



# Living Hope Ministries



SUMMER 2012

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## PRAYER CORNER

**\*“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Matt. 9:37-38**

**\*Pray for Summer staff as we continue a full summer of camps, missions, outreach and evangelism.**

**\*Pray for God’s financial provision throughout the summer.**

**\*Pray for Steve’s health**

**\*Pray for launch of LHM’s screen printing business, “Designed Image.”**

**\*Pray for possible acquisition of an additional facility adjacent to LHM’s current facility**

**\*Pray for Saturday night Church service**

**\*Pray for Friday night Men’s group as they continue the Courageous Study**

**\*Pray for mentoring relationships with the youth and families in Northeast**



God has shown His faithfulness in every aspect of Living Hope Ministries. He patiently moves us along, illuminating each step along the road and providing exactly what we need according to His provision and timing. There have been countless hours rehab on our new facility and numerous volunteers. LHM got a new roof and windows. We were blessed by a group of 5 friends from Wisconsin who transformed Living Hope’s multi purpose area, offices and kitchen by installing new flooring (left). Larry from Renewed Dwellings has spent many Saturdays working on endless building projects to suit the needs of the ministry. Others provided assistance with painting, sewing curtains, cleaning, organizing and more! We are so grateful for our dedicated volunteers!

LHM had a full school year of One By One Mentoring, Girls Group,

Boys Group, and Adult Bible Studies. We are also thankful for our volunteers who are directly involved with the children and families.

As summer quickly approaches we are preparing for a full schedule. Karina has joined our summer staff along with Alyssa. We are offering Backyard Bible Clubs, Sports Camp, and off site camping in Wisconsin. The LHM youth group will be assisting with the leadership of this year’s program as well as leading a VBS for a church in Columbia Heights. The Men’s Bible study and Girls Group will continue meeting this summer,

On June 16th we launched our Saturday night church service preceded by a potluck dinner. We are enjoying learning together what it means to be a local church that honors the Lord. As we connect with many families through our outreach this summer, we hope and pray that many will get involved in these gatherings.

## One By One Mentoring

This year at Living Hope tutoring has been great! Every Thursday night, Living Hope volunteers have the opportunity to invest into the lives of about twenty students by tutoring students one on one. It has been so wonderful to see all of the relationships grow between students and tutors. Not only do we have

tutoring on these evenings, but we also have a time in the night for Bible club where we have been going through the stories of the Bible on a timeline starting from the book of Genesis. It has been so cool to hear all of the wonderful stories of children loving to learn about God. We also had a family game and movie night for all of the tutors, students, and families of students. It was a great time for everyone to hang out and get to know each other better. Overall, this year has been a blast! Seeing how God has used Living Hope tutoring has been truly a delight.

*By Becca Ludzack  
One By One Coordinator*



One By One Mentors and students



## Girls Group 2012

It has been a privilege to lead two girls' Bible studies this year, one for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders, and another for 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> graders. In both groups, God has been faithful to bring about strong friendships and mentoring relationships centered on Christ. It has been beautiful to see. Let me share a few highlights from this year.

Since last fall, the Lord has been laying some new things on my heart for these girls. Statistics on today's young people kept pointing out how prevalent media is in kids' lives. In fact, the average 8-18 year-old spends over 7.5 hours a day consuming media. Unfortunately, much of this media is toxic, sending messages and condoning behavior completely opposed to the Bible. I wondered what my young girls were being exposed to, and a media survey revealed that most of them were consuming a lot of dangerous music, TV, etc. Taking each group through a series on media, we've sought to give the girls the Biblical tools they need to make discerning decisions about what they read, listen to, and watch. Students who used to say, "I don't really listen to the lyrics; I just like the sound of the music," are now realizing the kinds of messages that have been getting through. It's encouraging to see some of them making the tough decision of cutting certain music or TV shows out of their lives for the sake of Christ. I am hopeful that, by the Lord's grace, they will continue to view media through a Biblical lens as they enter into their high school and adult years.

Another highlight of this year was taking the girls to the Dare 2 Share conference here in the Twin Cities. We certainly had a fun time together, but more importantly, we were all challenged and trained to share the gospel of Christ with those around us. One student was emboldened to share the gospel with her best friend a few days after the conference. That friend trusted in Christ that week, and we have been able to follow up both in Girls Group and in meetings outside of the group to disciple her in this new walk with Jesus. Many other stories could be shared: students have discovered the other Christians in their schools and started working together, shared with friends of other religions, started Bible studies for younger siblings, used the Bible to encourage friends who are struggling, prayed for many people in their lives... These young girls are being used by the Lord!

We are so thankful for the Lord's grace to us this school year. Thank you, all of you who have prayed or supported our youth programs in any way.

*By Alyssa —LHM'S Youth Direc-*



Girls Group work project



Jasmine and Shannon

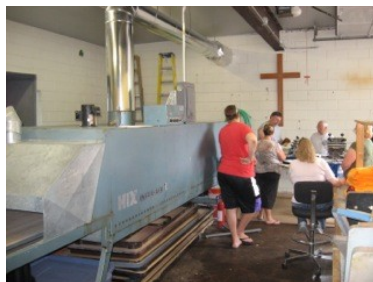
## Designed Image, LLC

Living Hope Ministries is excited to launch a screen printing business named "Designed Image."

The screen printing business has been a work in progress for the past couple of years. We finally purchased the business and spent the past few months preparing the machines for operation.

We had a team of volunteers attend a training session in order to operate the business. The goal of the business is to train and employ residents of Northeast, Minneapolis and provide an income source for LHM.

We already have t-shirts on order and would love your business! Please contact Steve for more information and to order products, [smoen@livinghopempls.org](mailto:smoen@livinghopempls.org)



## Soul Bowl Fundraiser



Bowlers at Flaherty's Bowl

On April 14th Living Hope Ministries held our annual bowling fundraiser. This year's event was held in three different locations throughout Minnesota. Approximately \$5600 was raised. The money was allocated towards building projects.