

Dear Hope Community Church Family,
My name is Kerri LaMunyon and I am a fellow Hopester. I'm so excited to be involved in the budding Orphan Care Ministry at Hope! I feel alive, because I'm in the game, so to speak. However, it hasn't always been this way for me. I spent way too much time waiting on the sideline. My first

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obstacle was that I questioned the coach. I didn't understand why God would give me a passion for kids in crisis, but not equip me with the abilities I thought would be required. After all, kids need someone who's bubbly and outgoing, right? If there was a list of my character traits, those wouldn't have been in the top five, or 10, or even 20. Instead, the top of my list would be: stable, consistent and dependable.

After agonizing over this apparent disconnect, I finally realized that kids who have been abandoned, abused, or neglected aren't necessarily looking for bubbly and outgoing! They've been let down, usually over and over again. Stable, consistent, and dependable might look pretty good to them. God said

to me, "Trust me. I will equip you."

My second hurdle was that I didn't know the whole game plan. I thought, "Ok, I want to care for orphans, but what does that look like? Where will this end up?" I'm a real planner, so not having the big, long-term picture practically immobilized me! Then I realized, I don't have to have the whole game plan. I just need to take the next step. God said to me, "Trust me. I will call the plays."

My third issue was that it was safer on the sideline. Being in the game, ministering directly to the least of these, might get messy, or be uncomfortable, or I might even get hurt. I was content to offer my support from a safe distance. That was the extent of my compassion.

Then I found out that you can't offer compassion from a safe distance. The word actually means to "suffer with". We are called to enter into places of pain. God said to me, "Trust me. You may get hurt, but I will take care of you." So here I go, into the "fields" of the fatherless (no sports pun intended). The orphan is close to the heart of God. He's working there and I want to be a part of it! Orphan care isn't just a nice thing to do, it's "pure and undefiled religion" (James 1:27). I like the sound of that.

So how about for you? Whether it's in orphan care or something else, is God calling you off the bench?

Trusting God,
Kerri LaMunyon



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TAKING HOPE TO THE WORLD

You may remember a discussion a few years ago about creating Hope satellite churches. Beginning next Sunday, Hope will be providing a video version of our regular Sunday morning services to a body of believers off campus.

"Some of the leaders of the Federated Church in Whitewater met with our Leadership Team recently to ask for our help," Hopester Herk Russell said. "They do not currently have a pastor and have been struggling. When we met, one solution we presented was for Hope to provide them a

weekly DVD of our worship and teaching. They accepted the offer so beginning July 18, Hope services will be broadcast in Whitewater."

The broadcasting will kick off with Pastor Nick Martineau's new sermon series on the book of James. To introduce Nick, he gave a "live" teaching in June. Pastor Bill Beahm also taught at Federated this past Sunday.

"This is an opportunity for us to test the technology available and our capabilities for delivering sermons to satellite locations," Russell added. "There are a lot of

churches that are struggling, so this can be an effective way to take God's word to the world."

New equipment has been installed and we've begun recording services. "We're also testing to determine what might be the best way for us to provide a live stream," said Keith Wallace, video technician.

"With the need that exists, it's exciting to explore the possibilities for this type of service and how it can help churches transition," Russell added.

"I the LORD have spoken. The time has come for me to act. I will not hold back; I will not have pity, nor will I relent. You will be judged according to your conduct and your actions, declares the Sovereign LORD."

Ezekiel 24:14



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

Children's Ministry Snacks Needed

For our Sunday and Wednesday programs. Any cookies or snack crackers that don't contain peanut butter are welcome.

High School Camp at Westminster Woods

July 30-August 1. Get signed up now. Sign-up forms at Hope or online at welcome2hope.com. Early Bird Deadline July 26th.

For information about weekly activities visit our website at www.welcome2hope.com

Nursery/Toddler Volunteers Needed

Serve every other week or fill in as needed. Sign up in main lobby. Contact Robin Trimmell, 733-5740.

Lost and Found Items

Several jewelry items have been found over the past months. Please see Laurie Blaha in the church office to claim yours.

Attendance: 7.11.2010 Total: **737** (-6% for overlap)
Saturday: **47** Sunday: 9:00: **380** / 10:45: **356**

	GENERAL GIVING	EXPEDITION HOPE
Wkly Giving	\$24,112	\$1,003
Wkly Budget	\$20,255	-
YTD Actual	\$475,463	\$61,110
YTD Budget	\$567,130	-