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# UPDATE

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## Reflections of New Hope's Ministry after the 1st Quarter

Dear New Hope Family,

We are well into the fall, and Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner. Whoever coined the phrase, "time flies" was correct. At the end of September we finished our first quarter at New Hope and wanted to give you a glimpse of what God is doing. We have gone through a variety of transitions at New Hope, yet God has been continually evident in the transformation of many lives. We have witnessed over a dozen people give their life to Jesus and many more come back to him. The reconciliation of relationships, the rebirth of hope and refurbishing of lives happens weekly. God loves New Hope, its people, its county and beyond.

Thank you soooooooo much for your investment in God's kingdom through the ministry of New Hope. You are a blessing!

Teammates in Christ,

Bill

Pastor Bill

**Dina Fredlund,** *Office Manager*
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Lately the office feels like an ER. We have so many emotionally and financially hurting people come in and call the office everyday looking for help. Many New Hopers and people in our community are looking for help. As you all know our goal is to reach out to the lost, the hurting and the found in Isanti County and beyond. I just want to personally thank all of you who donate financially, furniture, cars, clothing, and temporary places to stay. We love these people and you are blessing so many. Thank You and God Bless!

### *KidVenture (children Age 0–Grade 5) and FamilyVenture*

**Greta Nelson,** *Children's Director*
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If I could describe what is going on in KidVenture this first quarter of the year in one word it would be ORANGE. It is the concept that when we bring the light of Jesus (yellow) together with the love of family (red) that something wonderful happens, and that something is ORANGE…a fabulous expression of God's love for us. ORANGE is experienced in many different ways in KidVenture on Sundays and in homes during the week. Here is a quick sample.

- One child has shared that she has created a place in her own closet at home to have "God Time" (a simple moment for her and God to meet using a tool from KidVenture).
- A family blessed by the provision of sign language interpreters sharing their time and gift and in doing so share Jesus with these children on Sunday mornings.
- The generosity of children and families has sent two Bibles to children through World Vision and continues to sponsor German Solano in Guatemala.
- We wound up the quarter with an ORANGE Sundae event where families stayed in their child's room in order to learn more about ORANGE.

We are thankful and walk with joyful expectancy into the next quarter.

## *Transformation . . . Growth . . . Groups*

**Bob Roby,** *Discipleship Pastor*

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For 2008-2009, my focus could best be described as ***Spiritual Formation***: including Alpha, prayer ministry, and personal discipleship. We are half way through our first Alpha course at the Shed with one of our strongest teams ever, and about two dozen guests who have already taken huge steps in their faith. Prayer, healing and deliverance ministry continues with "knee mail", Sunday mornings, and Tuesday nights, and a chance for more of us to be equipped in prayer ministry at an open training time on the morning of November 22nd at the Heritage Center. A group of 13 "Netmakers" has been launched to meet in groups of three (triads) or four, to pilot a discipling network. We're in year five of our journey as a church, and we are "going deep" to build strength and ownership for the long haul!

## *Grades 6-12*

**JoJo Spencer,** *Youth Director*

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**TWO12** Sr. High Ministries has been extremely exciting. Kids have really opened their minds and hearts to God's calling in their life and we are seeing several youth being challenged and transformed through youth group, Sunday school, mentoring, and discipleship. The Motto for this year is "SHOSUMLUV" (Show some love), which the kids are excelling at.

**H2O** has been extremely exciting. Kids are feeling connected to their Sunday school classes and are growing through it. Relationships have been key in the faith-building process, so there has been lot's of one-on-ones with the kids, and the small groups on Wednesday nights have really been growing closer as a community.

ALL IN ALL, Community is established, God is being glorified, and relationships are growing. AMEN.

## *Finance Update*

**Warren Walburg,** *Treasurer*

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- In September, our general fund income was about 7,300 underneath our expenses.
- Since July 1, our income has been about 29,000 under budget; we have managed expenses, but still have a shortfall of about 14,200.
- In past years, we have accumulated a surplus of about 18,900; we have about 4,700 of that remaining at the end of September.
- We also keep track of cash that has been dedicated for specific ministries; we have about 17,200 in dedicated accounts other than land.
- We also have about 7,200 in dedicated accounts held for the land – giving us a total of about 29,100 in cash.
- We also have about 17,600 in a CD for the land; giving us total cash-type assets of about 46,700.
- As far as the land, the mortgage balance is about 188,000 with about 25,000 in assets offsetting that (cash & CD); net of about 163,000.
- Big Picture: We are paying down the land a little at a time but our weekly giving is behind and not meeting expenses for the general basics (rent, insurance, ministry cost, salaries, etc.) *Please pray about your part in helping here. Also, consider New Hope in your end of the year giving. It's an eternal investment.*

## *Land & Building Update*

New Hope owns 25 acres of land along Skogman Lake just off of Hwy 95 one mile east of Menards. It's fun, beautiful, usable and close to town. We hope to get out and play on it this winter with some all-church activities. Right now it is corny…full of corn.

## *"What If..." Visioning Team*

**Jay Erickson,** *Chair*

In early September the "WIT" Team (What if Team) finished their study on what the community and New Hope would need in a building. Everything from the feel of the building to square footage was researched. The team did amazing work. To check out a summary, click on the link on our web page. (www.nehopecambridge.org.) This information has now been handed off to the "Design Team" who will be coming up with design options. They have already taken two day trips touring a variety of churches for ideas and hope to have pictures and plans of what a New Hope building could look like by January 1st! More updates will be coming later concerning the land and building timeline so keep your shovel handy.

## New Hope Purpose:

***"To honor God by making passionate followers of Jesus Christ through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit."***

## Core Values:

- ***Grace***
- ***Growth***
- ***Generosity***