

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WRITING A “HOPE NOTE” (2005)

Personal letters are the heart and soul of Project Hope Bags. Rather than ignoring the homeless, we choose to “flood” them with God’s love and concern! Each Hope Bag contains one or more short letters written by the youth. The letters do not contain any personal information, just the loving, reassuring touch of God! Use the following instructions to help you write your letters to the homeless:

Rule:

Use your first name only. Its ok to mention your age, grade, religion, etc...but **don’t list last names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, school names or specifics.**

Suggestions:

Give your first name and ask for theirs. Make it personal.

Keep the note short and fill it with words of hope, support, love, strength, understanding, and faith.

Use the words: **I, we, you, and us.** (**Be serious, be hopeful, and be yourself!**)

Suggested Phrases to use:

I’m sorry I don’t get to meet you in person

God bless you

Thank you

Please

We hope you are well

Take care of yourself

Things are getting better

Christ loves you

We will pray for God’s peace

We will remember you

We will not ignore you

We will pray for your family

We will pray for your health

We admire you

May the Lord be with you

You are not alone

Don’t give up; keep hoping

We care about you

We love you

We will pray for you

I’m sorry

Good luck

Be hopeful

God loves you

We will pray for what you need

We will pray for God’s healing

We will not forget you

We will not let others ignore you

We will pray for you safety

We will tell others about you

Peace be with you

You are in our prayers

You are important to us

You are loved

