

Rockside Church

JULY-DECEMBER 2011



Left: (R to L) Gary Craun, liaison between Rockside Church and City Reach Cleveland, Barb Craun, guest, Sylvia Meder

Above: Youth band leading Simply Worship (L to R) Pastor Donna Barrett, Alex Macko, Britton Roberts, Kirstein Beringuel

Partnering Together to Reach Cleveland

Rockside Church is linking arms with City Reach Cleveland to impact our inner city.

Pastor Justin Maslanka is a product of Pittsburgh City Reach which presently has 400 worshippers and six Hope Houses where residential discipleship brings people to freedom in Christ. In response to God's call Pastor Justin, his wife, Suzie and their two sons along with partners Keith, Gary, and Dexter from Pittsburgh have relocated to Cleveland and acquired their first Hope House.

To maintain maximum impact in partnership and an ongoing relationship, Gary Craun from Rockside Church has stepped into the role of liaison between the two ministries. Gary spearheaded a "field trip" to Pittsburgh to see first-hand the model that City Reach

Cleveland will follow. With decades of ministry experience in Cleveland, Gary has been equipped in both inner city work, the church world, the secular market place and has a gift to network among it all.

We began partnering in 2011 by hosting Justin at a Connection Points prayer meeting, a NEOIN prayer gathering and have started financially supporting and receiving donations in kind to furnish the Hope House. We eagerly anticipate what God has in store!

Rockside Youth Joining with Campus Life

Greater Cleveland Youth for Christ director, Jeff Thompson introduced the newly hired, full-time director of the Independence Schools, Krista Harrison, who shared a spotlight on a Sunday morning and then spoke for Rockside

Youth on a Friday night together with her supervisor, Brian Walls. Under the leadership of Britton and Amanda Roberts, Rockside Youth has merged into

May these partnerships be a snapshot of how God wants the church to work together for His purposes!

meeting the first and third Mondays of the month with Campus Life at the Independence High School. This collaboration has brought a tighter partnership between Youth for Christ and Rockside Church which has been a win/win for each and a win for the Kingdom!

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Special Guests and Events

It's our joy at Rockside to partner with and hear from our friends and missionaries around the world! **Zach and Londa Churchill** brought an update, preached and led worship, **Jim Loker**, missionary to Mexico, shared Sunday followed by a visit at Cathy Monnin's house, **Marc and Adrian Reynolds** led our pre-service prayer during Ramadan, praying for Muslim friends, **Bob Lenz** gripped us with the huge need to help teens in America find their way to Jesus, **Sue Nigh** showed us what our financial support over the last eight years has meant for changing lives at Heartland Conference Retreat Center, **Paul Mosher** passionately preached his first Sunday message at Rockside, and **Jay Rostorfer** updated us from the last four years spent in Madagascar.

Light for the Lost We were strongly represented at the Cleveland area banquet where we worshipped God and heard from several missionaries over dinner at Bethany Assembly of God, resulting in new relationships among new missionaries.

58:THE FILM Rockside hosted a viewing of the film at IWU on a Wednesday evening, challenging Christians to fight against global poverty.



Above is the inflatable water slide Rockside Kids enjoyed for the Back to School Bash.

Below is youth specialist, Bob Lenz. Since his visit to Rockside he began touring with the Newsboys on their God's Not Dead Tour.

Rockside Church Values Community

Simply Worship

The fifth Fridays of the month were set aside in July and September as evenings for Simply Worship. Community with God and among the generations were enjoyed as Britton Roberts led our Youth Band in ministering during these evenings. A Sunday was later devoted to Britton sharing his testimony in word and song. It's a joy to worship God amongst people we know, value and love.

City of Independence

Gary Holsopple's crew created a stage out of the back of a flatbed truck so Britton Roberts and the band could fill the sky with music for the annual **Home Days Parade**. Over forty Rocksiders walked alongside the Brecksville Road parade route passing out fliers, waving and tossing candy. Meanwhile back at the building, Laurie Macko and crew prepared a yummy lunch for a "tailgate party" that happened mostly inside where the air conditioning kept happy people cool. We were also represented at the **National Day of Prayer** in May, **Fall Fest** and **9/11 Prayer**, where our pastor joined with clergy from other churches located in Independence to lead a gathering for our country in recognition of September 11.

Christmas at Rockside

What has become a loved, annual tradition at Christmas time moved to a new level with such diversity and hospitality demonstrated. Invited guests and our regular community had a great evening of tobogganing fun, food and networking together.



Beautiful feet wall representing prayers for our missionaries



Pastor Donna and the Independence clergy on September 11



Jim Egyud and Dale Reeves sign Christmas cards for missionaries



Moriah Mosher, Amber Macko, Ada Gee, and Joshua Holsopple tobogganing

Keeping the Focus

Transformation Conference

As members of the Northeast Ohio Intercession Network (NEOIN), our pastor attended the Transformation Conference featuring Rhonda Hughey and was so impacted that she invited Rhonda to speak at Rockside the following Sunday morning. The sermon series through the book of Haggai was to prepare us for a season of personal consecration to take place early 2012.

Prayer Each Saturday at 10:00 a.m. one of our board members, Paul Mosher, leads a prayer meeting in the sanctuary to pray for Sunday's service, missionaries, lost loved ones and whatever needs surface. Pre-service prayer and

Connection Points have also continued throughout 2011.

Faith Promises Guest speaker, Gary Dickenson from the Congo, inspired hearts and further engaged in conversation over lunch reminding us why we biannually make faith promises to support global missions. Meanwhile Christmas cards were being signed, *yes in October*, to be sent with an Ancient Path Christmas CD as a blessing to all our supported missionaries around the world.

Men's Fellowship The men of our church enjoy meeting monthly for breakfast, a speaker, discussion and prayer, supporting one another as brothers in the faith.