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Hello everyone,

Where to begin, this has been a great start to a new beginning. There is much change on the Horizon; we look ahead to some wonderful things happening at, through, and with Children of Hope over this 10th year of Children of Hope and years to come! We know that God has a plan and reveals it to us sometimes ahead of time to prepare us for what is to come. We just have to remember that when we are going through the trials and temptations of the enemy – NEVER GIVE UP! HOPE is on the horizon and the answer is just right on the other side, if we don't give up. God is always there beside us, we are never alone. We have to remember that Jesus is the Hope of Glory and that means: Jesus, the Hope of Glory lives within us! I know the world we live in can get us down, take us through some tough times, but we need to keep our focus right and that is to focus on Jesus and not our circumstances, surrender, and humble ourselves before the Lord. He will heal our land. He is all we need. So, even when it seems hard and we just don't understand what's going on, we are confident that God hears our many prayers, and remember that it is all in His timing.

Faith has always been a big thing with Shelley, I, and everyone at Children of Hope. God has always been so faithful! There have been times when our faith has been tested and times when we needed to have an extra measure of faith. Well, now is that time, we need to have FAITH - that kind of FAITH that moves mountains!!! We are getting ready to embark upon an amazing miracle of faith like we haven't seen before; we are feeling it in our spirit! Our building is coming, and with it, so much more of God is going to flow through it. God has plans, great plans, and plans beyond what we can imagine. We are so excited to see what God is going to do. We are right there, can you feel it? As I am typing this, I am getting excited!

Our God is so faithful. As I look back across the years of COH, I remember many times we have believed God for things and He has never let us down!!! To share with you, we had faith, just two women to start a Bible Study with some kids. Look at how that has turned out! We grew and grew and every time God provided a place for us to meet with the kids. Things that we have asked Him for...he provided. I remember in the beginning we wanted to take the kids on a trip to Dollywood. Shelley and I didn't have the money to pay for that, but we prayed, had faith, and talked about having a car wash. Well, the morning we were going to have the car wash at Sagebrush parking lot, **before we got anything out of our vehicles** for the car wash, we sat in the back of Shelley's van to pray and make sure this was what God wanted us to do. As we sat there praying, a car pulled up and asked us what time did our car wash start? Shelley and I looked at each other and knew that was our answer, then we looked back at the people and told them. The funny thing is we never saw that car again. That day we raised the money to take all the kids and some of their parents as chaperones to Dollywood!!! It was a testimony and it was only the beginning.

There are many times we have experienced the faithfulness and provision of God through these 10 years. Some include; nearly 500 children have been to Children of Hope, so many volunteers to help as we grew over the years, 2 buses, warm-comfortable places to meet, donations, operating expenses, ministering opportunities, and many, many, many children hearing the gospel, getting saved, and their lives changed forever!!! To God be the Glory! That is a testimony of FAITH!!! I look forward to what God has planned! Let us remember, to not focus on what looks impossible to man, because **all things are possible with God!!!!** We may not know the means to how God is going to provide for the building, but we can have FAITH to know that Children of Hope will get the building to go on top of the land that God has already provided. Let us get things into the proper perspective---what God has started He will also Finish!

God we believe!

Jenny Rosenberger

P.S. We have included in this newsletter some of the details from the COH building schedule provide by Clint, our civil engineer. THANKS CLINT! ☺

2010-2011 COH year off to a fabulous beginning

This has been a very active year. Our Friday Night Bible Studies are going great. The kids are learning God's word and journaling in their small groups, and worship time is wonderful. It is always great to see the kids come on a Friday night to sing and praise Jesus. Worship with our little kid's group is especially moving and something to witness. We often have other volunteers come in during their worship just to see what God is doing. The kids are so open to the presence of the Lord. They pray for each other, cry out to the Lord through prayer and worship, sing, and dance; it is amazing and a glorious site to see!!! We have included some pictures for you.



COH's RECENT SPECIAL EVENTS:

- ❖ Children of Hope attended the annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Buffalo Trail Baptist Church. We had a very good turnout of volunteers, kids, and parents that night. Many coats were given out for those in need! Thank you Buffalo Trail!

Thanksgiving



THANK YOU

First Baptist Church invited some of our kids to come to a Christmas Breakfast and to go shopping after church for Christmas. We had a great time as we enjoyed sharing about Children of Hope. Next, our kids led the Sunday School class in worship with a couple of our favorite songs. Then, we took the kids shopping at Wal-Mart. It is always a blessing to be a part of this! Thank you First Baptist for your thoughtfulness!



Christmas



Another Graduate

We would like to send out an honor to one of our volunteers on his great accomplishment: Congratulations to Tim Rosenberger on his Graduation for his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration!!!***



COH Volunteer News

By the way...

New Volunteers

We have been blessed to receive some new volunteers this year, which is an answer to prayer! Debbie Lamb is teaching our 1st grade class and Ann Mcginnis is leading one of our high school girls' small groups and we have gained a new bus driver—Sam.

We at Children of Hope thank God daily for providing the most extraordinary volunteers for this ministry! Thanks for all you do for the Kingdom of God. ☺

Thanks

Upcoming Events

- ❖ Unfortunately, we had to reschedule our Night of Giving/Happy Birthday Jesus Party from Dec. 18th to Jan. 7th because of bad weather! However, we are ready for it. This is one of our favorite times of the year at COH because we teach the kids that it is a time of giving and remembering. The lesson that evening is Acts 20:35, that it is truly better to give than to receive and John 3:16, which God gave the ultimate-ever satisfying gift - JESUS! The kids have spent their time preparing for the Night of Giving by planning and making gifts that they will give to the people they

are going to serve and bless. Our plans for the Night of Giving are as follows: the Pre-K-1st graders are going to visit the residents at Heritage Nursing Home, the 2nd-3rd graders are going to visit with the residents at Terrace Estates, the 4th graders are going to serve MATS supper and lead them in holiday songs at the church, and the 5th-12th graders are going out in groups to visit individual elderly and/or homebound people in our community. It is going to be great!!!

All of us look forward to it!!!

In addition to all that, we have a Happy Birthday Jesus Party. We celebrate Jesus' birthday with cake and we sing Happy Birthday to Jesus. There are always some COH kids who ask, "How many candles should we put on the cake?" Ha! Leave it to kids...they don't miss a thing! After the kids know what it feels like to give then they receive a stocking stuffed with gifts for them. We talk and journal which was better going out and giving or receiving the stocking full of gifts. Every year all the kids say, "It feels much better to give!" It is an awesome night! We conclude our night with

God's Word telling us of the perfect gift - Our Savior - JESUS.

- ❖ Education Incentive Trips are being planned by Traci for those kids who have been bringing their report cards. ALL report cards for the first semester need to be checked by Traci by Friday, January 21st
- ❖ Only 8 Bible Study Dates left for this year:

- ✓ January 7th Night of Giving/Happy Birthday Jesus Party
- ✓ January 21st Disciples of Hope due to start
- ✓ February 4th Friday Night Bible Study
- ✓ February 18th (No Bible Study - Hamblen County School Holiday)
- ✓ March 4th Friday Night Bible Study
- ✓ March 18th Friday Night Bible Study

- ✓ April 1st He Is Risen Party
- ✓ April 15th Friday Night Bible Study
- ✓ May 6th Year End Celebration
- ✓ May***Graduation Celebration***
- ✓ *** Education Incentive Trips***
- ✓ June***Splash Into Summer***

**** Important Property Update ****

Here is a visual for you. It may sound strange, but it's the only way to help you understand what we feel is happening. As God has given us this vision for COH, including the building and property, it has been like we were impregnated with it. We have carried it for a long time. Over the last year, we've been feeling like we were about to give birth. Recently, the water broke!

The contractions have started. Now it's time to PUSH! As with any delivery there are those with you in the delivery room helping. They help through their prayers, words of encouragement, holding your hand, giving you "ice chips", a cold wash cloth on your face, etc. What if there is just one more "BIG PUSH"? We need your help with this wonderful delivery!

PRAY AND GIVE IF YOU FEEL GOD LEADING YOU! OUR NEXT STEP IN THE BUILDING PLANS WILL COST 3,750.00. We believe God will provide through His people.

As we are working with Clint, our God appointed engineer, he has given us a timeline of steps leading to the construction of the building. We want to share with you our timeline for the building that he has sent to us.

Tentative Schedule for COH's Building

Dates: December 17, 2010 - Jan. 7, 2011

Tasks: Review and Coordinate drawings with consultants and owner
Holiday break
TCH continue work on r.o.w.
dedication with Wellers / City
2nd progress set due Jan. 7, 2010 for review

Submit grading revisions to TDEC to update grading permit

Dates: Jan. 7, 2011 - Jan. 24, 2011

Tasks: Finalize drawings
Prepare paperwork for submittals to State Fire Marshall, City of Morristown

Finalize paperwork with Wellers
Construction Documents due on Jan. 24, 2011

Dates: Jan. 24, 2011 - Jan 26, 2011

Tasks: Drawing copies made
Drawing delivery to review agencies for approval

Dates: Jan. 26, 2011 - Feb. 25, 2011

Tasks: Expect completed review by review agencies
Upon review agencies approval, release approved plans to Contractors for bids

Dates: Feb. 25, 2011 - Mar. 10, 2011

Tasks: Contractor bid preparation

Receive invited bids on or about Mar. 10, 2011

Dates: Mar. 10, 2011 - Mar. 17, 2011

Tasks: Review bids and make recommendation to COH
Upon acceptance of low qualified bidder, sign contract for construction on or about March 17, 2011

CONSTRUCTION ON OR ABOUT MARCH 17, 2011....HOW SWEET THAT SOUNDS!



Be in prayer with us as we move forward with God! We know God is faithful and right now we are full of FAITH to believe God will provide! So, we are asking for prayer and donations as you are led by God! Be Blessed!!!

Thanks to all COH volunteers and supporters of the ministry for an awesome 2010 and looking forward to an awesome 2011! ☺

