A man, about 50 years old, was living in a van. For a year. After he lost his job because of foot and vision problems. Because he couldn’t afford medication for diabetes. So he couldn’t get a new job. So he lived in a van. For a year.

Complicated problems like that create complex crises for many people right here in Zeeland and Holland, for those neighbors to whom we’re commanded to show love. Thankfully, this man was able to find coordinated, collaborative help through City on a Hill ministries and its ministry partners.

City on a Hill’s founders 13 years ago walked in faith, step by step, following God’s call to create a place of hope, help and healing. Today, City on a Hill continues to be shaped by God’s calling to meet needs in this community and the world. It has grown to operate its own ministries, like the Clinic and ATLAS, and it hosts 40 other ministries that address a wide variety of needs. For instance: The man in the van was brought to City on a Hill by an ATLAS church partner. Increasingly, churches partner with ATLAS to provide expert help that deacons or church staff might not have.

Then ATLAS life coaches assessed the man’s situation and began to address his needs. The Health Clinic tackled his medical issues, providing treatment and medication. The clinic’s community health worker connected him with Medicaid for on-going medical care. And one of our ministry partners, Harvest Stand Ministries, provided food and clothing. Finally, the man continued to meet with his ATLAS life coach to get a job, budget and find a home.

It was a collaborative solution to a complex crisis, a solution City on a Hill’s founders couldn’t see coming 13 years ago. But God did. And the founders did follow God’s calling to create a place where the light of His love would shine to people in physical and spiritual need.

Today, City on a Hill still follows that calling. It follows it by operating four ministries itself and by helping 40 other ministries do more good, with shared spaces, ministry incubator support, a well-maintained facility, and collaboration between ministries. It does it by finding new and exciting ways to serve God by serving our neighbors.

Caring, collaborative community continues to follow God’s call

Ministries at City on a Hill
found a collaborative solution to a complex crisis.

City on a Hill continues to be shaped by God’s calling to meet needs.

Clinic staff meet client health needs.

ATLAS staff provide loving support for clients.
City on a Hill ... the year at a glance

- With three new ministries this year, City on a Hill is now providing affordable, inviting, collaborative space for 44 ministry partners.
- Ministries working at City on a Hill touch some 469,000 lives a year in 66 countries and 27 U.S. states.
- Working to sustain the ministry’s future with building repair, more efficient HVAC, and site improvements with donor help.
- Our own four ministries – ATLAS, Health Clinic, Leader Renewal, the Café – directly served thousands of our neighbors this year.
- City on a Hill’s ministry is able to operate thanks to donor support and an average of 135 volunteers each month serving in many ways.

The Cafe

- Food and friendship for ministry partners and clients, groups of friends, church groups, reunions, our whole community.
- Volunteer-driven ministry, with a monthly average of 30 people giving 400 volunteer hours.
- A caring community of staff and volunteers find friendship and support while serving God and others.
- 6,500 low-cost or free Tuesday dinners provided food and fellowship for families, seniors or those who otherwise might not get out for a hearty meal.

Leader Renewal

- Quiet, comfortable space encourages individual prayer and reflection.
- More than 120 day visits last year by pastors and other leaders seeking a time of retreat.
- No cost for users, thanks to a donor’s blessing.

ATLAS

- Provided 2,811 staff sessions with people in crisis, up 33 percent, at no cost to clients.
- New partnerships to help churches screen and address needs that come to them.
- Holistic, collaborative care with Health Clinic and other ministries.
- Budget counseling, eviction prevention project, partnerships offer new solutions.

Health Clinic

- 1,553 treatment visits for 377 patients, up 8 percent, at no cost to patients.
- New clinic days and more health education classes to meet growing needs, including chronic cases and behavioral health issues.
- Treatment provided by 65 volunteer health care professionals and others.
- New men’s health screening day uncovered multiple undiagnosed conditions.
- Added holistic services, including physical therapy, chiropractic, counseling.