



A CHURCH-BASED
APPROACH
TO ENDING
FAMILY
HOMELESSNESS

Have you ever wanted to stay on the elevator?

March 2016



Dear Friend,

Quick Links

Have you ever been overwhelmed to the point of feeling frozen in place?

- [Our Website](#)
- [Start a Bridge of Hope](#)
- [Find A Bridge of Hope](#)
- [Our Facebook Page](#)

One of our [monthly donors](#), Marilyn, was a single mom.

Marilyn told me about a time, years ago, when she felt completely overwhelmed.



She worked as a leasing agent in an apartment community. She was picking up her daughter at daycare, knowing that the evening ahead included getting her son at his afterschool program, making dinner, helping with homework, and doing dishes and laundry.

Marilyn was in the elevator at the daycare - on her way to her daughter - and thought to herself, "**I don't have the energy to get off this elevator. I could just go to sleep here.**"

Check out [these songs](#) (and others) performed by Audrey Assad, the daughter of a Syrian refugee:

I was reminded of Marilyn's story when I heard about a single mom in [Bridge of Hope in Calgary, Canada](#).

- *O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*
- *Abide With Me*

This mom's child was having trouble sleeping through the night. One of her Bridge of Hope [mentoring friends](#) is a certified nanny. The mom and mentor mapped out strategies to help the child to sleep, and the mentor even stayed overnight with the family a few nights - to help them implement the plan.

And by Elevation Worship:

Single moms, especially those facing homelessness, are juggling a lot. I'm grateful that Bridge of Hope [mentoring friends](#) from local churches [journey](#) with families - especially during times when moms & children feel overwhelmed.

I'm also thankful that we [follow Jesus](#), who understands when

we despair and who said (in the Garden of Gethsemane): "[My soul is overwhelmed](#) with sorrow to the point of death."

As you journey with Jesus this month - through Lent, Holy Week, and Resurrection Sunday - take comfort that you can "[Bring your sorrows](#) and trade them for joy, from the ashes a new life is born."

What's New?

- Check out these 3 articles:

[Listening to people in pain](#) (I am reading Adam McHugh's book, [The Listening Life](#), during Lent)

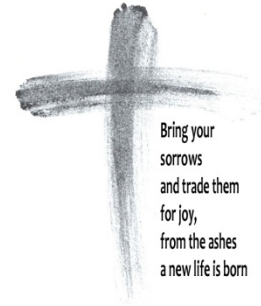
[4 reasons parenting trauma is incredibly difficult](#)

[Screenagers: Growing up in the digital age](#)

- Anne Dunnenberger, our Director of Outreach, will have an exhibit at the [Heartbeat International](#) conference from March 29 - 31 in Atlanta, GA. Here is [a video](#) of one family served by [Bridge of Hope @ Hannah's House](#) (a maternity home in Indiana).
- I'm grateful to [Re-Bath & More](#) (Lancaster, PA). "Like" their [Facebook page](#) and they will donate \$1 to [Bridge of Hope National's work](#).
- Join me in [thanking the top sponsors](#) of our May 13, 2016 [Gala](#). I invite you to [sponsor](#) or [purchase a ticket](#) and join us at the Doubletree Resort in Lancaster (PA). [Kim Lemon of WGAL](#) will share "A Caregiver's Story."

Blessings,

Edith Yoder



["Bear your cross as you wait for the crown. Tell the world of the treasure you've found."](#)



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