



**COAST HILLS**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH



*Kidz Camp  
July 2011*

# ***Annual Report***

**April 2012**

# From Pastor Wayne

**“FAITH”** It’s a small word – so easily neglected or missed in our lives. When it comes to the ministry of the church and a collective group of Christ-followers on a mission...the element of faith is **HUGE!**



I took a moment to read my last years’ annual report which ended with a prayer and a statement of faith:

*“Thanks for the open doors you have given us to share about you into our workplaces, our schools and our neighbourhoods. At AJ McLellan you have opened the door wider than ever to be a blessing and be blessed as well.*

*Thanks for the generosity financially that so many people have shown month by month over this past year. They gave to you faithfully, regularly and sacrificially. Now we thank you in advance for how you are providing for us in this final month of our year by giving us an unprecedented offering. You are a God who provides for your church. Thank you.*

*So there are going to be a tonne of things to thank God for in this next year too. Kinda makes you look forward to finding out what they’ll all look like doesn’t it?”*

We really do have a tonne of things to thank God for in this past year! In this annual report you will have a chance to read a celebration from our ministry leaders and staff of the great things God did this past year.

We have fantastic faith-filled mission statement communicated through the **L.I.F.E.** acronym and we have a faith-filled plan to accomplish this mission.

## ***Love Jesus passionately***

Our faith-filled plan: *To invite as many people as possible together every Sunday for a dynamic, life changing experience where each person is encouraged and inspired to grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus.*

## ***Involved in God’s work in this world***

Our faith-filled plan: *To encourage everyone to live out their faith in their every day relationships, using their unique gifts to fulfill their God-given mission.*

## ***Friendship in God’s family***

Our faith-filled plan: *To connect people in community where they know they are loved and supported by others and nobody stands alone.*

## ***Extending grace to lost people***

Our faith-filled plan: *To develop a community of people who celebrate grace in such a profound way that their words and actions communicate grace in every relationship in our community.*

Let’s move into 2012-2013 with great faith! *“Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.”* Ephesians 3:20

On this journey of faith with you,

Wayne Driedger, Lead Pastor

## ***From the Leadership Team***

I wonder if anyone back in the book of Acts imagined that a part of life in the body of Christ might someday include annual reports? I don't know. But in a way our annual reports are a latter day continuation of what was put in motion in the early church. In Acts 6:1-3 we see how the early leaders of the church created a form of administration. It wasn't the first time. There are plenty of earlier references to reporting and accountability in the Old Testament too. And so it is that administration and keeping track, and letting what has done be known, turns out to be something the people of the Lord do. Cool!

What is there to report since this time last year? In the spring of 2011 we had come through a difficult year. But encouraged by a growing sense of life at Coast Hills, we were setting a course forward. That year ended with a series of significant events. Having helped us through 2010 and looking forward to his wedding to Marites, our Youth Pastor, Tyson Kliem, advised that he would be accepting an offer to join a sister congregation in Abbotsford. With our blessing, we sent them off to start a new life together. During the same months, with giving lagging behind budget, we were all asked to contribute to a special offering that would "double-the-month" in May.

Announcements were made. A matching contribution was being offered by some in our community and so we were looking forward to the Annual General Meeting toward the end of May. At the same time, on Leadership Team we were undergoing more changes with experienced team members. Don Schmidt stepped down in the new year and Harold Ekkert's second term was coming to a conclusion with the fiscal year. And so we came to the Annual General Meeting with many unknowns, trusting the Lord and looking to see what was next.

In faithfulness, we passed the budget. And the offering was an extraordinary affirmation. As a community, we came together and the special offering raised \$67,771.58. Within a few short days after the AGM, our pastoral search committee learned of the possibility of attracting both Peter Nikkel and Kevin Snyder to join our ministry staff in half-time roles. Peter was able to join us in July; Kevin in November. As you will all have observed, both of these experienced men have brought new energy and direction to Coast Hills and we look forward to working together in the years ahead.

After Harold's term on LT came to a close at the end of May, he led the men in a very successful men's retreat over Father's day weekend in June. In July, more volunteers came together under the leadership of Susanne and our summer intern, Samm Marsh, to run another Coast Hills Kidz Camp. We were able to help another local church with their camp, and Nadine Bugden who led the camp music, travelled to assist our friends, Mike and Kimberly Bogelund, with a kids camp at the church Mike pastors in Alberta. And so the life of Coast Hills returned to familiar rhythms.

We continued a recent tradition - our summer socials. With Kick-Off last fall, Susanne and her volunteers introduced a new curriculum to our Kidz Life programming, and each child was given a Bible. Our Sunday set-up and take-down crews have grown in ability and speed! Heather Hamm and others have provided colourful props for Sunday services. Our Connections team continues to make us welcome. Alpha and Freedom Session programs were offered, along with a number of Life Groups. A men's group with hockey Thursday nights was re-started. Our young adults have formed a group and meet together every couple of weeks. Once a month we have held the CORE meeting which has been a great time to be together, hear what is happening, pray and support one another. The worship ministry team has continued to lead us in joyful praise, and has grown with new talented volunteers.

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## ***From the Leadership Team (continued)***

Our sound and audio visual teams have continued to serve, and with some newer equipment and computer help, are better able to serve in these roles than ever before. And so it goes.

More recently, Christmas services were a highlight with special decorations reminiscent of another time. At this, and our recent Good Friday celebrations, we welcomed our community more directly. Shortly, a women's retreat will take place at the end of April. It will be followed by another AGM, another men's retreat and, this summer, another Kidz Camp. And so we will continue through the seasons of the year 2012-2013.

These last 12 months have been good and I thank the Lord for the ways He has blessed Coast Hills. The LT believes we are generally on the right track and will be presenting a budget for the coming year that continues us on the path we started out on last year. That budget is a faith budget - it requires a level of giving next year that we managed through regular giving and the special offering last year. We are not consistently giving at this level. But we believe that this is the right course and do not want to have to make any cuts or back off.

As a body, the people of Coast Hills so far have given \$188,543 on a weekly basis this year, with an average under \$19,000 per month. In addition, an additional approximately \$42,000 from the special offering was available as part of our 2011/12 finances (the remainder of the special offering was used to meet budget in 2010/2011 fiscal year). Those figures combined amount to a monthly average of about \$23,000 per month, which so far amounts to \$230,000 to the end of March. At our current rate of giving, the total for the year will be near \$260,000.

On this basis we view the proposed budget as a stretch, but within reach for 2012/2013.

Submitted by Rob Kirkham  
Leadership Team Chair, on behalf of the Leadership Team

## ***Family & Care Ministries***

I begin with the words of the Prophet Isaiah:

*"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'"* (Isaiah 52:7)



I am happy to report that I have experienced the joy that is reflected in these words as I have carried out my ministry duties here at Coast Hills. Ten months into my assignment I still have the feeling of *"I'm just getting started"* in my various ministry roles, but at the same time I have a deep sense of fulfillment and well-being. Here are some thoughts about the key areas of contribution that have occupied the 20 hours per week for which I am accountable.

### ***Staff team***

It has been a great privilege to work as a team member with Wayne as leader. The involvement at the staff table as we pray, plan, and evaluate allows me to use and apply some of the lessons learned in previous ministry. We have enjoyed a wonderful sense of unity, synergy, and mutual encouragement. It has been very gratifying to be in an environment where we all have an attitude of being lifelong learners.

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## ***Family & Care Ministries (continued)***

All of us in this privileged leadership circle believe in leading by example and we all realize that it is a profound privilege to be “set apart” for ministry.

### ***Outreach and Connection***

I have helped produce the community outreach materials and coordinated their distribution. It is also my commitment, together with all other staff members, to be attentive to newcomers to our services providing them with a warm welcome and giving them opportunity to receive information that relates to their needs. Along with Wayne, we provide follow-up calls to all those who register their names on a connection card. We continue to pray about new ways of connecting with our neighbors and inviting them to make a personal faith commitment. The community response to our Good Friday Easter Egg Hunt shows that Coast Hills has developed a very positive image in this community and we are prayerfully seeking new ways of stewarding this good will.

### ***Preaching and Stewardship***

The preaching duties have re-awakened within me the joy of communicating God’s truth with the goal of seeing lives changed. While it is impossible to quantify the effect of any sermon, we are encouraged by the receptivity that radiates from the congregants at Coast Hills. In my ten months here it has been my privilege to deliver the Sunday morning message on ten occasions. While I resist being identified as the “money talk guy” I see the need to nurture this area of discipleship. Our Church can be a healthy Church only if we have healthy finances. This will always be a process and we invite you to share your ideas of how we can move forward in this vital aspect of Christian involvement and growth.

### ***Family Ministry and Care***

In my role as Pastor of Family Ministries and Care I have sought to be available as a resource for individuals and in group events. The fall Parenting Series on "Birth Order" with Dan Cram got us started, and in the new year Diane and I have coordinated monthly Family Forum evenings at the Ministry Centre. Attendance has been underwhelming so we keep searching for effective ways of supporting parents in their challenging task. In my caring function I am currently conducting a mini-telethon – calling everyone listed in our directory and having a ‘get acquainted’ conversation and a few words of affirmation and encouragement. So far this is well received. An important avenue of care and discipleship comes through our LIFE groups. I have worked in partnership with Wayne in nurturing our existing groups with the commitment of multiplying them so that more people will receive the benefits that come from them.

### ***Blessed***

Diane and I have always viewed our ministry as a shared ministry. We have felt God’s blessing in the past and are grateful to experience it here at Coast Hills. I am grateful for the compensation that I receive based on a .375 basis, and Diane is happy to make her contribution as a volunteer. My regular weekly schedule is to work Wednesday, Thursday, and half-day Friday for nine months of the year, taking a month off in the fall, winter, & spring. If this sounds too generous, my response is to agree with you as I feel profoundly grateful for the flexibility that is afforded to me.

I have recently had a recurring vision of seeing Coast Hills Church as a dispenser of blessing to everyone that connects with us. My wife Diane, and I, also have as our vision to be a blessing to everyone that connects with us. Thank you for welcoming us into your midst!

Respectfully submitted,

Peter W. Nikkel, Associate Pastor



# Youth Ministry



Youth of this generation are looking through the veneer of faith to something real that is worth getting up each day to live and die for. This generation wants to see and experience deep, authentic faith that impacts their world and transforms lives. The way I envision youth ministry is to lay Micah 6:8 as a foundation - ***“do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God.”*** I will seek to try and structure this report around these three aspects in reverse order.

***Walking Humbly***—Jesus walked very humbly but had a strong sense of who He was. As adolescent teens are discovering who they are, questions of identity are paramount. Leading teams of adults that are walking humbly with God, and walking humbly with youth, will serve to mentor this generation to have a strong sense of identity as they live out their faith in a hostile world.

During the *Junior High Story Time* twice a month, the grade 6—8 students were able to hear compelling stories of faith by real live Coast Hills adults. *Story Time* has been a great place for these youth to see and hear from people who are walking with God. Our focus will shift to *“God’s Story and Our Place in It”* for the months ahead.

We are developing a great team of adult youth leaders that are walking humbly with God, and walking humbly with youth that will serve to mentor this generation to have a strong sense of identity as they live out their faith in a hostile world. I am very impressed with the leaders we have both on *Tuesday nights*, as well as Sunday mornings who are committed to walking with our youth.

***Loving Mercy***—To love mercy in youth ministry is to provide leaders and students with the opportunity to experience the generous mercy of God for themselves and then lead them to courageously give that same love to all others whom they meet. Often this is experienced through a loving, authentic community that is “sharing life” with one other. In community, whether in small groups, short-term mission assignments, or ministry teams, retreats and families, we experience the generous mercy of God through relationship. We have had the opportunity to experience this during both the *Surge* (grade 9-12) and *Shine* (grade 6-8) *Retreats* this spring for longer extended times.

***Doing Justly***—We need to lead youth to places of injustice, where people have been robbed of what could have been so that we are able to “do justly.” Youth should not be “kept from” these places but rather led to them to help reveal the kingdom of God. I would love to see youth involved in their city and neighbourhoods where they can build Shalom, whether that is serving at a local soup kitchen, sorting clothes at a shelter, picking up garbage at the park, visiting and praying for the sick, or sitting with the kid at school who no one else does.

We will be participating in *SOAR Vancouver, August 3—12<sup>th</sup>*. We will be teaming up with MB Mission and Church Planting BC to engage in a ten-day discipleship/missions adventure. This opportunity is for Grades 8-12 and is also open to families who would like to join in on the adventure!

We will also be developing a two-day discipleship/missions adventure that will take place right here in Cloverdale. It will be called **42**. We will spend 42 hours *doing justly, loving mercy and walking humbly* with God in our community in the name of Jesus. I am hoping this would not only involve youth, but would be open to the rest of our church to be involved in as well. Keep an eye out for **42** in the weeks and months ahead.

As we lead a generation to *do justly, love mercy and walk humbly*, I believe that we will lead a movement of diverse people into a grace-filled covenant relationship with the living God that will transform individual lives and whole communities who will discover and follow Jesus!



## Kidz Life Highlights

Our 2011 year has been wonderful. It is marked by engaged, devoted and entrepreneurial volunteers. I would like to start off by saying thanks to this remarkable group of leaders who love God and children. Their commitment to prepare for the lessons and care for the children is contagious! Thanks Kidz Life team!

We had the opportunity this year to change to a new curriculum. We have chosen “*Hands-on Bible Curriculum*”.

*“Each lesson contains one Bible point based on a specific Bible verse. These lessons aim to fire up kids’ imaginations and have them discovering God’s love in incredible, tangible ways! It uses unique games, snacks and crafts to help kids learn about God, because kids retain more about a lesson by interacting with it rather than just hearing it. The Bible gives us lots of examples about how God did it 2000 years ago. He used everyday objects like coins, fish and plants to help people remember the truths he shared with them.” - Group Publishing*

If you walk down the hall on a Sunday morning...you will see this in action. Preschoolers singing great songs, acting like sheep as they learn about their “Good Shepherd”. Others opening their Bibles and highlighting the verses they are learning about, science experiments, acting, drama, art, finding glow in the dark crosses...the list goes on and on.

## What is most important to me is a few things right now...

- ⇒ When children leave Kidz Life that they know how to navigate through their Bible and where to find truths and support when they need it. When they enter high school and later leave our homes, the truths that they have learned during these formative years become a powerful back drop for the many decisions that they will need to make.
- ⇒ That they have been mentored and discipled in a fun, safe and caring environment with great teachers in class room settings.
- ⇒ That they experience and learn something new in Kidz Life each Sunday.
- ⇒ Parents feel supported as they raise their children to follow God. That if parents choose, they can use the take home sheets and continue with the momentum of learning at home.
- ⇒ Providing opportunities for parents to volunteer in Kidz Life and become part of the spiritual learning that is happening.
- ⇒ That the children make great friends and enjoy seeing each other weekly.

We were able to hand out a Bible to each child in preschool to grade five. That was a highlight for me!

Blessings!

Susanne Driedger  
Children’s Pastor  
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**Kidz Life** (continued)

**Sunday Mornings in Kidz Life**





# Kidz Camp 2011



This past summer we had some life changing fun in the Son! On those hot summer days the best place to be is the beach! We started off our summer with a week saturated in fun, songs, Bible truths, yummy snacks, dramas, games, Bible stories, small group times and outdoor recreation.

As the kids explored the wonders of the beach, they also discovered big answers to their big questions about Jesus. Five essential Bible verses, including John 14:6 helped them to understand who Jesus is and why they need Him.

The children were told about Jesus' love for them with our five daily messages:



Our theme verse was: ***"Jesus answered, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*** John 14:6

We filled up with 175 campers and over 90 volunteers! A very exciting part of the week was the day four session on "How can Jesus help me when I mess up?" We learned that when we open up to Jesus about our sin, He forgives us and helps us to make a fresh start. That day 60 children prayed to accept God's forgiveness and ask Jesus to be their forever friend! I LOVE THAT!

It was such a privilege to serve with such incredibly devoted volunteers! A special thanks for Samm Marsh. She was our summer intern and continually served with a spirit of humility, initiative and joy.



We look forward to this year's SONRISE NATIONAL PARK 2012...keep posted as we are looking for volunteers!

Submitted by Susanne Driedger

# ***Administrator Report***

This past ministry year has been a season with lots of change for me. I love welcoming the new fiscal year with the excitement of Kidz Camp preparations. Being involved in Kidz Camp is always a highlight and I love the teamwork involved in putting together such an awesome outreach event in our community.

In July as a staff we started a new logo development process and as you can see, are slowly phasing this new logo into all of our communication pieces.

The summer and into fall was buzzing around the office with exciting new projects to work on including selecting a company to design and host our new website. The company we selected, Church OS, has a passion for helping churches share the Good News of Jesus through visually appealing, informative, and interactive websites. I enjoy working with this company because their level of support is excellent and they are open to feedback as they are designing new features for their clients. We worked with Church OS through the summer and launched our new website early November. If you haven't yet checked out the new site I encourage you to take a tour. If you have any suggestions for items you would like to see on the website, I would love to hear from you.

We are planning to introduce new features to the website this fall including email programs, an online directory, online event registration and online community groups. I am very excited about these new features, especially the online community groups which will streamline church communication in a new interactive way.

The biggest change for me this past year though was being blessed with the opportunity to take three months off from November through January. I had made some plans but God had other plans for me, and during my time off I was able to rest in Him and it was a wonderful time of refreshment. A huge thank you to Marta Mumford for "holding down the fort" in my absence.

I enjoyed coordinating our Easter Egg Hunt and working with amazing volunteers. Kidz Camp registration has started and I am working on getting online registration set-up on our website.

I feel privileged to work with an amazing team of pastors that encourage me and support me in my role at Coast Hills. Also, our bookkeeper who works one day a week, Tracy, does an amazing job of keeping our accounting records up-to-date and processing our donations on a weekly basis.

It is a blessing to be in ministry at a church that since day one has had an amazing culture of involvement from its church community. I love serving with you!

I am excited to see how God will use me in my role at Coast Hills during this next year.

Submitted by Joanne Marsh

# Connections

Making Connections continues to be a huge part of Coast Hills Life and this continues to be accomplished in many ways. Starting with a cheerful face to greet you on a Sunday morning – over coffee and goodies before the service, at lunch on Potluck Days, at Life Groups during the week and at other fun events during the year. Making Connections is important and the Connections Team has done an excellent job this past year to provide those opportunities. Let me introduce you to the team: Sandy Alkema, Tarie Buchner, Erika Ekkert, Maggie Fisher, Heather Hamm, Ram Hundal, Chantal Hilton, and Darlene Sweeney.

We continue to start our new fiscal year out with a big bang in hosting the **Annual Fun Fair** after Kidz Camp in July. This year was an awesome time in the sunshine with a huge turnout and lots of burgers and cotton candy. This is always a great event and well attended by families in the neighborhood that have sent their kids to Kidz Camp. Another fun event which we plan to do again this year is holding one of our summer services at the Hilton's house. It was a wonderful time of worship in the sunshine and then a fantastic bbq and pool party afterwards which made it a very fun day!! In September we had our **Fourth Annual Chili Cook-off and Corn Maze Extravaganza** at the Bose Corn Maze and the Hiltons house. Thank you for the participants of the Chili making contest and for our excellent group of Judges. Congratulations to our winners – Christine Alliston, Sheryl Kirkham and Cherri Beltran. We sure enjoyed everyone's culinary efforts!! Dust off your recipes for next year because the competition continues to be pretty fierce. We had another Skating Party in December at Excellent Ice and had a fantastic time. Ice skating was great and then games and snacks afterwards were enthusiastic to say the least!! Thanks Tarie, Chantal, and Erika for your coordination and leadership for this very fun event. To end our fiscal year we celebrated Easter with the neighborhood and held our **Sixth Annual Pancake Breakfast and Egg Hunt** on Good Friday. We had an incredible turnout from the entire neighborhood - we keep getting bigger and bigger every year!! A **Huge Thanks** to our very capable Connections Team and the many, many volunteers who slaved over hot grills (thanks Stuart, Erv, Doug and Harold for sweating it out for us), mixed up gallons of pancake mix (yay Rick), made many litres of coffee and juice and kept the big crowds happy. This was an awesome event and plans are underway to make it even bigger and better next year.

Some events on the horizon include a potluck lunch in May, Fun Fair in July, backyard service with bbq lunch and pool party at the Hilton's, another Chili Cook-off in late September and last but not least, a Skating party in December.

Another group of people who are a vital part of the Connections Team are our Sunday bakers. A huge thank you to Dani Boehm, Erika Ekkert, Joy Fast, Kim Giesbrecht, Heather Hamm, Karen Jackson, Heather Leiding, Shannon Miyazaki, Jeanette Parkinson, and Darlene Sweeney. You have made our Sunday mornings very special. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. Thanks again to my incredibly hard working team and for all those who volunteer to help us out so faithfully. I look forward to another year of deepening friendships and closer connections...

*"If your gift is that of serving others, serve them well..."* Romans 12: 7

Blessing on you all (not just you all women),

Chantal Hilton



# Events

## ***A Night in the Wild at Vancouver Zoo—August 2011***

I think this Vancouver Zoo sleepover has become an annual event as it was a big hit again this summer for families and couples enjoying time together while enjoying God's creations.



## ***6th Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast***

On Good Friday, April 6th we hosted our 6th Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Toonie Pancake breakfast at AJ McLellan Elementary School.

It was a beautiful morning and the excitement in the neighborhood was building as children filled the sidewalks with Easter baskets in hand and parents close by. The fun started at 10 am with the sweet smell of pancakes and sausages wafting down the hallways of the school. About 500 breakfasts were cooked and served by a team of amazing volunteers.

Inside the gym you could see the delight on children's faces as they displayed their creativity in decorating Easter eggs, designing Easter bunny headbands and Easter crosses and making little hatching chick pom poms. The cake walk was another favorite of children and adults too, and thank you to the bakers who created Easter cake masterpieces!

Face painters and balloon animal blowers were kept busy as children lined up for the fun. More highlights of the morning included a Farm Animal Petting Zoo from Aldor Acres with cute baby chicks, bunnies, goats, and pigs and of course the Easter Bunny and chocolate egg hunts!

A huge thank you to all of our volunteers from the set-up and breakfast teams that arrived bright and early at 6:30 am to the activity station volunteers, balloon blowers and clean-up teams!

It was a blessing to us at Coast Hills to meet new neighbors, visit with friends and family and enjoy the Easter fun together. We look forward to next year!

Submitted by Joanne Marsh





# Worship

Last May, the torch of leading the Worship Ministry was passed from Kim St. Pierre to myself. Kim had done a great job and the transition was smooth because of her leadership. When I began this journey I decided to focus on the sound set-up system with great assistance from Dennis St. Pierre and Greg Strom. The monitor sound board was removed from the stage and the monitor mixes are now done from the main sound board. Also, we purchased four new powered monitors and have been using them since the fall, and they work great.

Then, as the fall approached, I asked Jim Hemmingson and Greg Hamm to be a part of the Worship Leadership Team with me. We have met throughout the year to discuss and pray about different aspects of the worship ministry. As for the set-up of the worship teams, we decided to try and create full teams and this has meant that I play drums and Jim and Greg lead the teams. Both Jim and Greg have done a great job this past year and I am very grateful for their willingness to serve in this way. Also, I am so thankful for each member of the worship teams and sound/sound set-up teams. I am encouraged each week that I am there and serve with each person. Their willingness to sacrifice their time and come and serve with their gifts is inspirational to me.

In the future I hope to improve the equipment that we have as of now. This equipment has given us years of great service but its age is beginning to show. The next purchase will hopefully be a new sound board. The new sound board I am interested in could also be used to help record our Sunday morning sermons and worship music.

My hopes and prayers for the upcoming ministry year are as follows:

- ⇒ We continue to grow in our understanding of what it means to worship.
- ⇒ We will grow in our love and understanding for each other within this ministry.
- ⇒ Create a stable environment where people feel inspired to use their gifts to praise and bring glory to God.

I feel very blessed to be a part of this ministry and see God at work in my life and the lives of others. Any accomplishments within this ministry are a testament to God's goodness and faithfulness. Worship is something we bring to God as a response to what He has done for us. Every week, members of the Worship Team practice and bring their offerings of praise to God. Each Sunday we all share in this together. It is an honor and a joy that we are able to do this! I look forward to this new ministry year to see what God will do within the Worship Ministry and Coast Hills as a church.

In Christ,

Scott Alkema

*"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship."*

Romans 12:1 (NIV)

## ***Life Groups***

Life Groups have been an important component of spiritual growth since day one at Coast Hills. This past year we have had a variety of groups meeting throughout the week, and there has been real growth in people's spiritual lives as they study the Bible together, pray for one another, encourage and support one another through difficult times, and celebrate and have fun together. If you haven't yet been connected in a life group we encourage you to consider joining one this fall.

## ***Men's Hockey & New Life Group***

When hockey season rolls around each September, it is always fun to see the excitement grow in the guys as they get together and lace up their skates. The camaraderie in the dressing room is such a great way to encourage each other and form great relationships. Our goal is that each guy coming out to hockey leaves with a knowledge that there is a group of guys who are there for support if needed and the door is open to continuing in an authentic relationship with Christ. We had a handful of guys there again this year who are not connected to church, as well as other Christian men and some have remarked on how positive the environment is.

This was the first year that we added an additional component to the night. We received permission to use the meeting room in the restaurant upstairs at Excellent Ice to have a men's life group. Each week we met for an hour and a half before hockey and discussed questions from the previous Sunday's sermon, and then prayed together. Significant growth happened in the guys; one guy started attending in the fall as a spiritual seeker, and by the spring was a committed follower of Christ! A big thank you to Jordan Scott who faithfully led the group while Pastor Wayne was away on missions. When the hockey season ended, some of the guys didn't want to see the men's group end so every Thursday at 7:30 pm we are continuing to meet in the Driedger basement. What a great year for expansion and spiritual growth.

Serving with you,

Pastor Wayne

## ***Young Adults***

The young adults have been meeting twice a month with Greg and Heather Hamm for social activity and spiritual growth. At the gatherings several have openly shared their life's spiritual journey with the group, which was meaningful and encouraging. Through discussion in the first couple of meetings we decided to explore apologetics together. Our young adults have a desire to understand common objections and challenges to the Christian faith so that they can effectively engage with others who don't share our beliefs, but are willing to discuss spiritual matters. To help us with this quest we are in the process of exploring a DVD series by Tim Keller called "The Reason For God", which has proven to be an excellent and insightful resource. This series is helping us learn how to truly listen to someone's spiritual beliefs and perspectives, and respond to them in a caring and respectful manner while asking them to consider the claims of Christ and our own personal experience. For fun we enjoyed a progressive dinner at Christmas time and recently we had a games night, with more activities being planned for the spring and summer. We are thoroughly enjoying the journey with these amazing young people and warmly invite all post high school young adults to join us.

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Submitted by Greg & Heather Hamm

# ***Men's Ministry***

## ***Men's Retreat June 2011***

This annual event attracts a good number of men together for shared adventures. This last year 35 men enjoyed the facilities of the Young Life camp, Rockridge Canyon, just outside Princeton, BC. Many thanks to the four volunteers from the youth that helped in the kitchen during our retreat. During the course of retreat we met together to celebrate daily Old Spice awards, sing songs of worship led by our gifted house band and to explore the theme *"Iron Sharpens Iron"*. The talks focused on the lessons to be learned from the strong friendship between David & Jonathan. Their loyalty to one another in difficult circumstances strengthened each one.

We learned to paddle to the beat of our drummer on the dragon boats. We tested our physical endurance with a late night water rugby game, after playing ball hockey for several hours. In the wee hours of Saturday morning, the soulful call of the loon was interrupted by a mountain echoing "man scream" as one skier, who shall remain unnamed, felt the lake water seep into his wetsuit. The zip-line gave superman pretenders the chance to fly off the mountainside, over the lodge and across the edge of the lake. A thrill enjoyed by all ages.

Between organized activities and free time, there were many good opportunities for acquaintances to become new friends. As men we need to lean on one another, to walk the walk, to fight the good fight and to keep the faith. Our annual retreat is an important part of helping men to be encouraged to love Jesus, be involved, to find friendship and to extend grace.

Submitted by Harold Ekkert



## ***WOW—Women of Worth Ministry***

Recently our women gathered together to celebrate International Women's Day. We watched a very inspiring video about the Dalit women in India. Opportunity was given to donate money towards the purchase of a sewing machine for them. PRAISE GOD! - we raised enough in that one evening to buy one. There was a variety of handmade products made by the Dalit women that were available for sale. Thanks to those that supplied our taste buds with Indian foods and chai tea.

The weekend of April 27 – 29th, 17 ladies will be attending our Coast Hills Women's Retreat at Eagle Tree Lodge in Agassiz. Prayer will be the main focus surrounded by moving testimonies and heartfelt discussions. "OK" so we will be having some fun also - movies, games, crafts and lots of good food.

Submitted by Amarjit Nienkaemper and Heather Hamm

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* Philippians 4:6-7

# Missions

As part of missions, through our Community Care Fund we are able to help people in need in our church, as well as in our local community. Our mission at Coast Hills is to be a serving and sending church to places beyond the neighborhoods we live in.

Many different places get touched directly or indirectly through Coast Hills people, but I would like to touch on four areas that are in a yearly cycle:

1. ***MB church planting throughout Canada.*** Our heart has always been to see more churches get launched throughout our Province and Canada, so a portion of our church budget is designated to our denomination. I serve on two church plant boards - Real Life in Fleetwood and Emmaus in South Surrey.
2. ***Dalit Freedom in India.*** A few years back we heard from the director of this organization which ministers to the "untouchables" - the lowest caste in India. Some of you support children monthly through this network. A women's night hosted by Chantal Hilton was held last month to support this ministry.
3. ***Mexico Orphanage in the City of Colima.*** A few years ago a group went for a ten-day missions trip, and another is planned for this November 9th—18th. These trips are life changing for those who participate and a chance to care for children and the staff in this incredible ministry.
4. ***Zimbabwe "Hear Africa Foundation".*** This year we were able to support ten orphan children through a Christmas fundraiser. Sophirina, a wonderful, compassionate and Godly woman in the city of Mutare had taken these destitute children in and was in need of grocery and school money. We were able to help through the generosity of Coast Hills donors. What a highlight it was for me to go to Zimbabwe in February and meet Sophirina! I was also able to preach at a church in Kendaya whom Coast Hills had helped during the economic collapse in 2008. The people literally had no corn seed to plant their fields that year, so we sent money to Hear Africa and now four years later I was able to visit that church and they proudly walked me to a healthy field of corn that they called the "Coast Hills Field". I wish you could all have seen the way they smiled, gave speeches of thanks, sang and danced to express appreciation to our church.

We are committed to living out our mission throughout the world and look forward to the ways God directs us in this next year.

Submitted by Pastor Wayne



*Wayne with Edith from Hear Africa & Sophirina*



*"Coast Hills Corn Field"*



# ***Real Life Community Church Update***

Howdy Coast Hills!

Well, it's hard to believe that it's been almost four years since you pushed us out of the nest to plant Real Life Community Church in Fleetwood! It has been an eventful couple years, so it's no wonder that the time has passed so quickly.

This last year has been a very dynamic year for us as a church, but we have definitely seen God's hand throughout it. Last February, I (Mike) was diagnosed with cancer, which meant sudden change and upheaval for both our family and our church. I was unable to work for three months, which meant that most of my responsibilities fell onto volunteers within our congregation. It all happened so suddenly and yet, with God in control, it went relatively smoothly. Our Task Force Leadership Team gave stability to the congregation during that season, and many volunteers took over key pastoral roles. It was amazing to see how well our little church pitched in to keep things rolling along. God provided Lee Francois (now of Crossridge Church) to cover a lot of the preaching during my absence. A year later, my health is good, the doctors are saying I'm cancer free, and Real Life Community Church is still trucking along. It was not a pleasant experience by any stretch, but it was a very good experience. It taught us to REALLY trust that God is in control of everything. It showed us how strong the body of Christ is, and how resilient she is. It reminded me that the church is not built on me, but on the rock of Jesus Christ.

As we look to the coming year, we are expectant of what God can do. We are bursting at the seams with kids, and continually adapting to the wonderful challenges that this brings. Our Sunday attendance has been growing “*slowly but steadily*” and we are often 100+ on a Sunday morning. Best of all, we are seeing the long term impact that this church is having in this neighbourhood. We're seeing “regular visitors” from the community, who show up for every kids camp, Easter egg hunt, and Christmas service. We're continuing our involvement with the Fleetwood Community Association, as well as the elementary school which we meet in. And as we deepen our relationships with neighbours around us, many of them are starting to ask about God, church, and faith.

We appreciate your continuing prayers and partnership. As we “grow up,” we appreciate more and more what Coast Hills has invested in us. You gave us not only people and dollars, but so much more. You gave us a healthy sense of optimism. You gave us a great model to follow. We were recently visited by another local pastor, as we were preparing for our Easter Egg Hunt. He was baffled at the audacity of a small church reaching into its community in such a big way. He basically said “*I would have never thought that this would be possible!*” Our volunteers didn't even blink; to them it's normal...and it's normal because you modelled it to us as being normal. Thank you!

With love,

Mike & Jana Roth  
& Family at Real Life Community Church



<b>ITEM</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Revenue:</b>	
Community Care	<b>3,307</b>
Special Offering	<b>42,496</b>
Tithes & Offerings	<b>188,559</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>234,362</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
General Administrative	<b>35,854</b>
Children's Ministry	<b>3,963</b>
Communications	<b>3,487</b>
Connections	<b>1,052</b>
Facilities	<b>251</b>
Facilities Project Purchases	<b>13,501</b>
Leadership Development	<b>5,839</b>
Life Groups	<b>1,089</b>
Missions	<b>10,067</b>
Payroll	<b>154,813</b>
Pastors' Ministry Expense	<b>4,815</b>
Special Events	<b>5,951</b>
Sunday Programming	<b>2,076</b>
Women's Ministry	<b>-975</b>
Worship & Sound	<b>2,051</b>
Youth	<b>1,455</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>245,289</b>
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>	<b>-10,927</b>

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
<b>DISCOVER</b>	
Communications	4,180
Connections	1,500
Special Events	6,500
Missions	7,000
<b>FOLLOW</b>	
Leadership Development	4,500
Life Groups	1,550
<b>FAMILY</b>	
Children's	4,000
Youth	2,500
<b>SUNDAY PROGRAMMING</b>	
Sunday Programming	2,355
Worship & Sound	3,550
<b>OPERATIONS</b>	
General Administrative	44,190
Pastor's Ministry Expense	5,300
Payroll	216,412
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>303,537</b>

**\$303,537 divided by 12 = \$25,295 per month**



## VISION

Helping people discover and follow Jesus.

## MISSION

**L.I.F.E.**—We exist to lead people to **love** Jesus passionately, get **involved** in God's work in this world, find **friendship** in God's family and **extend** God's grace to lost people.

## VALUES

We value **dependence** on God for personal and corporate direction.

We value **intimacy** in our relationship with Jesus to produce life change.

We value the **freedom** the Holy Spirit brings to every area of our lives.

We value **intentionality** in communicating grace to lost people.

We value **serving** others as a way to discovering life.

We value **authenticity** to facilitate loving, healthy relationships in community.

We value **teamwork** in the body through each person discovering and using their spiritual gifts.

We value being **relevant** and **need oriented** in every ministry in the church.

We value **leadership** that equips and develops leaders in and beyond our local church.

We value **growing God's kingdom** through stronger, healthier ministries and churches.

We value **generosity** in the leveraging of our resources for maximum kingdom impact.

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