



## The Redemption Story of Marlene

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**\* Volunteers Wanted \***

- Warehouse Laborers
- Kitchen Helpers
- Food preparation
- Drivers
- Food pick-up
- Intercessors to pray for the people, workers and ministry
- Musicians and worship leaders
- *Donations are always welcomed in lieu of Volunteer Time....Thank you*

Early on in Hope for the Future's history, Pastor Diane greeted with a punch, followed by the announcement "Hot Dog!" on a weekly basis during the Church Without Walls Ministry at Tompkins's Square Park. Marlene Bailey, aka, Hot Dog, was one of the hardest of hard cases. When sober Marlene

could be pleasant, but drunk was a violent ride. As impossible a candidate Hot Dog seemed, she showed up twice a week at the park for food a n d

whether she liked it or not, the Word. Seeds were sown, fed and watered weekly for twenty years. Some seeds take a long time to germinate.

Marlene is 52 years of age and legally blind in one eye. She is the youngest of fourteen children brought up by alcoholic parents, her mother being the worse of the two. The household was divided like Noah's Ark, in pairs of children. Marlene's family partner was her older sister,

Patricia. They lost contact when Patricia went off to college in 1971. In 1974 Marlene's mother died at the funeral. She was already a heavily active alcoholic, following the family tree. From that time, Patricia prayed and sought to find Marlene.

Diane physically, but Hot Dog kept coming and Pastor kept on preaching and praying for the Flock at the park. Around the end of May, Pastor Diane began to feel a Holy Spirit burden for Hot Dog, so much so, that she began seeking her out on the Monday Outreach, which is in midtown. One Monday it was teeming rain

earlier in the evening. After the team finished the midtown outreach, Pastor Diane was led to seek out Hot Dog on E 7<sup>th</sup> St.



Pastor Diane (far left), Marlene Bailey (center) w/ "Big Sister", Paula @ rehab center.

Ironically, Patricia became a missionary and is a very active participant in another ministry in the Bronx. For over 30 years she prayed that she would find her little sister, and find her still alive. And just to think, at the very same time, God was working out the answer to those prayers through Hope for the Future, one borough away.

Marlene wasn't particularly receptive to the Salvation Message and over the twenty years often slammed Pastor

and Ave A. The Lord was definitely bringing them closer. All violence had ceased and a friendship had developed, so much so that Pastor Diane gave her own sweatshirt to Hot Dog. It was gratefully received. Pastor Diane began to pray for a "key" to unlock the chains that kept Hot Dog bound in alcoholism.

One Monday Hot dog's sister-in-law Anna saw Marlene on 14<sup>th</sup> St. and called her older sister Dagma, in Florida.

## When Grace Meets Hope

**URGENT!!!!  
VOLUNTEERS ARE  
NEEDED ASAP!**

Some people believe that during the summer months many come to volunteer. But the fact is this: many go away on vacation during the summer and that leaves us extremely short-handed. If you have any free time and you would like to make a difference... please consider joining our team. Your time and help are greatly appreciated!

**PLEASE CALL US  
AND  
VOLUNTEER TODAY!**

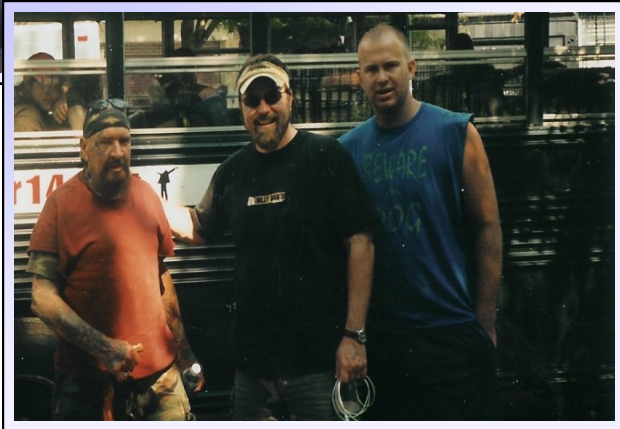
We need Professional Fund Raisers, Grant Writers, Graphic Artists, Warehouse workers, Office help and kitchen helpers.

**JOIN US TODAY.  
Thank you~**

Our thanks to Grace Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio, for sending their Youth team to Hope For The Future. Pastor Bob and the 21 member team stayed at Hope House in Selden and were a great help to Fred in organizing the Warehouse and cleaning up the prayer room. We are sure the youth group was deeply touched by their time with the street outreaches to NYC and Hempstead,

New York.

Hope for the Future is also deeply grateful for transporting Biker Billy (see July's issue) to Ohio and buying him a bus ticket on Greyhound to Arizona. Greyhound in Ohio only required one form of ID, as opposed to 2 forms for Trailways from New York. God bless Grace Brethren for helping Hope for the Future help others. Ω



↑ Grace Brethren Team Serving in the Rain @ Tompkin's Square Park.

→ Billy Biker, in route to Arizona, hitching a ride with Grace Brethren team.

*Don't forget to watch  
Glory to Glory TV  
Show on  
Cablevision (Channel  
115 every Tuesday 7:00  
am (Nassau &  
Western Suffolk  
County) & ) with  
Pastor Diane Dunne  
& Pastor Deborah  
Mitchell*

Our ministry relies on contributions from people like you. Please give what you can. Thank you!

→ Enclosed, please find my contribution in the amount of: (please check one)

- \$25.00
- \$50.00
- \$75.00
- \$100.00 or more \_\_\_\_\_ Bless you♥

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## **Marlene's Redemption...** (continued from page 1)

Dagma immediately called Patricia at her job in Manhattan and on her lunch hour, Patricia found Marlene, aka, Hot Dog, on her bench at Tompkins's Square park. They began to talk and Patricia told Marlene about an upcoming family reunion in Florida. Marlene wanted so to be connected to her family, her son and her grandchildren but it was decided that Marlene was in no condition to make the trip. The sister's spent time reminiscing about growing up downtown, and visited all the places of their youth; where they went to school, shopping, swimming, and the playground they whiled away the hours. The following Saturday, Marlene introduced Her sister Pat to pastor Diane on the Line at the Saturday outreach.

Dagma sent Pastor Diane photographs of the family and among them were those of Marlene's children, which had been removed from her decades earlier,

and those of her grandchildren. Pastor shared them with Marlene a few times a week, but kept them for safe keeping. The years of prayer, seeds from the



Christian rehab center in New York, which will remain anonymous. Twenty years of love, prayer, faith and obedience have worked together to set the captive free! We are doing our best to support her in every way possible. Please keep Marlene in your prayers for the long, difficult journey she has ahead. Amen! Ω

↑ Pat (on left) with her sister Marlene, aka "Hot Dog" in NYC park.

Word and the new found possibility of relationship with her family and children and grandchildren made Marlene ready to accept God's gift of sobriety. The "key" was wanting to be Grandma to those precious grandchildren. Encouraged by the unconditional love that was displayed by her sisters, Pastor Diane, and of course the Lord Almighty, Marlene agreed willingly to detox. After a short term detox program, Pastor Diane and Fred drove Marlene to a beautiful

**Upcoming Event:**  
**Benefit Concert for HFTF**  
**Sponsored by Jesus Alive Min.**  
**Featuring:**  
 Crossfire  
 Karli Bonne'  
 Deborah Mitchell  
 Living Hope Dancers  
**Concert will be held at Love & Mercy Fellowship, 1420 Union Blvd, Bay Shore, NY**  
**September 29th, 2007**  
**Saturday, 7:00 PM**  
**For futher info call:**  
**631-752-5771**

**Quote Of The Month**

*Do not wait for extraordinary circumstances to do good; try to use ordinary situations.*

*Johann Paul Friedrich Richter (1763-1825)*

**Upcoming Event:**  
**Benefit Concert for HFTF**  
**Paul Paouli Band**  
**Eyewitness**  
**Deborah Mitchell**  
 Concert will be held at  
 New Covenant Church  
 757 Bellmore Ave. East Meadow, NY 11554 For more info call  
**516-489-1600**  
**OCTOBER 21st, 2007**  
**Beginning 6:00 pm**

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- *Click on 'make a donation' at bottom of page.*

*Please note... you don't have to be a member of pay pal to donate.*

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**Now Hiring!**

**Salaried full-time and part-time positions are available at HFTF!**

**Office Administrator: Must have experience.**

**Part-time Chef: Must be certified, have prior experience, having worked in a commercial kitchen, cooking in volume.**

**For further information or to set up an appointment for an interview: 631-752-5771**

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### *A Word From The Pastor's Desk...*

The Lord never ceases to amaze me when it comes to His provision and care. He has never given us so much that we forget about him and he has never allowed us to be in such need that we would lose dependence on Him. (See Proverbs 30:8-9) Even during a time of need God always seems to send the food needed to make menu. This has really helped to build our faith at HFTF, and to believe for our every need to be met. Never is our faith tested more than during the lean months of summer.

Speaking of which... it is soon to come to an end! It is once again time to be preparing the children for school. This month Fred and I had opportunity to make a great impression on the lives of 7-9 year olds, in Smithtown Gospel Tabernacle Missions for Kids Week. Both Fred and I posed as homeless folks who just got a hot meal at HFTF's line. We brought a down to earth picture of what it must be like to be without shelter, and family. One minute life is good, and then you turn a corner to an unexpected tragedy and life is forever altered. We showed them through skits, what goes through the mind of a homeless person who receives kindness from strangers. I believe we have forever made an impression and imparted a burden for home missions in the minds of these young kids. What a privilege it was to become a part of shaping their hearts and lives. We are thankful for Pastor Dave of SGT. We think he's doing an awesome job with the young kids. As parents prepare their children for another year of school, we need to pray for them. In today's generation children are under more pressure than we ever were. They have to struggle against more materialism, more lust, earlier exposure to drugs, alcohol and other vices. We are thankful to be a part of helping to ensure the next generation of possible missionaries.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thanks of appreciation for our partners who have remained faithful during these summer months. May the Lord richly bless you for your faithful support and prayers.

**Sincerely In His Service,  
Pastor Diane Dunne**