

HOPE VILLAGE (TINY HOMES PROJECT) - PASTOR HOFFMAN'S VISION

I know this housing project may sound scary to those who are first hearing about it. I was terrified of a dirty homeless encampment with tents, trash, defecation on the sidewalk, and people using drugs in public. We have all seen scenes like this many areas of both counties.

But as I came to see the vision for this project, it is DIFFERENT.

Imagine a scene of 34 little rooms, a bathroom-shower-laundry unit, a shared kitchen, and a common area to eat and congregate outside. Imagine it with flowerpots and trees, all walled in with a Spanish-style decorative wall. Imagine being greeted by a licensed clinician or a 24/7 security guard as you enter, who makes sure you are supposed to be there, and several staff on site 24/7.

And as you walk around you don't see any "homeless people" because all the people there now have a home! are showered, and not stressed out trying to survive in the anxiety and danger of the streets—women safe and protected, people with disabilities getting the services they need, counselors helping people get their papers or documentation that were stolen or lost, helping people look for jobs or get new training, people being helped with their substance abuse issues, people getting signed up to move on to more permanent housing, people reuniting with family or friends long lost, etc.

Now imagine many of these people who have often felt like outsiders and the lepers of society now being welcomed and embraced by the community, the church, the neighbors, beginning to feel like they belong again and are loved.

This is our hope, this is our mission with Hope Village (Tiny Homes Project)