



MEN OF HOPE

Spring 2008

OUR MISSION:

"To connect men with other men as they pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus, and then reaching out to the world around us to share the everlasting love of Christ."

When we look at this mission statement of "Men of Hope"—what does it mean to us in everyday practical terms? In his book "Practices of Effective Ministry," Andy Stanley says a "win" in men's ministry has the following seven ingredients:

1. "connect men"—small groups participation
2. "deeper relationship"—authentic, transforming accountability groups
3. "relationship with Jesus"—Bible studies
4. "reaching out"—inviting our friends and neighbors
5. "world around us"—effect change in the community
6. "share"—mission to our community and world
7. "everlasting love of Christ"—why we do it and who we do it for

As Lutheran Church of Hope proceeds through this year focused on "mission" we will be calling to your attention opportunities to join with other "Hope" members (especially with your small groups) to participate in mission outreach. Please continue to meet with your small group in Bible studies and prayer as you do this important work.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

March 27-31: World Vision Exhibit Experience

April 12: AIDS WALK/RUN

May - August: Mission Riverside
complete camp buildings (Dedication weekend: August 9-10)

July 14-18 & July 21-25: Vacation Bible School

September: Kids Against Hunger (Details to come)

Opportunities to serve during mission trips to Navajo, Mexico City, Juarez, Appalachia, Ghana, and Katrina are also available.



NOTES from LARRY...

In the fall we will be offering "The Quest for Authentic Manhood," "Winning at Work & Home," and "Man's Great Adventure," as well as continuing PIGS groups on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

A new focus will be on starting new small group opportunities off-site (homes, offices, workplaces, etc.) on alternative times and days of the week.

For more information on any of these opportunities, or if you desire to start or become a part of a small group, please contact Larry Lang @ 222-1520, ext. 107 or larry.lang@hopewdm.org.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will direct your paths" Proverbs 3:5-6