

NEW HOPE NEWS

ORDINARY PEOPLE LOVED BY AN EXTRAORDINARY GOD!

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Missions Teams Conduct Outreach in Gretna

The month of July was filled with Vacation Bible Schools. There were four to be exact. The funds for VBS were donated by the various visiting missions teams.

The excitement was high as we conducted our first one July 6-10 with Grace Fellowship Chapel of Bedminster, NJ and Upper St. Clair Alliance Church of Pittsburgh, PA. Funds for initial props and materials were donated by Grace Fellowship.

Brewster Road Alliance Church of Birmingham conducted a VBS Jul. 20-24.



The Freemont Alliance Church of Freemont, NE topped off the month during the week of July 27-31.

We thank the Lord for the donation of funds and participation in our VBS' by our sister churches.

Without their participation (including their donations of funds) we would not have been able to conduct this much-needed ministry.

Hope Community Alliance Church of Hudson, OH served an Italian Dinner for the community one evening. Hope also sponsored an Ice Cream Evening for the community, a Pizza Party for lunch for an entire apartment complex and a new basketball hoop for that same apartment complex. This was in addition to the distribution of flyers in the community. Each of these events increased New Hope's opportunities to connect with the community. The Lord has already opened doors of ministry opportunities that were not previously identified.

There were nine professions of faith during VBS. Please pray that all nine will grow in the knowledge and grace of our Lord.

Five new people began attending our Sunday worship services in July, because of community outreach conducted by all the visiting missions teams. Your support has eternal value.

New Hope Gets New Website

Our new website, <http://www.nhcgretna.com> was published on July 25. The funds and the expertise for publishing our new site were donated by friends of New Hope.

While we are hopeful that we will never face another major disaster such as Hurricane Katrina, our website will be an effective means for keeping our friends informed of conditions in the aftermath of such an event. Our site will also be valuable in keeping our friends informed of the good things the Lord is doing in our ministry.

In the coming weeks, we expect to add a slide presentation to the website which will provide a vivid representation of the types of work that has been done as well as a host of workers from various parts of the country. Some of you may recognize, friends or family members.

OPEN FOR COFFEE

July 17 marked the opening of a coffee house each Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock. On our first night there were approximately 30 guests. That participation level has not been sustained. We do believe the Lord will use this ministry for His glory.



The Coffee House provides an informal setting which allows the people of our community to become acquainted with

us and for us to get to know our neighbors better. Both the coffee and desserts are complimentary. Usually the desserts are baked goods provided by those who are part of New Hope Ministry.

Katrina Relief Continues

The work of rebuilding houses and lives continues in New Orleans. New Hope Church is still being used by the Lord in the relief effort that began nearly four years ago. Kingdom building is the goal. "Making disciples is the Great Commission. Loving people is the Great Commandment—It opens the door to fulfill the Great Commission." Because love is as love does, helping people reconstruct their homes is a way of demonstrating God's love for those who are hurting.

We continue to have a number of open

projects with others that have not yet started. Please pray with us that the Lord will send volunteers from across the country who are able to assist in this effort.

For further information about how to get involved, please go to our website and click on the volunteer tab.

The work of the missions teams continues to play a tremendous role in creating opportunities to minister.



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Prayer Request

- **For an open door into the lives of youth for Christ,**
- **For the Lord to raise up mature believers to disciple others,**
- **For the Lord to send more teams,**
- **For finances to continue the ministry.**

Six Weekly Bible Studies

Reading and discussing the Word of God are essential to learning to live for Him. We continue to thank the Lord for six weekly Bible studies that are conducted (one at church and five in homes). Bible study is essential to the growth of an individual as well as a church.

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