

NEW BEGINNINGS

Specific Volunteer Information

New Beginnings is a ministry connected with Hope Church. We seek to come alongside parents with material, educational, emotional and spiritual help. We seek to do this with intent to witness the gospel of Jesus Christ in both word and deed.

We are an Earn while you Learn program. This means that as the parents attend they earn “mommy money” which they can then spend on items in our store located on site. The store carries donated items that are needed for child rearing, such as diapers, clothing, cribs etc.

All material taught is taught via DVD or books. The decision on what is to be taught is decided by both the mentor and the client.

We also invite the parents to discuss and read the Bible depending on their level of comfort in this area.

Most of the parents involved in New Beginnings come from poverty lifestyles or may come from abusive homes. Most are single parents. The age range of parents is from 15 to 45.

We are located on the corner of Jackson and 13th Streets.

Roles and Responsibilities:

Receptionists: This role includes the ability to speak to people on the phone and face to face. You will need to be able to discuss the program with interested persons, and monitor appointments between parents and mentors. Basic computer skills will be needed. You will be required to attend a three hour training session for this role.

Mentors: This role includes being able to meet one on one with the parents, not as a counselor but as a mentor, to be able to determine, along with the parent, what material is needed. You will need to have good listening skills and the ability to help others in difficult situations. You do not need to teach, but you do need to be able to assist others in comprehending what is being taught in the lessons. You should be comfortable bringing up spiritual needs to the parent. You will be required to attend a six hour training session for this role.

New Beginnings is a volunteer driven ministry. This means you determine the time commitment to New Beginnings. The minimum is 1 hour per week and the maximum is up to you. We will try to accommodate your availability.

New Beginnings application for University student volunteers

Name: _____

Phone: Best # to call _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Marital Status: Married () Single () Divorced () Partner ()

General Information for all applicants:

1. Why are you interested in helping in the New Beginnings program?
2. What strengths and experiences do you have that you think will be useful in New Beginnings?
3. What experience do you have and how do you feel about a single mother or unmarried couples parenting their child?
4. What experience do you have and how do you feel about working with people in poverty?
5. Are you able to communicate in Spanish? Yes () No ()
Other languages? List:
6. Please list two or more character/personal references that you have known for two years.
7. New Beginnings is a Christian ministry connected with Hope church. We purposely seek to witness to our clients about the gospel. What experience do you have and how do you feel about sharing the gospel of Christ with others?

Availability:

1. In what area would you prefer to work (Please circle one):

Work with clients as mentor
Receptionist

2. Please indicate what days & times you would be able to commit to.

3. How many hours do you feel you would be able to commit to?

THE FOLLOWING IS FOR THOSE APPLYING TO BE MENTORS.

Christian Life:

1. Please give a brief testimony of how and when you accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior. How has our life changed? (Use back page).
2. Do you have experience of or feel comfortable sharing with another person the gospel message following up with discipleship?
3. Do you attend church? Can you list two people who would be a reference for you in respect to your life as a Christian? Please list phone numbers for these.
4. Have you read and do you agree with Hope Church's Statement of Faith and with the New Beginnings purpose statement? Statements are attached.

Your signature and date:

Please return application to New Beginnings, 1290 Jackson Street, Dubuque, IA 52001
New Beginnings Ministry

Purpose statement

New Beginnings provides for the material, educational, spiritual and emotional needs of parents with children from 0-3 years old. This is done through volunteer Christian mentoring and intentional witness and discipleship.

Vision

Our goal is to partner with churches in the body of Christ in order to come alongside parents/families in Dubuque. Our desire is to develop relationships and create a community with parents/families to help them develop healthy life skills. We will do this through the grace and truth of Jesus Christ.

1. New Beginnings ministry is an outreach ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are committed to share the gospel in word and deed to those who attend the program.
2. We are committed to providing compassionate assistance and directing our clients to further resources when appropriate.
3. We are committed to offering the best of donated items to the clientele from our shop.
4. We will not discriminate in providing services because of race, creed, national origin, age or marital status of our clients.
5. We do not recommend abortions or contraceptive devices but do recommend abstinence prior to marriage.
6. We are committed to educating and encouraging clients not only in parenting skills as taught in the EWYL curriculum but also in lifestyle changes that would bring glory to Jesus Christ.
7. All who mentor in the New Beginnings Ministry are expected to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Beliefs

God

1. We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.

The Bible

2. We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.

The Human Condition

3. We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed.

Jesus Christ

4. We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. Jesus-Israel's promised Messiah-was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate.

The Work of Christ

5. We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation.

The Holy Spirit

6. We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.

The Church

7. We believe that the true church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head. The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed only of believers. The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer.

Christian Living

8. We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.

Christ's Return

9. We believe in the personal, bodily and premillennial return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.

Response and Eternal Destiny

10. We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.