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Lord's Sanctuary– A Hopewell Network in Kenya



Pastor Patrick Thuo leads worship at the Cornerstone Church in Nakuru, Kenya.

The Hopewell Network Apostolic Team visited Kenya October 11-19, 2006 to get to know The Lord's Sanctuary Church Network and their leaders, Patrick and Lucy Thuo. The Lord's Sanctuary Church Network includes five churches and a church plant. Patrick and Lucy lead the Cornerstone church along with their network leadership responsibilities.

The HNC team included Lester and Erma Zimmerman, Curt and Anita Malizzi, and

Allan and Rebeca Yoder. They participated in a Lord's Sanctuary leadership conference as well as in several churches.

During the visit, the HNC Apostolic Team and the leadership of the Lord's Sanctuary made the decision to begin a two year engagement period with The Lord's Sanctuary Church Network in Kenya on October 17, 2006.

The purpose of the two year engagement period is to provide time for us to learn to know each other and to discern if God is calling us to walk together in the future. Patrick is encouraged to attend the HNC annual conference to get to know the network pastors.

Allan Yoder was appointed as the primary contact person for Patrick Thuo and The Lord's Sanctuary network. He will provide an annual visit, maintain communication with Patrick Thuo, and provide materials that may be helpful for training leaders. A date was also set for Patrick Thuo's ordination (see accompanying story).

*Allan Yoder
Network Overseer*

Mexico Network Developments

Gerardo Bravo is giving leadership to the development of a Hopewell related network based in Mexico City. The initiating congregational base is the Agrupacion Cristiana congregation led by Gerardo & Fernanda Bravo.

The leadership team is developing well. They have started a cell group in Cuernavaca as a base for a new church. They are also providing leadership for an emerging church in Ajusco.



Pastor Gerardo & Fernanda Bravo

Allan Yoder

Hopewell Network goes international!

- KENYA NETWORK JOINS HOPEWELL
- CHURCH PLANTING WORK UNDERWAY IN MEXICO
- TASK FORCE TAKES ON THAILAND
- GOD IS ALSO MOVING IN POTTSTOWN, PA

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Reaching Pottstown for Christ!

Pottstown Bible Church



Pottstown Bible Church on Historic High Street, Pottstown

Pottstown Bible Church is a small missions church located in Pottstown Pennsylvania. This church was started from two small Bible studies in people's homes. Somehow, every week we are able to feed people and provide biblical counseling for those in need.

This ministry operates out of a small storefront in the middle of the town. We currently feed an average of 50 people each week at our Saturday evening dinner. We recently handed out winter coats to the poor and homeless here in town. Our pantry hands out bags of food for those who have nothing to eat each Saturday evening as well. I often am led to what Jesus taught us in: In Matthew 25: 35-36. He says, "For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me drink..."

So far we have had 54 countries visit our web site and listen to messages online. A seventeen-year-old boy from Ghana, who recently received Christ, who lives alone, asked us for a Bible and study guide. We promptly sent it out to him.

I must confess that all of this is overwhelming as I watch it unfold each week before my very eyes. When I see the people we minister to each week, I see Christ! I get to witness the leadership here living out what they say they believe; putting the love of Christ into action.

Pastor John Applebach

God has brought a like-mindedness of building God's Kingdom.

Hopewell Community Church

Hopewell Community Church has had a heart for the community since being birthed 23 years ago. During the early years, the Lord showed the leadership that we would be called "The Hospital on the Hill". Many have come, received salvation, healing from addictions, and bondages. Intercessors were called to the streets to intercede for the community. I believe we are seeing the fruit of those early prayers within our community.

I am blessed to meet with Pastors weekly. We walk around Borough Hall and intercede for all those in authority. God has brought a like-mindedness of building God's Kingdom. We will be serving at the upcoming Passion Fest, which will reach many for Christ.

On April 22nd during the Sunday morning service at the church, we had our first baptism service since becoming pastor. What a wonderful time of celebration it was as 12 people, ranging in age from 8 to 84 years, were

baptized in the Name of Jesus. Each gave a short testimony of how they came to know the Lord as Savior and then stepped into the water. Shortly after the service, another came and said she had never been baptized and went home to get a change of clothing.

She returned and with approximately 25 people still remaining at church, she gave testimony and took the plunge. We praise God for His mighty work that He is doing at Hopewell!

How awesome to be called as a Light in our community "for a time such as this." (John 5:14)

Pastor Bruce Levengood



Pastors Bruce & Helen Levengood of Hopewell Community Church in Pottstown, PA

Asia Missions Team Form Strategy for Isaan Outreach

Eight persons from churches within the Hopewell Network are serving on the Hopewell Asia Missions Team. The team is working at continued development of the vision to target the unreached Isaan people group in northeast Thailand as discerned by the Hopewell Apostolic Leaders. In the initial discernment process, the Apostolic Leaders felt God was calling the network to focus on the Isaan Youth. This call continues to be affirmed by current mission workers focusing on the Isaan. The team has been blessed by many contacts with other Thailand mission workers and their willingness to collaborate with the network.



Hopewell Asia Missions Team.
Standing: Dwane Reitz, Steve Groff, John Sauder, Mike Ingold.
Seated: Becky Jones, Liz Ingold, Kathy Smucker

The team is meeting on a monthly basis. Current work is focused on prayer and discernment regarding a location in Thailand for the network to have a base of operations. The team is networking with other Thailand missionaries and is gathering information about the Isaan youth, where they go when they leave their home areas and what they do for work, education and leisure. The team is also developing a strategy to have regular communication with the network churches as this vision continues to be developed. The team appreciates your prayers for wisdom and discernment.

John Sauder

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Network Leader Ordained in Kenya

Patrick Thuo was ordained as the apostolic leader of the Lord's Sanctuary network in Kenya on Easter Sunday, April 8. The Lord's Sanctuary network is the Hopewell related network in Kenya.

I was honored to officiate and was blessed with the number of pastors and church leaders who were there and who shared a word of testimony concerning Patrick & Lucy's character and ministry. The two most repeated words about Patrick were integrity and mentor. In addition to numerous Kenyan pastors and church leaders who shared, Mark Kraybill and Scot Magann also shared on behalf of the Hopewell Network. Bishop Kamau from the Happy Church gave his public blessing. Rebeca and I gave a blessing for Patrick in his apostolic leadership role and for Lucy as his co-worker.

The death of Patrick's mother the night before was emotional news for many, especially for Patrick & Lucy and their family who had gathered for the ordination. Patrick's mother had prayed for many years for her sons to be involved in ministry, so the timing was both difficult and significant.

The Lord's Sanctuary network is planning to start a sixth church this year. They have a vision for developing a school, clinic and leadership development center on their Cornerstone property. They have begun a computer training class and a sewing training class.



Patrick & Lucy Thuo, apostolic leader of the Lord's Sanctuary Ministries Network in Nakuru, Kenya together with Allan & Rebeca Yoder.

Allan Yoder
Network Overseer

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Living Hope Fellowship	RR #1 Box 1095	Forksville, PA	570-924-3600
Living Truth Fellowship	One Penn Ave.	Christiana, PA	610-593-2212
LOVE Christian Fellowship	321 N Furnace St.	Birdsboro, PA	610-582-5051
Petra Christian Fellowship	565 Airport Rd.	New Holland, PA	717-354-5394
Pottstown Bible Church	431 E. High St.	Pottstown, PA	610-322-3128
Rockville Fellowship	319 Rockville Road	Bellville, PA	717-935-2796
Spring City Fellowship	PO Box 172	Spring City, PA	610-948-5250

International Ministries:

Lord's Sanctuary Ministries	Nakuru	Kenya
Grace Assembly Fellowship of Churches	Port-au-Prince	Haiti
Agupacion Familiar Cristiana Bosques de Aragon	Mexico City	Mexico

Hopewell Happenings

- 📅 Congratulations to Kingdom Life Ministries in Hesston, Kansas who has officially joined the Hopewell Network of Churches after a one year engagement period!
- 📅 Hopewell Network Camp Banquet—Saturday, June 9th, 6 PM- all proceeds benefit campers. Catered meal/huge desert bar/carving stations at Hopewell Community Church, 1130 Commerce Drive, Pottstown, PA. 19464 \$15 per person. Any questions or for tickets, call LOVE at 610-582-5051 or Spring City Fellowship at 610-948-5250
- 📅 Hopewell Network Summer Camps:
 - Teen Camp, ages 13-16, July 2-6
 - Junior Camp, ages 9-12, August 20-24
 For more info: www.hopewellsummercamps.com
- 📅 Hopewell Network Pastors Conference at National Christian Conference Center: August 6-9