bill Helmuth

MEMBER  
Marion Miller

## Staff

Mel Eash



Menno Yoder



Christina Miller



Beth Carpenter  
Secretary



We were also blessed with professional trimmers and painters volunteering their time and skill along with some outstanding decor ladies that made this place beyond what we imagined.

If you are in the area, please stop by to see the facility. Our secretary, Beth, would be glad to show you around.

If you have a friend who could benefit from the ministry, we have a facebook page or invite them to visit our website where they can access past newsletters and learn what the ministry is all about. Thank you for caring about what is happening at Grace Haven!

*Mel Eash*

~While we are grateful for the financial contributions, we are still currently short of funds to finish the renovation project. Please prayerfully consider giving to help cover the costs~

## *Oh Taste and See that the Lord is Good*



The week my husband and I came to Grace Haven was one of the hardest weeks of my life! The counselor helped me to see that I was so full of fear. He had to take me back and find the times in my life when fear had taken ahold of me and controlled that little girl. As the counselor guided me through prayers of deliverance and how to ask Jesus to reclaim all my heart, God so marvelously showed me where Jesus was in all those times of fear and danger. God has been so merciful to me in showing and revealing His great love for me.

## *Coming Soon to Your Church*

...our new informative DVD sharing how God is using Grace Haven in people's lives.



A special thanks to Marv Beachy and assistants for making this possible!

*By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another.  
John 13:35*



Please contact our office if you are interested in having a representative from Grace Haven share at your church during a Sunday morning, Sunday evening, or Wednesday evening service. This may be an informative time of the ministry or your church may choose from several different topics. We will not be offering speaking engagements until 2017.

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