



*Walking alongside at-risk youth; empowering them to live healthy lives.*

## UPCOMING

- February 12  
**Boundless Workshop: Boundaries**
- February 12  
**Girls Valentines Party**
- February 13  
**Inner Hope AGM**
- March 12  
**Boundaries Workshop: Cleaning**
- March 13-19  
**Missions Service Teams**
- April 1-3  
**Mexico Team Training Weekend Getaway**
- April 12-14  
**Freeform World Vision Partner Training, Part 2**
- August 15-25  
**Mexico Service Trip**

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## BOUNDLESS HOPE LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM

"Please pass the turkey!" In December we took the opportunity to turn our workshop on Manners into a Christmas Party. The youth practiced setting a table and learned about good etiquette before sitting down to a full turkey dinner. One of our house residents hand-made gifts for all the volunteer mentors. The evening finished with the youth each receiving a pillowcase full of hygiene supplies. When visiting homes we have often noticed pillows with no pillowcases. When handed their gifts a few youth called out, "Do we get to keep the pillowcase?"



These past two months, we have been encouraged to have youth who were previously a part of the Boundless Hope program use their experience to support current participants. At our January workshop, we looked at conflict management, focusing on effective communication and conflict resolution strategies. For the presentation component, we asked one youth to share from his life experiences in dealing with conflict. It was awesome to see the participants open up in response to that youth's honesty and to be able to talk about forgiveness from a faith perspective with them as well. Another former mentee spends time weekly connecting with one of the younger girls in the program.

Recently, two youth completed the 6-month program and two boys have been added to the program, keeping our total number of youth at the maximum of 20. We praise God for changing lives and for bringing new youth to the program! However, we do need more mentors – please pray that people would respond to this opportunity to be involved in a young person's life.

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## COREY - AGE 20



Carla and Jenny first met Corey at New Beginnings Church when she was 12 years old. Corey was raised by an aunt from birth and has struggled with a lack of self worth. During high school Corey became involved in a weekly teen girls' Bible study at "The House" and she has experienced God's love and healing in her life. With the support of her Bible study leaders Corey enrolled in a Bible College and is currently in her second year studying Early Childhood Education. Corey remains actively connected to "The House."

**Mission:** Providing hope to at-risk youth through • **Housing** – Providing a safe, stable home, free of drugs, alcohol and abuse • **Support** – Helping youth in practical ways in their everyday lives • **Life skills** – Mentoring youth as they develop the skills needed to build their futures • **Discipleship** – Guiding youth in a relationship with their Creator **Target Group:** Youth ages 13-24 who choose to be part of the Inner Hope community • Youth coming from unstable home environments, which can include young parents and youth dealing with addiction issues or criminal history.

# INNER HOPE youth ministries

housing • life skill • support • discipleship

## NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2011

### MEXICO

August 15<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> 2011, 20 members of the Inner Hope Community will be participating in a Youth with a Mission (YWAM) Mission Adventure trip to Ensenada, Mexico. The trip consists of a camp-like training experience and cross cultural community outreach which includes building a home for a family in need under their Homes of Hope program.

In 2006, leaders and youth travelled to Ensenada where we had the privilege of building the 2000<sup>th</sup> Home of Hope! We returned again in 2008 and later saw two of those participants return to partake in a six-month YWAM Discipleship Training School.

After much persistence from trip alumni, we have decided to return for another life changing experience.



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### IMMANUEL - GOD WITH US

Our living room was packed as we struggled to contain 37 enthusiastic people in one area. Little angels and shepherds mixed with wise men, Mary and Joseph, and even king Herod. Something about the baby in the Santa suit lying in the manger seemed a little off, and I wasn't so sure about the "actors" frantically texting their friends on their cell phones about their debut, but otherwise we were set for the climax of our 5<sup>th</sup> annual House Christmas – the Nativity play.



*All of this happened to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and he will be called Immanuel (meaning God with us)." Matthew 1:23*

God's presence with us was evident that evening as love and belonging joyfully flowed through the house: from the gingerbread house creations (is that really a Native Housing apartment building?), to the decorated stockings (the "ugliest stocking" category was real hit!), to the full turkey dinner (homemade cranberry sauce ... yummy!), to the individualized filled stockings, to the house calendars (a yearly gift to the youth featuring their pictures and birthdays), to the two youth who kicked Jenny and I out of the kitchen at the night's end to clean up the mess!

God's presence with us was evident throughout 2010 as we experienced many organizational highlights: Kyle Belton joined our team January 3<sup>rd</sup> as our Life Skills Coordinator to become our 3<sup>rd</sup> full-time staff person, Inner Hope received a government grant to hire two summer students for 12 weeks, a 3 year strategic plan was written as a result of a planning day with our board and staff, and two staff and one board member completed the first residential seminar of World Vision's Freeform Training (a one year organizational development course).

God's presence with us was evident this past year as we provided **housing for 6 full-time and 3 part-time residents**, hosted over **200 extra overnight stays** and **served over 1000 meals to guests** coming through our home. His presence could not be denied as we witnessed the **launch of our Life Skills program**, the participation of 25 youth, and the fulfillment of the requirements of a full six month session by 13 of those youth. He was evident at the **girls' weekly Bible study** at The House, and at the **Christian Native Youth Gathering** at Mt. Baker in November.

Another way we experienced God's presence with us on a daily basis was through the amazing support team surrounding us with encouragement, prayer, finances, time and talents. Through your generous monetary donations, including \$1150 specifically towards Christmas, we were able to finish the year with a small surplus in addition to setting money aside to kick-start our capital campaign later this year. Thank you for being a part of our team in 2010!

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