



# Streams

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## Reflections on the Hopewell 2009 Summer Conference



I have come away from the Hopewell Network Summer Leaders' Conference with a renewed

appreciation for each pastoral couple and ministry leader. I see how hard they work and how their shepherd's heart causes them to carry the burdens of their people. They dream big dreams and have to battle the giants in the land who stand between them and their dreams. I enjoyed being able to hang out together a couple of days with these wonderful leaders. They inspire me to keep pressing on as well.

The times of worship and fellowship were sweet. The evening with the elders of the

church joining us for the evening meal and session is always a highlight of our conference. How blessed we are with these committed men and women who help lead our churches.

The teachings of our speaker, Myron Augsburger, helped us reflect on some of our core values as a network. He taught from John 15 and expounded on our 2009 theme of "Increased Fruitfulness." He shared that we find fruitfulness as we are cleansed and shaped by God's Word, grow in our personal fellowship with Jesus, engage in prayer and intercession, and love one another.

I pray that each of our churches will continue to experience increased fruitfulness in relationships and ministries. And that our fruitfulness will bring much glory to God.

By Pastor Lester Zimmerman,  
Hopewell Network Apostolic Leader



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## Kenya and Mexico Networks Adopted into the HNC

The Lord's Sanctuary Network in Kenya and Agrupacion Familiar Christian Network in Mexico were officially adopted as part of the Hopewell Network of Churches at the Network Pastors and Leaders' Conference held August 3-6. Both networks have been linking with the Hopewell Network of Churches over the last few years.



Patrick ministering with Jon (pastor in their network)

Patrick Thuo is the Apostolic Leader of The Lord's Sanctuary Network in Kenya. Patrick and Lucy started the first church in the network in Nakuru, and the network now has ten churches and church plants.

Gerardo Bravo is the Apostolic Leader of Agrupacion Familiar Christian Network in Mexico. Gerardo and Fernanda started the first church in the network in Mexico City, and the network now has four churches and missions and is in the process of adopting several other churches.

By Pastor Allan Yoder,  
Good Shepherd Community



Gerardo praying for Israel and Abby (church planters in their network)

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### Prayer Conference—Taste and See that the Lord is Good



Resource Table at the Prayer Conference

Approximately 65 people gathered at ACTS Covenant Fellowship in Lancaster on October 9 and 10 to participate in a Prayer Conference for the Hopewell Network. We were praying and believing that God's presence would be there. Participants were not disappointed as Saturday morning; during worship, an overwhelming sense of his love for us blanketed the intercessors with such warmth that many shed tears in his presence. From there the schedule changed as we went into a prayer meeting that

seemed to be a Harp and Bowl experience.

The weekend was designed to draw intercessors closer to Jesus, and out of that relationship would come prayers that would change our world. As a team, we would like to thank all the churches that participated. Our prayer is that these meetings will continue to provide training and encouragement to prayer leaders and their teams.

By Becky Jones,  
Hopewell Network Intercessor

### Harvest Field Ministries



Harvest Field Ministries (HFM) is a 501(c)(3) organization which was formed in 2006 to offer financial services and encouragement to ministries who share the vision and values of the Hopewell Network of Churches. HFM's members are primarily small ministries which lack the resources to create their own tax-exempt status. For a one time application fee of \$100 and an annual contribution of \$150, HFM is able to provide the benefits of non-profit status to member ministries including accepting and disseminating contributions; providing administrative support for member ministries; and forums for members to come together for encouragement, support, and interaction with each other.

Because we highly value the integrity and

success of our member ministries, we require that they submit an annual pastoral letter of recommendation confirming they are in good standing with church leadership. We also require that they have an accountability board made up of mainly non-family members and that they submit an annual financial statement that includes all sources of ministry income; an itemized list of all ministry expenses; and the percentage of monies used for missions and for personal expenses.

If you have a ministry and would like to receive more information on Harvest Field Ministries, e-mail Gene Flewelling at [info@harvestfieldministries.org](mailto:info@harvestfieldministries.org) or call 717-355-5224.

By Gene Flewelling,  
Harvest Field Ministries

### Hopewell Community Pottstown—25th Anniversary



On August 29 and 30, we celebrated 25 years of serving the Lord (1984-2009) with a picnic on Saturday and a special praise and worship service on Sunday morning. Those who worshiped at Hopewell in the past years were invited to return and celebrate with us.

Saturday began with a time of "Meet & Greet," a time for renewing old friendships. This was followed by a Praise Celebration featuring an expanded music team with musicians from the past taking part, intermixed with comments by previous pastors and current church leaders.

After the praise and worship, we had a

catered meal in the gym. This was followed by picnic games outdoors for both adults and children. Many folks hung around into the evening just reliving old times.

Sunday morning was a special time of praise and worship with the expanded music team and remarks by several pastors. We ended the weekend with snacks, coffee, drinks, two large cakes, and fellowship.

The celebration was a blessed time together. Praise the Lord!

By Harold and Diane Fillman,  
Hopewell Community Picnic Coordinators

## Gaithersburg Church Plant Development



Linker and Luz Sanchez

The church plant in Gaithersburg, MD, continues to expand. Luz and Linker Sanchez (church planters) report that during their first year they established

home groups in Gaithersburg, Frederick, and Hagerstown.

The Sanchez family moved to Frederick in August to live in a more central location to the groups that are developing.

They currently have Sunday worship services in two locations. They meet on Sundays at 11 a.m. in Gaithersburg and at 5 p.m. in Hagerstown.

By Pastor Allan Yoder,  
Good Shepherd Community



## Grace Christian Fellowship Continues to Strengthen

When Pastor Rooney left Grace Christian Fellowship in Oxford, NJ, earlier this year, there was a time when the congregation sought the Lord with praying and fasting. There were many wondering if the church would go on. To the amazement of many, and as a testimony of God's faithfulness, the congregation has not only gone forward but has been strengthened. God has provided financially in supernatural ways.

Currently there is a leadership team and there is a pastoral team leader, Cora Swackhamer,

who is 82 and carries the joy of the Lord in her heart. She is well known, as is the church, by pastors in the area, and she has their support. The core team continues to strengthen and, as they pray, new people come to the church.

Let's believe God for a Christmas miracle for Grace Christian Fellowship — that they would see a sudden influx of new people and God would be glorified!

By Pastor Curt Malizzi,  
Hopewell, Telford

## Haiti—Community Well and Orphanage

The Hopewell Network of Churches and Hopewell Christian Fellowship, Telford, have been partnering with Grace Assembly Fellowship of Churches in the greater Port au Prince area of Haiti to improve living conditions. This area is known for being very poor, and there are many orphans in the area from parents who have died or abandoned their children. "When you go there, you want to leave all you have with you because they need it so much more than we do", says Pastor Joel Kolb who visited recently during the building of the orphanage.

In 2005, the building process began for the orphanage, with Hopewell Christian Fellowship, Telford, initially raising \$30,000. Pastor Curt Malizzi, Pastor Aaron Durso, Dick Fletcher, and Pastor Joel Kolb have worked with Telford church teams and local Haitians to build the orphanage in a village outside Croix Des Bouquets. A team's visit to Haiti in June 2009 allowed for the completion of the orphanage, which included providing an electric generator, a new clean drinking water well and

submersible pump, a hand pump on the well, light fixtures and outlets, a refrigerator, and a gas stove. The well is now run twice a day for the community and has become a community water source and a friendly gathering place.

The orphanage mission goals now include raising \$4,000 for initial start-up. They are seeking regular funding for orphans, securing house parents, teaching the orphanage personnel to grow crops, and making saleable items to become financially self-sustaining. Future hopes include the construction of a building for orphan boys.

If you would like to help and make a donation for the start-up of the orphanage mission, or if you would like to regularly sponsor an orphan, please contact Pastor Joel Kolb at [pastorjoel@hcfteford.com](mailto:pastorjoel@hcfteford.com) or call 215-721-0834.

By Pastor Curt Malizzi,  
Hopewell, Telford



Faucets from the Community Tank



Front of the Orphanage

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Lord's Sanctuary Ministries	Nakuru	Kenya, East Africa
Grace Assembly Fellowship of Churches	Port-au-Prince	Haiti
Agrupacion Familiar Cristiana	Nezahualcoyotl	Mexico



*The Hopewell Network of Churches extends greetings to every individual and ministry. May our Lord and Savior bless you with His Presence this Christmas Season!*

**Hopewell Happenings**

- ☐ The Hopewell Network Spring Breakfast will be held on May 22, 2010, at 9:00 a.m., at Shady Maple Smorgasbord in East Earl.
- ☐ Hopewell Network Summer Camps 2010 dates are:  
Teen Camp—June 20-25  
Jr. Camp—August 8-13  
If you would like more information or forms, go to [www.hopewellsummercamps.org](http://www.hopewellsummercamps.org)