



2010 Annual Report

*Doing whatever it takes to turn ordinary people
into passionate followers of Christ.*

Living Hope Church Annual Report 2010

People Will Know Us Not by What We Say but by What They See.

- We Know Jesus Offers Hope
- We Know God's Promises are Real
- We Know the Power of God's Spirit within Us
- We Experience the Difference of Lives Lived by Biblical Principles

Weekend attendance reached an all time high in 2010 with an average of two-hundred and fifty-seven people per weekend.



Introducing People to Jesus

- **Guiding people towards a framework with Christ is at the core of what we do at Living Hope, in weekend services, events, youth and children's activities and small groups.**
- **Over twenty people indicated that they made a first time commitment to God through Living Hope's ministry this year.**
- **Eleven individuals were baptized into Christ.**



"I am torn. I need to leave this area but I don't want to leave Living Hope. It is my home."

Growing Closer to God

- **Getting in tune with God:** learning more about Him and delighting in his presence.
- **Getting near God:** We develop experiences, and disciplines to help people develop their personal journey with God.
- **Getting Connected in Relationships:** we provided two campaigns which aligned our weekend connections with small group opportunities *Life's Healing Choices* and *Foolproof Your Life*.



Two hundred and four people participated in small groups in 2010

"I knew I needed to go to church but I hated to go alone. Still, I needed God in my life. I was making all kinds of excuse to myself -- why I shouldn't go. When I arrived at Living Hope for the first time I sat in the parking lot and thought, 'I can't go in there. I can't go in. I don't know anyone.' When I walked in the door I smelled popcorn that was the beginning of the unexpected. I had such an uplifting time that I left and told more than 20 people."

Encouraging People to Live by the Spiritual Principles that Bring Peace and Joy

- **Financial Peace University: fifty-five people graduated from FPU in 2010. Over two-hundred people have graduated FPU in Alpena to date. The total net worth change for graduates just during the thirteen weeks of the class topped \$700,000 this year.**
- **Leadership Advance: we hosted three different Leadership training seminars and events this year including Dave Ramsey's *Entre Leadership* simulcast.**
- **Celebrate Recovery – in response to the *Life's Healing Choices* campaign we began to offer *Celebrate Recovery* as an ongoing opportunity to help individuals overcome life's hurts, habits and hang-ups.**

In addition to cash revenues Living Hope facilitated over \$20,000 in in-kind contributions to help those in need.

Helping People in Need

- **Local Crisis Care:** assisting with food, shelter and transportation needs.
- **Third World Missions:** *Operation Christmas Child* shoe boxes and mission support for AIM Air pilot Ron Poitier and his family.
- **Community Outreach:** events such as giving out new clothing and used household items for free.
- **Partnering with Local Agencies:** such as St. Vincent De Paul to care for the needs of those outside our church family.



Living Hope 2010 Financial Highlights

Revenues (*unaudited)

- **Unrestricted Giving \$199,277.14**
(regular tithes and offerings)
- **Restricted Giving \$50,322.67**
(development, crisis care, missions)
- **Other Revenues \$25,491.57** (sales, interest)
- **Total Revenues \$275,091.24**

2010 was a very difficult year for churches and individuals but Living Hope was blessed beyond measure. Our overall revenues reached an all time high and we were able to give more away than ever before.



Expenditures (*unaudited)

- Mission/Crisis Care \$15,588.42
- Outreach \$24,369.31
- Student Ministries \$21,228.54
- Life-Stage Ministries \$38,967.61
- Weekend Experiences and Events
\$41,297.40
- First Impressions \$21,503.16
- Infrastructure \$63,139.74

- **Total Expenditures \$226,093.97**

We faithfully stewarded the gifts you gave to God and entrusted to us by tightening our belts and doing more with less.

Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures = \$48,997.27

Development Fund as of 12/31/2010 = \$188,163.35

General Fund as of 12/31/2010 = \$4,584.27

*** Audited financial statements will be available in July 2011**

Living Hope Administration

Board of Trustees

- **Rick Schultz**, President
- **Bill Garant**, Vice President
- **Stacee Martin**, Treasurer
- **John Olson**, Secretary

Ministry Staff:

- **Tad Martin**, Senior Pastor
- **John Price**, Associate Pastor
- **Leanna Martin**, Counseling
- **Kathy Irelan**, Elevate Kids and Babies

Support Staff

- **Marge McConnell**, Office Manager
- **Billiejo Rasmussen**, Accounting
- **Sarah Kipfmiller**, Custodial

*One hundred and sixty-two people
volunteered at Living Hope in 2010*

*“Living Hope showed me something
different. Jesus is personal to me now.
He is not distant and impersonal.”*

Living Hope's Vision Path

The organizational model we envision for the future has a **Living Hope Ministries (LHM)** entity supporting and guiding three distinct ministries: **Living Hope Church (LHC)**, **Living Hope Services (LHS)** and **Living Hope Apprenticeship (LHA)**.

Although distinct, like the three legs of a stool, each of these three ministries will compliment and support the others. The LHC leg will focus on evangelism, the LHS leg will focus on charity, and the LHA leg will focus on discipleship.

Living Hope Church

Living Hope Church will continue to be a center for Christian discovery, development, and experience. The LHC mission is "To do whatever it takes to turn ordinary people into passionate followers of Christ". The LHC evangelism strategy is to: 1) Build relationships; 2) Live and share faith; 3) Invite people to weekend services and events; 4) Persist, one-at-a-time.

Living Hope Apprenticeship

Living Hope Apprenticeship will be tasked with providing the inspirational instruction for lifetime modeling of Jesus Christ. Small group development and support, spiritual formation classes, seminars and events, Celebrate Recovery, Leadership Advance, and Financial Peace University are examples of programs LHA will foster. LHA will offer programs of interest to seekers and non-believers as well as for Christians.

Living Hope Services

Living Hope Services will seek to honor and serve Jesus Christ by acknowledging him through recognizing and responding to the needs of the greater-Alpena community as well the world's poorest poor in Uganda, Africa.

The goal of Living Hope Services will be to help people move from dependence to interdependence. Crisis care help with food, shelter, clothing and transportation needs, scholarship help for training and events, shoe boxes for impoverished children, and support for St. Vincent De Paul, are examples of the types of services currently initiated and supported by LHS.

Goals for 2011

- **Move into a larger facility with seating for at least 300 people in one setting, larger more inviting children's space, more office space for ministry expansion and multiple smaller meeting rooms for training seminars and classes.**
- **Begin saving and development of video capabilities for broadcasting Living Hope weekends and events to connect with the internet generation.**
- **Raise the number of attractions and events in our community that clearly target people who will not come to church.**
- **Get a larger number of Living Hope attendees to read their Bibles on a regular basis.**
- **Connect one-hundred and fifty individuals into setting at least one, ten year goal.**



Living Hope completed our first decade of ministry this year. As we enter 2011 we are planning for the next ten years.

One of our goals is to encourage and provide guidance for individuals to apply the power of decadal planning in their personal lives.

Consider . . .

- If you invest two encouraging statements in your spouse each day for ten years you will have built up 7,300 positive affirmations. That will move a marriage from the verge of divorce to rapturous delight.
- If you lose just one pound a month for ten years you will lose 120 lbs (that would not be a good idea for everyone).
- Saving \$50.00 a week every week for ten years will develop a nest egg of \$26,000 if you don't earn any interest on your money. If you earn 8% on your money you will have \$39,000.00 in just ten years. Imagine the financial peace you would feel today if you had started this ten years ago.
- If you invest just one hour a week into an important relationship you will have invested 520 hours (13 work weeks) into that relationship in the next ten years.
- If you read twenty verses of your Bible every day for ten years you will read your Bible through completely more than two times.
- If you give just \$20.00 a week to the church every week for ten years you will have made an investment of \$10,400 in the Kingdom of heaven – your investment will produce a life change in more than ten individuals who will be in heaven in part because of you.
- If you take four credit hours a semester for each of fall, winter, and summer you will complete an entire bachelor's degree in ten years.
- If you focus on becoming the best leader in your place of employment and subsidize that by reading a book on leadership or management each quarter you will have stimulated your mind with the thoughts of forty leaders in ten years.

Choice, not Chance Determines Your Future.