

THE HOPE OF SURVIVORS



World Headquarters & Renewal Center

2013 Annual Report

A Year of Answered Prayer

Celebrating 11 Years of Service 2002-2013

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The History of The Hope of Survivors

The year 2013 marked the 11-year anniversary of The Hope of Survivors, which was born one evening in December 2002, as Steve and Samantha were reflecting upon their own experience of clergy sexual abuse and the lack of resources that were available to help them understand and heal at that time. They felt compelled to develop a website that would provide information and encouragement to anyone who may be searching for answers. Steve and Samantha felt if “just one person” could be helped by the website, then it would be well worth the effort and pain they had gone through. While Steve and Samantha’s vision was initially limited in thinking “just one,” the Lord knew how many hurting people there were—suffering all alone and living without hope. As you will see in the remainder of this report, there are many “ones” out there who have been touched and blessed by the ministry of The Hope of Survivors. Truly, God does work all things together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)

The Year of Answered Prayer—2013!

In 2005, we were strongly impressed that God wanted The Hope of Survivors to have a healing center—a place of rest, renewal and healing for victims of clergy sexual abuse. On September 7, 2005, we put together our first prospectus and appeal for funds for a healing center. There have been many appeals since that time, and many properties that have been considered, all to no avail. In April 2013, we gave up actively looking and fundraising and decided to wait for God to provide it **ALL**, if that was still His will.

Well, as God would have it, one of the options we thought was no longer available became available again June 27. By July 23, we learned the intent of the owners to donate the property in Bedford, Iowa, (see cover photo) as well as the contents of the home, to The Hope of Survivors, with a transfer date of October 1, 2013—eight years from the time we started praying about it.

Habakkuk 2:3 comes to mind as I ponder what God has done, *“For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.”* God gave us the vision for the healing center and HE has provided it, all in **HIS** time!

But that’s not the only major prayer God answered in 2013. Another answer to prayer came when, on May 27, 2013, *Asociatia The Hope of Survivors* became an official non-governmental organization (NGO) in Romania. The Board of Directors for this nonprofit organization consists of Maria Simionca, Ingrid Muller, Steve and Samantha Nelson, Laura Fierbinteanu and Ion Buciuman. The organization in Romania will provide services extending beyond the usual scope of The Hope of Survivors (U.S.), as it will offer emotional and spiritual support to victims of sexual abuse and domestic violence, as well as clergy sexual abuse. This is because the need is so great and the resources for victims are so few in Romania, as compared to what can be found in the U.S.

Additionally, since 2009, we have been trying to incorporate in Australia. It’s been a long process, with many delays. However, thanks to Darren Tappouras, an accountant in New South Wales, the process was completed and *The Hope of Survivors Incorporated* became a registered non-profit organization in Australia! Coralie Roll, Arlagene Groves, Darren Tappouras and Steve and Samantha Nelson make up the Board of Directors for the organization “Down Under.”

Last, but not least, of the major answered prayers included a new division opening in the United Kingdom by volunteers Andrea and Anthony Shipwright. Praise be to God for His blessings!

“And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.”
(Hebrews 6:15)

About The Hope of Survivors

The Hope of Survivors is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting victims of clergy sexual abuse and misconduct of all denominations and faith communities, as well as providing educational and informational materials and seminars to clergy members, church leaders and congregations worldwide.



The Hope of Survivors is a registered California nonprofit corporation and is authorized to conduct business in the state of Iowa, and in Ohio and Texas as a foreign corporation under the same name. *La Esperanza de los Sobrevivientes*, the Latino Division of The Hope of Survivors, is registered in the state of Texas. The Hope of Survivors maintains official offices with volunteer staff in Queensland, Australia; Bistrița & Bucharest, Romania; Alberta, Canada; and Edenbridge, UK.

Professional memberships include: American Association of Christian Counselors (AACC), Outpost Centers International (OCI); Adventist Association of Family Life Professionals (AAFLP), and Adventist-laymen's Services & Industries (ASI). The Hope of Survivors has been recognized as a Valued Partner by GuideStar Exchange and has received the Top-Rated Nonprofit Award for 2012-2013.



Photos from the Renewal Center

Necessity of The Hope of Survivors

It's hard to imagine the need for The Hope of Survivors being so great, yet, over the past 11 years this truth has become more and more self-evident. It is true that clergy sexual abuse happens to people of all ages, backgrounds, gender and race. It is a global problem—existing in every denomination and faith community around the world. It is a human problem—a sin problem. The Hope of Survivors focuses primarily on assisting adult victims of clergy sexual abuse, but we also receive requests for help from teens and young people who have been abused by a youth pastor, a Christian school educator, or someone in a role of spiritual authority. Perpetrators are most commonly male and victims generally tend to be female, but that is not always the case. We have counseled male victims of both male and female offenders, and female victims of female offenders. Sadly, their own family members, who serve in positions of spiritual authority, abuse some victims. Abuse knows no restriction!

Clergy sexual abuse is damaging in every way—no matter what age one is when the abuse takes place. The destruction in the victim's life cannot be underestimated. The potential for health problems, suicide risk, breaking up of marriages and families is just the beginning. One of the worst “side effects” of clergy sexual abuse is the loss of faith, trust and relationship with God. Many victims find it impossible to return to their church—or any church. Yet, that's not the worst of it. Too often, there are some who never recover from the abuse and remain away from God forever. The responsibility for that victim's life lies in the hands of the pastor or spiritual leader who committed the abuse.

The Hope of Survivors strives to facilitate healing in victim's lives by imparting hope, uncovering truth and sharing the love of Jesus Christ. Truly, the healing and hope all victims need comes from the One who created them in His image and desires to make them whole. The prayer of each victim can be found in Jeremiah 17:14, “*Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.*” Read for yourself the devastation of clergy sexual abuse, and the positive impact The Hope of Survivors is making in the lives of victims-turned-survivors:

“We are so honored to support The Hope of Survivors—we believe the work you guys provide is life changing—binding up the broken hearted and setting the captives free from an unbelievable abuse! We praise God always for you and your ministry.”—AL

“I've been reading this [Understanding Sexual Misconduct Among Spiritual Leaders] while here at work. What I've read so far is valid and sound. ...Sadly this is a ministry that is needed. ...I think all churches should endorse this ministry.”—OH

“...in my opinion your ministry is the leader and most experienced in adult CSA.”—ME

“Firstly I just want to say thank you for setting up such a website, it was such a relief for me to be able to find something like this at the time I needed this the most. I have felt that no one else would be able to understand what is going on and I prayed that God can just help me find someone who will be able to understand. May God bless this ministry because it has given hope to people like myself knowing that there is hope.”—South Africa

“...I just need to thank you for starting The Hope of Survivors. I cannot describe in words how essential your work has been for me, especially because there is not much information, openness and knowledge about pastoral sexual abuse in small Denmark. Thank you.”—Denmark

“Thank you Hope of Survivors for all that you do. Your resources have gotten me through a very tough time, and I have recommended the website to my therapist and sexual abuse support group.”—Facebook comment

Description of Mission, Services & Programs

The Hope of Survivors takes a faith-based, scriptural approach to helping victims understand the devastation of clergy sexual abuse and how they can receive healing and wholeness by God's grace. It is our mission and prayer that, through our website, educational seminars, one-to-one communication (phone, email and in person), media, printed resources and in-house programs at the Renewal Center, you will find answers and the truth about what's happening to you. The Hope of Survivors seeks to:

- (a) Educate the victims, clergy, church body and the general public about clergy sexual abuse and misconduct, the frequency of occurrences, the moral and social implications involved and the devastating consequences through national media, by disseminating brochures and other related materials, conducting educational seminars, and by maintaining up-to-date websites;
- (b) Conduct retreats and seminars specifically for the victims of clergy sexual abuse and provide one-on-one support for the purpose of facilitating their healing and recovery, and helping them to gain a greater understanding of what has happened to them, giving them hope and encouragement, and restoring their faith in their Creator;
- (c) Work closely with churches that are dealing with the after-effects of an abuse situation for the purpose of helping them to understand the importance of providing a safe environment for all and for understanding the dynamics of clergy sexual abuse so that the church and the victim are not further damaged in the aftermath;
- (d) Provide training seminars for clergy and church administrators for the purpose of disseminating prevention information and encouragement, and to work closely with those who have violated their sacred trust.

In short, the mission of The Hope of Survivors may be summed up in the motto:

Reaching the Hurting... Ministering to those who have suffered abuse at the hands of clergy.

Calling the Faithful... Providing resources and support to church leadership to help them remain true to their high calling.

Bridging the Gap... Leading the hurting to hope through a healing relationship with Christ.

Organization Funding

The Hope of Survivors is funded by individuals who support the mission and goals of the organization; survivors of clergy sexual abuse who desire to use their means to help others; and by grants from private individuals and foundations whose values are similar to those of The Hope of Survivors. Grants previously awarded include: Versacare, The William R. Dally Foundation and the HOPE Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime. Contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Your support is greatly appreciated. The Hope of Survivors does not receive any denominational subsidies. Donations may also be received through:



Statement of Financial Position — As of December 31, 2013

ASSETS	<u>Dec. 31, 2013</u>
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 — Cash — HOPE Checking — US Bank	\$13,353.92
1074 — Hold for Healing Center	\$130.00
1075 — Cash — Hold — Temp Restr. Romania	(\$20.00)
1080 — Hold for Canadian Division	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total Checking/Savings	\$13,563.92
Other Current Assets	
1079 — Hold for DVD Project	<u>\$2,514.08</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>\$2,514.08</u>
Total Current Assets	\$16,078.00
Fixed Assets	
1600 — Equipment	\$11,558.38
1603 — Renewal Center Land	\$75,000.00
1605 — Renewal Center Building	\$195,640.74
1607 — Renewal Center Furnishings	\$2,391.57
1690 — Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(\$9,614.00)</u>
Total Fixed Assets	\$274,976.69
Other Assets	
1810 — Start-up Expenses	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$293,054.69</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
2300 — Credit Card Liability	
2310 — Company Credit Card—Capital One	\$13,023.71
2314 — Company Credit Card—US Bank #3545	<u>\$10,825.17</u>
Total 2300 — Credit Card Liability	<u>\$23,848.88</u>
Total Credit Cards	<u>\$23,848.88</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$23,848.88</u>
Total Liabilities	\$23,848.88
Equity	
3010 — Unrestrict (retained earnings)	\$13,454.47
Net Income	<u>\$255,751.34</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$269,205.81</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>\$293,054.69</u>

Statement of Activities — January through December 2013

Ordinary Income/Expense	<u>Jan – Dec 2013</u>
Income	
4000 — Contributions	\$26,772.80
4001 — Grants	\$12,316.50
4002 — Contributions — Temp Restricted	\$10,610.00
4010 — Non-Cash Donations	\$267,131.68
4050 — Fundraising Income	\$175.00
4100 — Sales	\$31.44
4400 — Miscellaneous Income	\$2,573.58
4500 — Interest Income	<u>\$3.83</u>
Total Income	\$319,614.83
Expense	
6000 — Salaries	\$12,627.24
6010 — Payroll Taxes	\$1,019.96
6050 — Professional Fees	
6051 — Legal	\$170.00
6052 — Accounting	<u>\$428.50</u>
Total 6050 — Professional Fees	\$598.50
6060 — Books & Education	\$2,219.19
6070 — Bank Charges	\$247.80
6075 — Finance Charges	\$1,149.32
6080 — Contract Services	\$7,940.00
6090 — Donations	\$41.54
6120 — Telephone & Internet Services	\$1,713.39
6130 — Dues & Publications	\$775.50
6150 — Licenses & Fees	\$2,055.00
6160 — Insurance	\$3,217.00
6200 — Office Supplies	\$2,184.89
6205 — Moving Expense	\$890.61
6210 — Renewal Center Maintenance	\$2,120.68
6220 — Collection Service	\$275.76
6230 — Postage	\$1,252.06
6240 — Printing & Publishing	\$4,524.19
6245 — Software	\$139.73
6260 — Operating Supplies	\$512.35
6400 — Advertising	\$3,427.51
6410 — Domain Registration	\$671.84
6420 — Travel	
6421 — Lodging	\$2,457.93
6422 — Airfare	\$2,838.86
6423 — Car Rental & Other Auto Expense	\$804.68
6424 — Fuel	\$956.03
6425 — Other Travel Expenses	<u>\$1,712.41</u>
Total 6420 — Travel	\$8,769.91
6430 — Meals & Entertainment	\$1,630.96
6440 — Conference Expenses	\$496.94
6500 — Victim Assistance	\$1,071.69
6570 — Utilities	\$1,094.93
6700 — Depreciation Expense	\$1,601.00
9999 — Uncategorized	<u>\$0</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$64,269.49</u>
Net Ordinary Income	\$255,345.34
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
6850 — Gain (Loss) on Assets Disposals	<u>\$406.00</u>
Total Other Income	<u>\$406.00</u>
Net Other Income	<u>\$406.00</u>
Net Income	<u>\$255,751.34</u>

Demographic Information By Denomination

The chart below reveals the 2013 demographics based on reported denominational affiliation.

#	<u>Denominational Demographics</u>	%
1	Apostolic Church	1%
1	Assembly of God	1%
5	Baptist Church	7%
5	Catholic Church	7%
3	Christian Church	4%
1	Church of the Nazarene	1%
1	Evangelical Presbyterian Church	1%
1	Full Gospel Church	1%
1	Irish Presbyterian Church	1%
1	Lutheran Church	1%
11	Non-denominational Church	15%
1	North American Baptist Church	1%
1	Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada	1%
2	Pentecostal Church	3%
1	Pentecostal Holiness Church	1%
1	Reformed Church of America	1%
12	Seventh-day Adventist Church	16%
16	Undisclosed	22%
4	United Church of Christ	5%
4	United Methodist Church	5%
1	United Pentecostal Church	1%
74	<u>Adjustment for fraction of percentages</u>	<u>4%</u>
	Total from 1/1/13 to 12/31/13	100%

Notes:

- (1) These demographics do **not** include clients from previous years, who may still be receiving ongoing support from The Hope of Survivors.
- (2) These demographics do **not** include secondary victims such as spouses, children, friends or relatives of the affected individual who contacted The Hope of Survivors, or the other victims of the same pastor of which the client was aware and made known to The Hope of Survivors.
- (3) These figures also do **not** include known cases where The Hope of Survivors has been consulted but has had no direct contact with the client. Thus, the total number served is much greater than these statistics cited.
- (4) The year 2013 averaged 1.4 new clients per week (74 total). This figure is down due to extenuating circumstances in 2013 (changing website from .asp to .php and losing search engine status, also discontinuance of ad campaign for a few months.)
- (5) Same notes apply as stated above on following page.

Demographic Information By State/Country

The chart below reveals the 2013 demographics based on the state/country where the client resides. Throughout just 2013 there were **25** known states and **8** known countries (other than the U.S.) represented as of 12/31/13.

<u>State</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>%</u>
Alabama	2	3%
Arizona	1	1%
Australia	2	3%
California	2	3%
Canada	4	5%
Czech Republic	1	1%
Florida	2	3%
Georgia	1	1%
Great Britain	1	1%
Hawaii	5	7%
Illinois	2	3%
Kansas	1	1%
Maryland	1	1%
Michigan	6	8%
Minnesota	1	1%
Missouri	2	3%
Nebraska	2	3%
New Hampshire	1	1%
New York	3	4%
New Zealand	1	1%
North Carolina	3	4%
Ohio	5	7%
Oklahoma	2	3%
Oregon	3	4%
Pennsylvania	2	3%
Philippines	1	1%
South Africa	1	1%
South Carolina	1	1%
Texas	4	5%
United Kingdom (UK)	1	1%
Undisclosed State/Country	5	7%
Utah	1	1%
Washington	3	4%
Wisconsin	1	1%
<u>Adjustment for fraction of percentages</u>		3%
Total from 1/1/13 to 12/31/13	74	100%

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Pastor Steve Nelson (and Samantha) speaking at the *Trust & Truth* Conference in Pella, IA.

The Hope of Survivors' Officers, Directors & Staff

Without God as the Ultimate Founder, Director and Provider for The Hope of Survivors, none of the work would have lasting effect or eternal results. We give all the glory and honor to our Heavenly Father, yet we recognize the individuals who are His instruments in service. We acknowledge and give our year-end 2013 Board of Directors and Volunteers our heartfelt gratitude for their sacrificial service:

Board of Directors

Steve Nelson, BCBC, CBT (since 12/02)
Co-Founder, President

Samantha Nelson, BCBC, CBT (since 12/02)
Co-Founder, V.P. & CEO

Ted Vanderlaan, Esq. (since 8/11)
Board Chairman

Martin Weber, D.Min. (since 4/08)
Steven Grabiner (since 2/07)
Jennifer Jill Schwirzer, MS, NCC (since 9/07)
James L. Marcum, M.D. (since 9/07)
Ray Hartwell (since 4/08)
Herb Douglass, Th.D. (since 9/08)
Kyoshin Ahn (since 8/11)
Wendy Lee (since 3/12)
Robert Peck (since 7/12)
Shyleene Rosado (since 4/07)



ABOVE: Pastor Steve Nelson with group at Biserica Adventista de Ziua a Saptea—Bistrita in Bistrita, Romania

BELOW: Samantha & Steve Nelson with translator Mihai Papadopol at Romanian Union Conference Pastor's meetings in Stupini, Romania.



Volunteers

Tom Lemon (2004-2009)—Board Chairman Emeritus, Member Advisory Panel (Ongoing)
Robert & Debbie Withrow (since 2/04)—Accounting
Peggy & Dave Mahrt (since 5/05)—PR/Marketing
Coralie Roll (since 1/06)—Australia Division/Administration
Sandy Kirkham (since 8/06)—Member Advisory Panel/Victim Support Services
Arlagene Groves (since 4/07)—Australia Division/Victim Support Services
Shyleene Rosado (since 4/07)—Latino Division Vice President/Victim Support Services
Buffy Halvorsen (since 5/08)—Victim Support Services
Heather & Brad Brown (since 9/09)—Victim Support Services
Wendy Schwitzer (since 6/10)—Victim Support Services
Gail W. & Elgin Jenkins (since 8/10)—Victim Support Services
Romulus Chelbegean, Ph.D., MS, MA, MFT, RN (since 11/10)—Romanian Division Vice President
Danielle Jostes (since 9/11)—Victim Support Services
Javier & Gloria Huerta (since 10/11)—Victim Support Services (Latino Division)
Elizabeth Boone (since 1/12)—Research Assistant
Andrea & Anthony Shipwright (since 5/13)—Victim Support Services (UK)
John & Carrie Nolan (since 7/13)—Victim Support Services
Tracye Brewer (since 7/13)—Grant Writer/PR
Laura Fierbinteanu (since 12/13)—Romanian Division Victim Support Services



LEFT: Latino Division VP, Shyleene Rosado, with a guest at the ASI Convention in Orlando, FL.

Day-to-day operations are primarily the responsibility of the Vice President and CEO; however, each Director and Volunteer has a vital role in the ongoing development and advancement of the ministry and its goals. Directors were actively involved in Board meetings, major decision-making, literature review, accounting, prayer, travel for meetings and many other activities. Volunteers offered support to hundreds of victims throughout the year, as well as assisted with raising awareness of the issue of clergy sexual abuse, conducting conferences, exhibiting at conventions, and many other tasks too numerous to mention. The Hope

of Survivors is indeed indebted and greatly blessed by the involvement of each Director and Volunteer. The following chart shows the breakdown of volunteer hours:

Volunteer	Hours	(Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2013)
Samantha Nelson (paid hours not incl.)	1,485	(executive & administrative, etc.)
Steve Nelson	192	(speaking, counseling, conferences)
Shyleene Rosado	180	(counseling, seminars, conf., etc.)
Andrea Shipwright	107	(victim support, meetings, set-up, etc.)
Wendy Schwitzer	100	(victim support, convention exhibit, etc.)
Anthony Shipwright	93	(victim support, meetings, set-up, etc.)
Javier & Gloria Huerta	93	(Latino Division)
Meredith Indermaur	80	(marketing & PR)
Mary Jo Noworyta	50	(marketing & PR)
Ted Vanderlaan	40	(board meetings, conferences, legal, etc.)
Mark Indermaur	40	(marketing & PR)
Buffy Halvorsen	40	(counseling, meetings, etc.)
Bob & Debbie Withrow	40	(accounting, meetings, reports)
John Nolan	40	(victim support, marketing & PR)
Carrie Nolan	40	(victim support, marketing & PR)
Gail & Elgin Jenkins	32	(exhibiting, counseling, etc.)
Martin Weber	30	(board mtgs., counseling, conf., etc.)
Tracye Brewer	25	(marketing & PR)
Danielle Jostes	25	(victim support)
Heather Brown	25	(victim support)
Bob Peck	20	(board meetings, material review, etc.)
Erik Campano	20	(marketing & PR)
Arlagene Groves	20	(Australia Division)
Jennifer Schwirzer	20	(board meetings, counseling, materials)
Sandy Kirkham	15	(exhibits, conferences)
Evelyn Maiers	10	(Canada Division)
Coralie Roll	10	(Australia Division)
Herb Douglass	10	(board meetings, material review)
Ray Hartwell	6	(board meetings, material review)
Jim Marcum	6	(board meetings, material review, etc.)
Steven Grabiner	6	(board meetings, material review)
Ardis Stenbakken	6	(board meetings, material review)
Romulus Chelbegean	3	(Romania Division)
Kyoshin Ahn	3	(board meetings, material review, etc.)

Total Volunteer Hours for 2013 2,912*

*Estimates based on tasks undertaken by individual volunteers. Not all volunteers reported hours, even though they performed work on behalf of The Hope of Survivors. The total hours represents a **low** estimate of the number of volunteer hours required during 2013. Additional hours from project-based volunteers, such as the individuals who offered to translate the website into various languages, are not included in this estimate.



Board members and volunteers: Herb Douglass, Th.D., James Marcum, M.D., Wendy Schwitzer, Danielle Jostes, Andrea & Anthony Shipwright.

Exposure Information

Editorial / Media / Advertising

- Google AdWords (key words for search results – monthly)
- It Is Written/Oceania (Australia)
- *Shepherdess* Newsletter (Second Quarter 2013, Iowa-Missouri Conference)
- *Christian Renewal* (Reformed Church Magazine)
- Ransom.TV (<http://www.ransom.tv/notes/samantha-n>)
- WBBM Newsradio 780 (Chicago)
- KCWN Radio Interview (Pella, IA)
- The Advocate—BlogTalk Radio
- *Adventist Today* (October 2013)
- *For God and Country**

*Note: “*For God and Country*” is produced by the Department of Chaplain Ministries of the General Conference as a resource for encouragement and spiritual growth for Adventists who are in the military. Director Gary Councell has identified “Abuse” as the featured theme for the first issue of 2013. And in his editorial he identifies The Hope of Survivors as a healing organization for those specifically abused by clergy.

- 30-second Public Service Announcement (PSA) seen in every city in America, as well as the Internet, on DISH via the NRB, on 3ABN, Walk Television, and My Family Life.
- Awarded a Top-Rated Nonprofit honor by Great Nonprofits
- Distribution of *Understanding Sexual Misconduct Among Spiritual Leaders* booklet to members of Connecting Streams during their leadership training event in Canada
- And many others!

Additionally, The Hope of Survivors continued to publish and distribute its quarterly newsletter, *HopeSpeak*, to over 1,600 individuals, and distributed materials through various avenues, including online orders, direct requests, conventions, conferences and other venues.



The image shows a screenshot of the RANSOM website. At the top, the word "RANSOM" is written in large, colorful, stylized letters. To the right of the logo is a navigation menu with links for ABOUT, VIDEOS, MUSIC, SHORT FILMS, RANSOM NOTES, COUCH SESSIONS, ARTICLES, RANSOM NOTES, and SUBMIT YOURS. Below the menu is a search bar and social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram. The main content area features a testimonial by Samantha N. It includes a small portrait photo of her on the left and text on the right that reads: "Sometimes, when we least expect it, something happens that changes our lives forever. For me, it began shortly before my husband and I arranged for me to counsel with our pastor. Unbeknownst to us at that time, it had actually begun a lot earlier on. My husband and I had been out of the church for many years, not void of faith or religion, just not attending the usual services. We had finally reached a point

Conferences / Programs / Projects

Beyond the day-to-day support it provided for victims of clergy sexual abuse, The Hope of Survivors was actively engaged in the following events, conferences and programs, plus several in-house and on-site counseling sessions at various times during 2013:

- *Trust & Truth* Conference in Roanoke, Virginia (January 2013)
- *Trust & Truth* Conference in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (March 2013)
- *Faith & Fidelity* Conference in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (March 2013)
- *Hope & Healing* Conference in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (March 2013)
- Summit for Social Consciousness in Berrien Springs, Michigan (April 2013)
- *Trust & Truth* Conference in Pella, Iowa (April 2013)
- Prayer Line Connection Camp Meeting exhibit in Los Angeles, California (May 2013)
- Rocky Mountain Annual Conference (UMC) exhibit in Denver, Colorado (June 2013)
- ASI exhibit in Orlando, Florida (August 2013)
- EndItNow Campaign at Council Bluffs, Iowa & Los Angeles, California (August 2013)
- *Hope & Healing* Conference in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii (September 2013)
- *Trust & Truth* Conference in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii (September 2013)
- Multiple sermons and support sessions in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii (September 2013)
- *Trust & Truth* Conferences (Spring & Fall semesters) at Cincinnati Christian University (Cincinnati, OH)
- *Trust & Truth* Conference at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama (October 2013)
- *Faith & Fidelity* Conference for pastors in Stupini, Romania (November 2013)
- Documentary premiere showing at Balta Alba in Bucharest, Romania (November 2013)
- Special message for week of prayer service in Ocnita, Romania (November 2013)
- Worship services in Bistrita, Romania and Bucharest, Romania (November 2013)



Kahu (Pastor) David DeCarvalho & Pastor Steve Nelson preparing for seminars in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.

Clergy Sexual Abuse Awareness & Prevention™ Day Campaign

The Hope of Survivors conducted its third annual Clergy Sexual Abuse Awareness & Prevention (CSAAP) campaign (<http://www.clergysexualabuseawarenessday.com>) by hosting several events around the country and enlisting many volunteers for various activities. Although CSAAP was initiated by The Hope of Survivors, many other individuals and organizations are part of this campaign to raise awareness of the issue of clergy sexual abuse and to fight to stop its prevalence among churches of all denominations. Several endorsements have been garnered from leaders in the fields of advocacy, research, law and social work, which helped lend additional credibility to the significance of the campaign.



It is the goal of The Hope of Survivors to see CSAAP become to clergy sexual abuse what pink ribbons have become to Breast Cancer Awareness. You can help us make that happen by sponsoring or hosting an event in your area, writing letters to the editor of your local newspaper, as well as mainstream media outlets. Just be sure to let us know your plans so we can assist you with promotion and materials!

Special Thanks...

The Hope of Survivors is deeply indebted and thankful to its Directors, Officers and Volunteers (listed on page 14) who served and supported the ministry in 2013. It is difficult to list the names of every individual or organization that has had a part in supporting or assisting the ministry in some way. There are many individuals who faithfully support this ministry in some way, and we are very grateful for you. Thank you all for your support and prayers!

We'd also like to say "Thank You" to our donors and to those who have donated their time, talents and services to help The Hope of Survivors conduct its programs and day-to-day operations. The Hope of Survivors would not be able to continue its operations and services for victims and churches if it were not for you.



Above: Sharing a message of hope at Balta Alba Church in Bucharest, Romania, and sharing contact information after the pastor's meetings in Stupini, Romania. The Romanian Division of The Hope of Survivors was fully incorporated as an NGO (non-governmental organization) in 2013.

“We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.”—1 Thessalonians 1:2-4