

# PastorCare

West Michigan  
Helping Pastors Soar

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Please make a special effort this summer to find a way to bless and encourage your pastor and family. Trust me. Your words and actions of kindness and encouragement will bless your pastor and family more than you can imagine. As you read the letter I received from Rev. Ken Hale, you will understand the blessings of doing what God has called me to do.

*It was so good to speak with you this past week regarding ministry. Yesterday I met with the pastor search committee from Victory and it appears the church will be voting within the next couple of weeks regarding a call as their regular pastor. Praise the Lord.*

*I want to take time to say thank you for just being there when my previous situation fell apart. There were times when I did not know where to turn and God brought me to your ministry for pastors. What a relief to know there is a ministry that is there for pastors when going through difficult times. During those tough times God knew exactly when to have you call just to find out how I was doing and give an encouraging word and prayer. You will never know how much that meant to me. I thank God for your being sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit.*

*May God continue to use you in the ministry of caring for pastors. I will continue to be in prayer for you and will be in touch from time to time to let you know how things are going.*

*Thank you my dear brother and I look forward to meeting you one day soon.*

*Because Christ lives,  
Rev. Ken Hale  
Pastor, Victory Church, Portage, MI*



On September 15, 2012, God arranged for Ken and me to meet face to face in Detroit, Michigan. I was invited as a ministry workshop presenter at the Michigan Baptist Church Equipping Conference.

When Ken saw the PastorCare banners, he began looking for me. We were both so delighted to see each other!

Pastor Ken told me he is doing great and loving his ministry at Victory Church. Praise the LORD!



We celebrate with our son Andrew as he graduated from Grand Valley State University on April 27, 2013. We are very proud of Andrew!

Sue and I thank God for your prayer support and your financial support. God is working through you to help make our ministry possible. Checks can be made payable to **PastorCare West Michigan**. All contributions are mailed to: **1632 Waterbury Dr. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49508**. Your partnership with us makes our ministry possible. Thank you!

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