

Dear Hope Community Church Family,
What do they think? What do those on the outside looking in think of Jesus because of Hope Community Church? What do they think about Jesus because of you and me who call ourselves his Followers? What do we impress on them about Jesus by who we are, what we do, and what we have? This past Sunday I spoke about this. Unfortu-



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nately more and more outsiders already possess, or are developing, a bad impression. Consider this by David Kinnaman & Gabe Lyons in the 2008 edition of their book *UnChristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks About Christianity*. They write, "Only a small percentage of outsiders strongly believe that the labels 'respect, love, hope, and trust' describe Christianity. A minority of outsiders perceives Christianity as genuine and real, as something that makes sense, and as relevant to their life." Ouch! That hurts!

I wonder what people think of Jesus because of me? Not just those who attend the Saturday evening and Sunday morning services, but also my neighbors, my relatives, the garbage

man, and the person at the drive-thru window at McDonalds.

Some of my life verses, which I would do well to re-ponder, are found in 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, where the Apostle Paul wrote, "Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have

become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings."

Please weigh these verses very carefully. I wonder what our guests will think of Jesus after visiting with us this coming Biker Sunday? Will we go out of our way to be a blessing? To be friendly, generous, kind, and loving? Will they be attracted to Jesus or turned away? What do they think?

I Wonder,

Pastor Steve



WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturdays - 5pm

Sundays - 9:00 and 10:45am

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TAKING HOPE TO THE WORLD

Here's a story that you can file under the "It could only happen in Haiti" category: The shipping container that Hope helped pack with food and supplies and shipped to Haiti arrived a few weeks ago. However, getting the container through customs wasn't easy. After the initial payment, an additional \$600 had to be "paid" to the appropriate official. Then, things got even more interesting. Missionary Jan Thompson described the events in a recent Email.

"With the spiritual warfare going on, I am realizing what a HUGE deal this shipment is to 'the enemy.' While we were unloading some of the bags of beans and rice, dockworkers were stealing it." Jan also said one of her translators had seen what was going on but was afraid to say anything. "He said he didn't want the guy throwing powder on him (Placing a voodoo curse on him)!"

Jan said, "We need lots of prayer as we go back into this situation and face the

giant again." She also said the truck driver originally hired to haul the supplies reneged on his deal and wanted more money.

"That's what Jan deals with every day," said Hoperster Ron Trimmell. "It's hard for most Americans to imagine all the barriers to ministering in a country like Haiti. We really need to support our missionaries out on the front lines."

Jan Thompson will be at Hope May 15-16 for "Hope in Haiti" weekend. Be here!

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband."

Revelation 21:1-2



U P C O M I N G E V E N T S . . .

Talent Auction, Sun., May 2, 1 pm

To benefit Peru, Papua New Guinea and Uganda God Ops. Free Pizza. Come bid on services and items. To donate "talents" contact Seth Lindberg, slindberg@usd259.net or 516-6635.

7th Annual Mother/Daughter Tea, Sat. May 8

10 a.m. - Noon. All women (age 5-105) welcome. Childcare provided. \$2 tickets at the door.

Alaska God Op "Old Time Photo Booth

Friday, April 30-Sunday, May 2 @ Prairie Rose Chuckwagon's Western Days celebration. Proceeds benefit Alaska God Op.

Middle School Summer Camp June 20-25

Deposit due May 2nd. LIMITED space. Contact Pastor Shane, 858-9100.

Attendance: 4.18.2010 Total: 844 (-6% for overlap)

Saturday: 39 Sunday: 9:00: 462 / 10:45: 396

	GENERAL GIVING	EXPEDITION HOPE
Wkly Giving	\$14,181	\$1,671
Wkly Budget	\$20,255	-
YTD Actual	\$265,375	\$27,543
YTD Budget	\$324,074	-

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