

Testimonies from Youth Group and Children's Programs

My daughter Patty has been involved with Living Hope Ministries since 2006. I couldn't be more pleased that she has found a group of dedicated, caring people who make up Living Hope, and who are helping her grow with Christ, not only in her childhood and adolescence but into her adulthood.

-Molly, Living Hope Mom (2012)

"You guys are the only stability in my kids' lives besides me. I've been bragging about you to everyone—even my relatives in Ireland!"

- Yvette, Living Hope Mom (2010)

"I come here because everyone loves each other. We're like a family. We are a family! And I'm learning so much about God."

– Arielle, Living Hope teen (2010)

"I like to learn about God. We don't talk about him at home."

– Living Hope child (2010)

One student in the youth group moved away after several years attending our programs. When she visited a year later, she said, "**The people I missed most when I was gone were the people from church [Living Hope].**"

–Living Hope Youth Leader (2010)

"Living Hope has actually been really good for me. It has kept me out of trouble, taught me how to pray, it gave me good role models..."

–Javon, Living Hope teen (2010)

One time in our 4th grade class, we asked the students, "What is the role of a father?" One student responded, "To pay child support and not abandon you." Her own father has not even met this standard. Yet as she comes faithfully to Living Hope, she is experiencing abundant love that does not fail, and she is getting to know her heavenly Father whose love is perfect.

–Alyssa, Living Hope Staff

Lessons that weekly volunteers learned through working at Living Hope in 2010-11:

- "The importance of every little action; we can make a big difference in a child's life through simple acts of love."
 - "How He can bring light into darkness even when it may seem impossible. And how He can soften hard hearts and change attitudes."
 - "He taught me that we can be used in so many different ways. He encouraged me and brought me so much joy through the kids."
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One week during the summer we focused on spending time with kids in a local park. We would have a blast playing sports and running around the playground, but we would also have a Bible story every day. One day, we had not had our Bible lesson yet, and one of the girls said with attitude, **“When are we going to have the Bible story? I don’t come here just to PLAY, you know!!”** We see this all the time: the kids know and expect and love that they get to hear about Jesus and get to know him personally.

– Living Hope Staff (2010)
