

ROCKSIDE CHURCH 2013 Newsletter



Edward Gee, Missions Extreme

“Therefore go and make disciples in all nations...and I am with you always, even to the end.” Matt. 28:19-20



Rocksiders Pray for the Launch of Mosaic Community Church

Missionary Spotlights

A great joy and assignment from God is walking with missionaries as they do their portion of getting the Good News delivered around the world. Meeting in person to listen, pray and learn is part of the relationship building that keeps us connected. We hosted the following missionaries this year, whether by services, spotlights, house gatherings or lunches.

HELPING CHURCH PLANTS

With Pastor Gary Craun as our liaison, we were able to assist City Reach Church with volunteers, finances, several prayer partnerships and friendship. We released three members to be part of the church plant and helped with their grand opening and summer outreach. Our Missions Committee threw a surprise baby shower for Pastor Justin and Suzie Maslanka. Welcome Abigail!

BEING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES

A reinforced message flowed through the LIFE GROUPS (Fall and Spring), sermons, Kids' Church and personal reading using the material "Learning to Follow". We dug into the topics of learning to follow, listening to God, prayer, influence, healing, managing and loving.

A CHURCH PLANT THAT PLANTS A CHURCH

Serving as its parent affiliate church, we saw the opening this year of MOSAIC COMMUNITY LAKEWOOD, planted by Pastors Kevin and Lindsay Phipps using a missional model that grows from the inside out. They started with a core group in one "Village" that meets weekly in a home with a vision to raise up leaders who will start more Villages (groups of 20 or 30 people meeting in homes, businesses, and third spaces) to become a network of villages within walking distance of every person in the city of Lakewood!

Pray for Missionaries Hosted in 2013:

- Amber Helms, IHOPKC 1/27
- Kevin Phipps, Mosaic Community 1/20
- Justin Maslanka, City Reach 3/3
- Andrea & Marc Smith, Thailand 3/24
- Without Words Ministry, 3/20
- Love & Hope Project, 4/21
- Missions Faith Promise Sunday, 5/19
- Jeremy & Jenilee Goodwin, 8/25
- Steve Walent, Germany 9/22
- Sharon McCammon, Lithuania 10/16
- Doug Hollis, Indonesia 10/21
- Ty Silva, Philippines 12/1
- Rahab Ministries 11/20
- David & Kandy Bennett, 8/23
- Bill & Lena Shrader, Peru 7/7
- Ed & Linda Schlak, Ukraine 10/16
- Mark & Carol Ryder, Global 2/17
- Brad & Rhonda Walz, Argentina
- Two unnamed missionaries to unnamed areas.



Rockside Youth who attended Acquire the Fire with Pastor Caleb

ROCKSIDE KIDS

In addition to Sunday Morning Gatherings, the Kids enjoyed Movie Night 2/15, Parents Huddle 6/23, Back-to-School Bash with Jeremy & Jenilee Goodwin 8/22-25 and family services. Ada and Edward Gee attended then reported on Missions Extreme, a state-side missions gathering of students from A/G churches across Ohio for a week of serving, living the disciplined life together, learning, singing and having fun.

ROCKSIDE YOUTH

The Youth participated in 1st and 3rd Mondays with Youth For Christ at 7:30 and the High School and Middle School Assembly with Ray McElroy 4/9. June 1, Pastor Caleb Fletcher joined the team as youth pastor and students went through the Live Dead Study on Sundays, to the Alive Festival 6/19, Senior High Camp, G-5 conference at Heartland 8/30-31, Youth Bonfire 10/18, Acquire the Fire 11/1 and ended the year with one-on-one lunches.



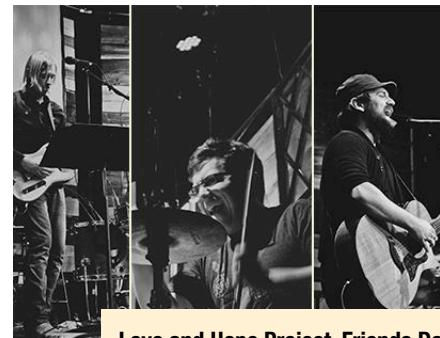
Rockside Youth Serving City Reach

TENTH ANNIVERSARY

We focused ten Sundays leading up our Tenth Anniversary giving thanks to God and hosting friends from the city, former staff, band and missionaries. Telling the story seemed most appropriate via video created by TravisPollert Studios which can be viewed on our website. The anniversary day included cake, testimonies and a reunion band.

WORSHIP & PRAYER NIGHT FOR MISSIONARIES

The pilot run of gifting our missionaries with a night of prayer/worship snowballed this year to include other churches in the Greater Cleveland area as participants and hosts. This year we moved it to Parma Bethel Temple on May 19 and Calvary Assembly in Willoughby Dec 13. The wins in this include collaboration beyond our own church, encouraging missions directors and missionaries and some serious time of connecting with God in prayer and worship about the nations on His heart.



Love and Hope Project, Friends Day

LOVE AND HOPE PROJECT

Recorded live, mixed here in Cleveland, Love and Hope Project's band, comprised of Britton Roberts from Rockside, Bryan Karas from our first team and musicians from other churches ministered at FRIENDS DAY in April. Over 60 of the CDs were mailed to our partner missionaries with a Christmas greeting signed and prayed over by Rocksiders. Proceeds help a children's home in El Salvador. Collaboration at its finest!

RELEASING INDIVIDUALS FOR MINISTRY

On the east side of Cleveland, Pastor Bob and Judy Willard receive help the first Thursday of each month from a team of volunteers who take a meal and stay to serve their gathering called The Meeting Place Church. We provided book bags for their back to school event. • Cathy Monnin represented us at the Peacemakers National Conference, Chamber of Commerce Meetings, and Independence Schools Mock Interviews.



Christmas Party at the Chalet 10/6/13

PRAYER The year began with a week of prayer 9 AM to 9 PM, 1/7-12. We were the host site for N.E.O.I.N. south gate monthly prayer gatherings with featured guests each time the 3rd Wednesday and the host for 3 NEO 7:14 monthly meetings. Prayer outside the church has become quite a good connector. Our city's Town Hall Meeting 2/11 included a prayer segment among clergy headed by Pastor Donna. We gave away "Seek God for the City" 40-day prayer guides to city residents. She opened city council's monthly meetings with prayer four times. For the 10th year, National Day of Prayer was recognized. The traveling prayer meeting was spearheaded out of Rockside Church and included eight stops with various leaders, locations and participants this year.

DEVELOPING WORSHIP AND LEADERSHIP Worship Nights were held on 7/26 & 10/12 and a worship workshop for students and young adults was held 11/16. Monthly board meetings, quarterly staff gatherings, weekly individual touch points; collectively discerning God's will and boundaries for leaders were developed.