

February 24, 2010

Dear Cornerstone Family,

It has been a joy to partner together to reach and grow people into passionate followers of Christ. Below are a few highlights of what was accomplished last year and what we are looking forward to, Lord willing, in 2010.

Connecting in Redemptive Relationships

2009 Highlights:

- ❖ Our women's ministry began a bible study in the book of Philippians with about 50 women coming out to learn how to have joy in any circumstance they face. There was a great mix of women from all generations in our church.
- ❖ 14 pairs of women met together over several months in our inaugural mentoring program.
- ❖ Two events also helped gather our women together – a tea and cookie exchange.
- ❖ Over 70 men participated in our men's ministry study called Authentic Manhood.
- ❖ 12 pairs of men kicked off our men's mentoring ministry.
- ❖ The men gathered together and fellowshiped with a night of bowling.
- ❖ Over 200 adults, youth and children came out to the All Church retreat to deepen our ties to one another.

Hopes for 2010:

- ❖ Begin new season for Women's mentoring in January.
- ❖ Men's mentoring and fellowship activities in the summer to promote bonding.
- ❖ Men's retreat and conferences to allow men to grow and sharpen each other in the fall.
- ❖ Get every person connected in a small group for the all-church study on "Crazy Love" in the spring.
- ❖ Launch Community Groups where people can easily get connected through these groups that are always open, share meals and discuss topics.

Expressing Compassion to the Lost and the Least

2009 Highlights:

- ❖ 9 people received Christ and 10 people were baptized.
- ❖ Started planning for new church plant in Renton Highlands to reach more people for Christ.
- ❖ Our men's ministry joined with several other churches to put together a playground set for the Jubilee Reach Center (JRC).
- ❖ We continued to feed the homeless through the Lord's table ministry and collected coats and blankets to help keep them warm during the cold winter months.

- ❖ A team of 11 youth and 4 advisors ministered to the Blackfeet Native American tribe in Heart Butte Montana.
- ❖ Our youth participated in the 30 hour famine raising awareness and funds for the homeless and needy.
- ❖ We sent a team of 29 people to Vietnam to minister to their medical needs, connect with children, and teach on marriage & church planting.
- ❖ We sent a team of 4 people on a vision trip to Thailand to visit a Christian ministry that focuses on keeping at risk children from human trafficking.
- ❖ We participated in the Jubilee Service day, helping the Lake Hills Elementary School (LHE) teachers to prepare for the new school year. We also built bridges to the neighborhood by helping several Bellevue homeowners clean up their yards.
- ❖ Served at the JRC soup for your soul event.
- ❖ We collected can food for the JRC and Northwest Harvest at our Good Friday service.
- ❖ Joined with Grace Community Church in hosting a fall festival where 11 children received Christ.

Hopes for 2010:

- ❖ Send a team to Cambodia in February to support our missionary, Yachiyo Araki, and her ministry teaching ESL.
- ❖ Send a team to Vietnam in October to minister to their physical and spiritual needs.
- ❖ Helping us all get into the Great Commission mindset through relational evangelism equipping.
- ❖ Launch Alpha courses which will focus on relationship evangelism as the means to see our friends and loved ones walk through our doors to meet Jesus Christ.
- ❖ Share the "Aloha Spirit" of Jesus Christ through our Thanksgiving Luau Celebration
- ❖ Continue to serve at the Lord's Table.
- ❖ Partner with the JRC to bless the City of Bellevue through helping to beautify the city parks.
- ❖ Help the Lake Hills School Teachers and Staff wrap up the school year for summer vacation and then aid them in gearing up for the new school year in the Fall.
- ❖ Reach and grow more people in the Renton area by starting New Freedom Christian Community in September.

Growing in Intimacy with God

2009 Highlights:

- ❖ Many people gathered to share devotions, journal and pray together throughout the area.
- ❖ The women gathered on the last Saturday of the month for prayer.
- ❖ We added a regular time in our worship service dedicated to prayer.

Hopes for 2010:

- ❖ Offer an equipping class on prayer.

Overcoming Life's Challenges with Prevailing Faith

2009 Highlights:

- ❖ We began praying specifically for healing (physical, emotional, spiritual, and relational) once/month after our worship service.
- ❖ 20 couples participated in our first marriage conference.
- ❖ We held a 'Parenting Teens' class for those parents who are in or anticipating these challenging years of parenting.
- ❖ Continue offering a group for men struggling with sexual addictions.

Hopes for 2010:

- ❖ Expand the prayer ministry and get more people involved in praying for people.

Stewarding our Lives

2009 Highlights:

- ❖ 6 new people joined the Exalting Fractal.
- ❖ 5 new teachers, 5 new nursery/walker coordinators, and 13 new helpers, joined the R.O.C.K. ministry. We also have 30 of our youth serving as well!
- ❖ 4 new people are serving on the New Gen core team.
- ❖ 5 new youth leaders and 2 new youth Sunday school teachers joined in ministering to our youth.

2010 Hopes:

- ❖ Have youth worship team lead worship at our Sunday service once/quarter.
- ❖ Introduce a new puppet ministry in our R.O.C.K. ministry.

May the Lord continue to have his hand of favor and blessing upon us as we partner together for His kingdom!

The Cornerstone Elders

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