

# Living Hope MINISTRIES

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### Ministry Needs

- Paper Folding Machine
  - Security System
  - Bible Character costumes children & youth sizes
- Work Crews for light construction
- Housing in NE Minneapolis for summer interns
  - 2 TV/DVD/VCR Combos
  - Media Cart
  - Rolling Shelves

### Volunteer Needs

- Administrative Assistant 20 hours/week (*Must have proven skills and experience*)
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Teachers for our Computer Lab
- Meal Servers for Fall 2006
- Transportation Volunteers

## 2006 Events Calendar

Date	Event	Where	Sign up
March 25	Soul Bowl • 1:30 – 4 PM	Flaherty's Arden Hills	Web site, call
April 14	Good Friday Service & Program • 6:30 PM	LHM	
April 24	Fundraising Banquet 6:30 – 9 PM	Four Points Sheraton	Web site, call
May 13	Pancake Breakfast 9 – 11	LHM	Web site, call
June	Rummage Sale	LHM	Donate/ Help for event
June 26–30	Vacation Bible School 1	LHM	
July	Walk a Thon	TBD	Web site, call
July 17 - 21	Vacation Bible School 2	LHM	
August 12	Pancake Breakfast 9 - 11	LHM	Web site, call
Fall 2006	Golf Tournament	TBD	Web site, call
Nov. 11	Pancake Breakfast 9 - 11	LHM	Web site, call

# FOOTPRINTS

March 2006

## The Caring Hand of God

We had a very eventful return trip from Fargo this year. I am sending you some photos so you can see just how great a God we have protecting us.

It was about 8:00 in the evening and we were on the road home. The kids went to the bathroom prior to leaving. They were dressed in their pajamas ready to sleep on the way home. This trip would prove to be like none other we had experienced.

It began with Jonathan needing to go to the bathroom again one mile down the road. We pulled off so he could use the restroom at a hotel, then it was back on the road again. The fog was getting thicker as we drove, but this type of weather is typical, so we were not too worried.

About 35 miles east of Fargo our trip took a sudden change. I noticed two cars without lights in the ditch, and seemingly no one near them. We were passed by a small black car, and I could only watch the taillights as they began to fade in the fog. In an instant they were bright again, then they began to flash. I slowed down as we approached and saw two more vehicles in the ditch between East and West bound 94. I stopped and pulled up behind the small black car.

One gentleman approached our vehicle, so I opened my door and began talking with him. He was fine, his car was in the ditch. It was only a matter of seconds and Kelli suggested he come to her side of the van so he wasn't so close to the road. I shut my door. Kelli asked about the man's cell phone and whether he had contacted anyone. He said he didn't have service. Then, I decided I would get out and go across to the people in the ditch to see if everyone was alright. Before opening my door, I glanced in the mirror on my door and saw a semi lose control and the trailer swing out. Now, all I saw was the headlights coming into the side of the van. I said "Oh No!" Kelli turned and looked and saw the headlights as we were hit. Glass flew everywhere. Just

prior to impact I looked up and it was as if the Hand of God moved the truck to broadside us rather than direct impact. The small car in front of us was hit in the rear, pushing the back of that car into the front seats. The vehicle was catapulted about 30 feet into the ditch. The semi continued to slide, jack-knifing 180-degrees into the ditch as well.

Kelli turned toward the kids and said, "Good, they are crying." My door was wedged shut, so I had to kick it with both legs four times to get it open enough to get out. Kelli's door was not opening. When he saw the semi, the man Kelli was talking to had jumped into the ditch. He came back and pulled Kelli out her window.

We removed the children from the van and took them about 40 feet off the road by a barbed wire fence. All these Good Samaritans were helping a family they knew nothing about other than they were in some trouble. David and Hannah were carried in their car seats to someplace safe on the other side of the ditch. They were covered with blankets, clothes and anything that could be found to keep them warm. Jonathan was removed from the vehicle

and I then got Allison out. Walking into the ditch in snow up to my waist, I fell. Allison didn't have any shoes, socks, coat or mittens. I handed her to someone else and they took her and wrapped her up in blankets as well.

We had just finished Christmas, and were returning with our van full of presents, food and about six suitcases of clothes. What we didn't know was just on the other side of the barb-wire fence was a small dirt road that paralleled the freeway to the point of the crash. Then it made a 90-degree turn away from the freeway. About five minutes after the crash a Chevy Suburban drove down the road. It was a family that lived about one fourth mile along that road. They were also returning home after celebrating Christmas with their family in Hibbing.

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*You are cordially invited to*

**Living Hope Ministries  
2006 Fundraising Dinner  
Monday April 24, 2006 • 6 PM**

6 PM Registration Sheraton Four Points Hotel  
6:30 Dinner 1330 Industrial Blvd. Mpls. MN 55413  
7 PM Program Call 612-331-1900 for directions.

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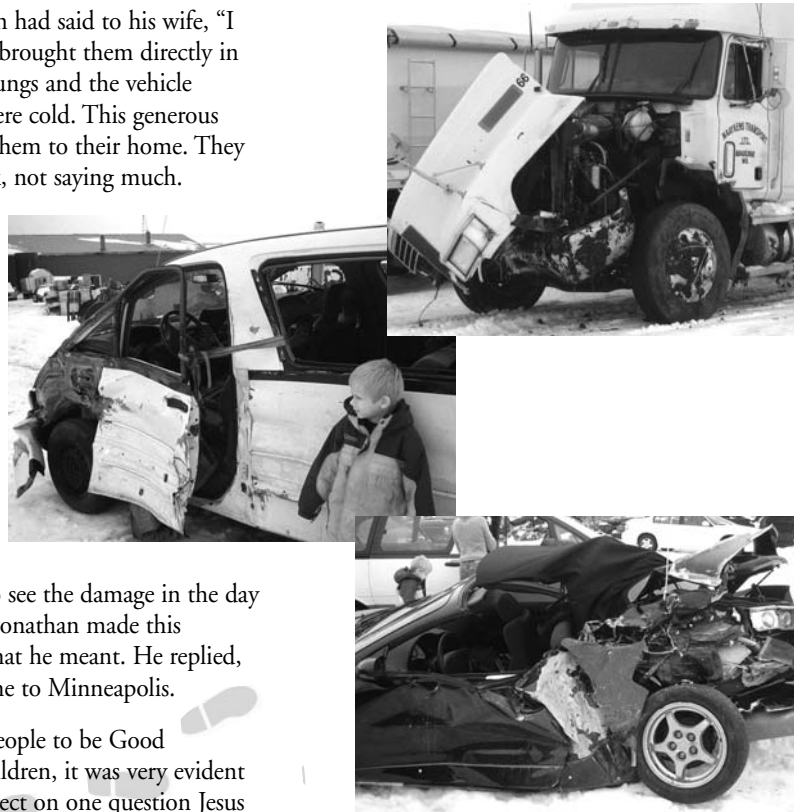
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Notice God's intervention here : Mark, the driver of the Suburban had said to his wife, "I think we will go home another way tonight." The way they took brought them directly in front of the crash scene. Kelli began screaming at the top of her lungs and the vehicle stopped. David had vomited on impact and the other children were cold. This generous family loaded the children and Kelli into their vehicle, and took them to their home. They washed David's clothes and gave him a bath. Allison was in shock, not saying much.

While this was taking place, two other pick-ups pulled up behind the van and out jumped five college students. They had seen the lights as they were heading the opposite direction on the freeway, turned around and came to offer their assistance. They offered to drive us back to Fargo or whatever we needed. It was only a short time and we were transferring all the stuff from our vehicle to their trucks. Mark returned with his Suburban and now set up a meeting point to transfer the items from the pick-ups to his truck. He returned and then took our family back to Kelli's parents in Fargo to spend the night.

The following day we rented a 15-passenger vehicle large enough to transport all our items. Before returning, we wanted to see the damage in the day light and get some pictures. Allison began to cry, which is good. Jonathan made this comment. "That was the best Christmas present ever." I asked what he meant. He replied, "Jesus saved us from the crash." God is good. We then drove home to Minneapolis.

In all this, God kept safe all who were involved. He provided people to be Good Samaritans. For those who were near Kelli as she was with the children, it was very evident to whom she gave credit for protecting us. In the aftermath, I reflect on one question Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do you say I AM?" More on this next newsletter. —Steve



### Kids Club

*"We talk of the second coming, half the world has never heard of the first." —Oswald J. Smith*

The number of people who have heard the Gospel is extremely low, yet Christians are constantly talking about Jesus coming back to earth! There is a huge need for Christians to get into the community and share the Gospel message. Kids Club is accomplishing that need. Each Wednesday night about 70 smiling, energetic kids show up for an evening filled with activities

I got involved in Kids Club this past October. I co-teach the 6- and 7-year-olds. It has been an amazing experience. Of course, there have been those times when the kids have tested my patience, but don't all kids? I wouldn't trade a single night with them for anything in the world. It is evident that God is actively at work with these kids. I can't help but smile and be filled with joy when the kids ask questions about who Jesus is and why He loves us so much.

This ministry is fulfilling what Oswald J. Smith wanted Christians to do. He wanted Christians to get into the communities and tell people about who Jesus is and what He has done for all people. I encourage you to pray for this ministry; the kids that come and the leaders involved. God is so powerful and wants to show Himself to all. We need to pray that people would have soft hearts to Him!

*In His Hands, Elizabeth Robazek*

## Reflections from 1 by 1 Participants

**Kyle Roff & his student Marcell:**  
While trying to teach kids, I find myself learning a lot about myself and my preconceptions about teaching. Flexibility is key.

**Eric Haase & his student Jonathan:**  
1 by 1 is for me a time when I see how blessed I am to be able to know how to read and have a good education. It also can be fun to hang out with my mentee, but also a hard struggle to both teach and have the mentee listen and focus and learn.

**Katie Jensen & her student Ja'Meila:**  
I talked to Ja'Meila and she said that what she liked about 1 by 1 was learning multiplication. She is such a fun girl and she loves to learn. She faces challenges and is willing to try new things. I admire her determination and courage. It is so good for me to go to 1 by 1. I am able to affect the life of another person in a truly significant way. I love going and spending some time focusing not on myself, but really entering into the world of another person. It is a great program that I feel truly blessed to be a part of.



**Megan McLeod & her student Jenny:**  
My student Jenny is eight years old and in second grade. Jenny enjoys getting individual help with her math and reading. She really likes to read to me, and I help her with words she doesn't know. We try to play a math, reading or writing game once a month, which Jenny especially enjoys. Learning is hard work, but it can also be fun.

As a tutor, I receive warm fuzzies from my student each week. She really wants to learn and is motivated in all areas.

**Jen Westrate & her student Alicia:**  
The gratitude received the students and their families is well worth any amount of effort!

**Laura Struve & her student Jorge:**  
My student is Jorge Urbina and he said: "I like reading about God." I really enjoy the excitement and hard work I get to see every week from my student. I know what I'm doing is important and really helping. Jorge is a huge joy and blessing to me and I look forward to seeing him every week!

**Gwen Kanengieter & her student Ebony:**  
1 by 1 is a great way to help out the community and have fun while doing it... it's rewarding while bringing glory to God.

There are few things more beautiful than the light in a child's face when they sound out a difficult word for the first time or finally figure out a tricky math problem.

**Hannah O'Reilly & her student Jesse:**  
Jesse told me his favorite part of 1 by 1 was the food I would say the best part of 1 by 1 is seeing Jesse grow academically and feel proud of himself. I also love to see him learn about God and his love.

**Starlett and her student Leslie:**  
From our conversations, I can tell you that Leslie really enjoyed when Kari came and used the props to tell the story of Noah. I think the use of the props, having kids come up front to help, and the fact that the story is about animals (which Leslie LOVES) had a lot to do with her memory and enjoyment of it.

As for me, I see myself continuing in tutoring for as far into the future as I can imagine. I love the interaction with my students. They give me energy and every Tuesday I feel myself moving forward in my faith journey.

**Vivian Mylander & her Student Tabitha:**  
From Tabitha:  
1 by 1 is fun and good for learning.

From Vivian: It's hugely satisfying to see my student master reading and math skills over the past three years. Also, I love to see her satisfaction when she tells me about earning a B+ on a math exam. This confidence in her own accomplishments will help her tackle new challenges. She's already showing new leadership abilities by helping the younger students."

**Jennie Ford & her student Chris:**  
I love tutoring because of the chance to get to know my student and help him out in his schoolwork. It is a very rewarding experience!



**Christian Bauerecker & his student Vivanco:**  
Vivanco tells me that he enjoys our little trips to the science museum or history center.

I find it very rewarding to see Vivanco grow academically and also as a Christian.

**Juanita Rodriguez & her student Jonathan:**  
My mentee's thoughts on 1 by 1 were that he "liked almost everything" he also said "I like my tutor." Hearing that is very humbling. I am so glad that I am able to make a difference in my mentee's life. My mentee said that sometimes he does not like doing math and reading, but he likes everything. So he has nothing but good things to say about the program. I wish that there could be a way for all the kids to be reached during bible story time, but I know that this is a bit difficult because all the kids are at different levels spiritually.

### Praises for God's faithfulness:

- God's protection
- Video Camera was donated
- Computer software has been provided.
- Growing Board
- Summer Interns
- Nearly 60 new children have joined kids club since October



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