



*Now is the time to be His hands and feet, around the world, across the street.*

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# HANDS & FEET

**new life**  
community church



## *Welcome to this report on New Life in 2010!*

Here we celebrate being the “hands and feet” of Jesus, extending God’s love to the world. We also introduce six qualities you can develop to help you better reflect Christ.

The first is **passionate devotion**. The more you know and love Jesus, the more you become like Him. You begin to think and act like Him. Understanding the purposes and ways of God, you operate with a **biblical perspective** in all of your decisions.

Jesus said He came not to be served but to serve, so becoming like Jesus means serving more. Instead of squandering your time, talent and treasure on your own desires, you demonstrate **responsible stewardship**

and use them to serve others. And with the eternal perspective of Christ, you take on a **missional mindset** that encourages everyone in your spheres of influence to move closer to Jesus.

Finally, you realize that knowing Jesus makes us family. You develop a **healthy family** and home that reflects the love of Jesus in your daily life. And you enter an **authentic community** that encourages your spiritual development in face-to-face relationships.

As you read through this report, be encouraged by the ways people in New Life are developing these six qualities. Ask yourself how you too can become more like Jesus, and become His hands and feet to others.

*Pastor R*

# HANDS & FEET

The Apostle John says, “No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us” (1John 4:12). In other words, people see God as we display His love to them. The Apostle Paul says the church is the body of Christ. Jesus is the head and we are the body parts: we are the “hands and feet” of Jesus (1Corinthians 12:15).

As the feet of Jesus, we take His presence to different places and spread His influence in the world. Paul commends “feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace” (Ephesians 6:14), those ready to take the Good News of Christ’s peace to others.

As the hands of Jesus, we serve others as He served. He used His hands to praise His Father, cleanse the temple, feed the hungry, heal the sick,

comfort the downtrodden, and serve His brothers. Similarly, our hands bring His touch to people today.

In order to bring us to God, Jesus sacrificed Himself: He took nails in His hands and feet. Being Jesus’ hands and feet to others may cost us too. What are you willing to sacrifice to bring others to God?

As you read through this report, be encouraged by the ways people at New Life are becoming the hands and feet of Jesus to those in need—and consider ways you can join with us as part of Jesus’ body—Christ to the world.



# passionate DEVOTION

Passionately Devoted  
to Jesus Christ

We want to be people who are not just redeemed from our sin, but who live in relationship with our Savior—people who are passionately devoted to knowing, loving, and serving Jesus Christ. More than lifeless compliance to religious rules, we seek a holiness in life that naturally flows from a heart that is being transformed by God's amazing grace.



*"I realized that of the 3 million Deaf people in this world, only 2% can receive the Word and know Jesus. I want to make a difference in that statistic."*

Tammi's first language wasn't English, but American Sign Language; she grew up in a home where both parents were Deaf. One of her first praise songs was "Jesus Loves Me"—signed by her mother—telling her about Jesus in a visual way.

Her passion is to use her hands to communicate the message of Jesus to the Deaf community on a regular basis. She was the interpreter for our Easter service this year, and as a result at least one Deaf person was baptized at Avila Beach. Additionally, her parents and friends were able to watch and understand the message from 2,000 miles away via the Internet. "The song during the testimonies made my dad cry!"

Shown in the photo is Tammi signing the name Jesus, which visually represents a nail through the hand. Try it.



# BIBLICAL *perspective*

## Biblically Grounded in Our Perspective on Life

Believing that the Bible is God's inspired Word, we want to evaluate everything in our lives in the light of God's Word and seek to build our lives on the foundation of His Truth. This will mean obedience to the authority of God's Word in moral purity, personal integrity, and living out the call to sacrifice and servanthood.



*"I began to simply make myself available and listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Once you do that, you begin to see people through the eyes of Christ."*

Margo participated in a short course at New Life called "Just Walk Across the Room." A former educational counselor, she had been thinking for a long time about how to "rest in the process of sharing her love for Christ." Early in the course, her attention was drawn to Titus 3:5, "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit."

"I started to take simple steps, such as praying for people walking in front of my car. As a result of the course, I chose to make myself more available by inviting a dozen neighbors to our home for an Independence Day patriotic sing-along party—complete with printed lyrics.

"All of a sudden, I had established a number of friendships. I began to realize that evangelism is a step-by-step process carried out in God's time. And, my commitment to sharing the love of Christ is the discipline of listening—especially to the subtle prompting of the Holy Spirit."



# HEALTHY *family*

## Deeply Committed to Having a Healthy Family

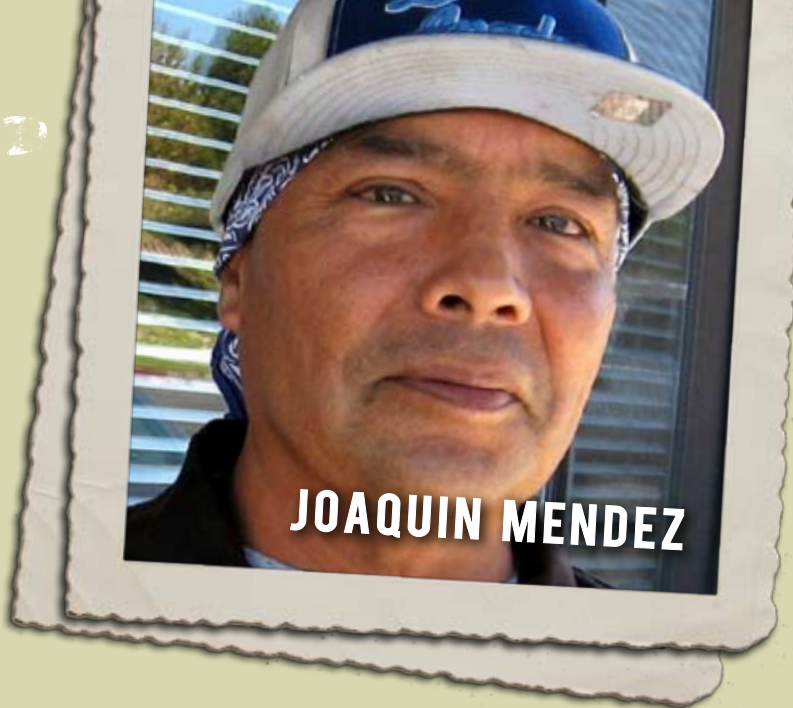
As the family is our primary source of nurture, our first school in life, the foundation of our society, and our first priority in ministry, we commit ourselves to the development of healthy marriages and families. This will mean understanding the nature and purpose of family, the development of healthy family systems, and learning and applying biblical principles for a healthy marriage and for healthy parenting.



*“My daughter Annabella took the initiative to work on her ‘God time’ points during the week; that was actually an inspiration to me.” – John Patchin*

Every week each of the 3rd grade students in New Life Sunday school receives a set of “God time” points for study during the following week. Annabella Patchin shared her questions with her dad before dinner—leading to a family activity of Bible scripture reading.

One of her questions was, “Do you know if you’re saved?” That initiated her own personal study of the scripture and her decision to make a commitment of her life to Jesus. In spite of it being “a little scary” and the ocean “pretty chilly,” Annabella was baptized at Avila Beach on Palm Sunday of this year—holding her dad’s hand.



**JOAQUIN MENDEZ**

*“Broken and lost in sin and vice,  
but for the grace of God I am found.”*

Like many people facing the temptations of the world as a youth, Joaquin found himself trapped in a downward spiral. Through the support and prayers of his wife he reached the conclusion that he needed a miracle—calling out to God to free him from the bondage of sin.

He described his release as “a tremendous burden that was lifted from his soul.” He began attending Faith Café and strongly

felt the need to share his experience with others. “I received so much as a result of my prayer and desperately calling out to God for help. To refuse to share this would be the same as just taking and running—like a common thief!”

Through the encouragement of his Faith Café small group, Joaquin held up his cardboard testimony during the Easter service. “I choose to be one who would simply plant a seed; the rest is the Holy Spirit’s job.”

## Actively Involved in Authentic Community

Understanding that Christ’s command to “love one another” was more than just a suggestion, we will actively involve ourselves in relationships marked by unity, commitment, compassion, acceptance, encouragement, and accountability.

# *authentic* COMMUNITY





# RESPONSIBLE stewardship

## Personally Responsible in the Stewardship of All Our Resources

We believe that biblical stewardship begins in our hearts as a loving intent, but extends through our hands in loving action. This will mean seeking to become good stewards of our time, our abilities, our money, our bodies, and our planet.

*“Most efforts are spent for the few hours that make up a wedding service and reception; we spent most of our planning time on the marriage.”*



**TED & KELLY KAPNER**

Ted and Kelly Kapner have spent the past year and a half studying the discipline of stewardship. They each had undergone the painful experience of divorce and wanted to be on the right track spiritually. They sought counseling from New Life pastors and from the Care Center, and made a commitment to stewardship of their emotions and their bodies—making a commitment of sexual purity.

After they became engaged, they signed up for a course presented at New Life on financial stewardship, called Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University. This was their

first opportunity to work together as a team to plan their financial future. “We not only were able to identify where we each stood financially, but we were also able to develop a financial plan, setting our short-term and long-term financial goals.”

By setting goals for time and expenses at the beginning of each month they were able to increase their tithe four-fold. Ted and Kelly are planning on attending and facilitating the stewardship course in the Fall.



*“When you give it to God,  
it makes a difference.”*

**KELLY STUKEY**

**Believing that life is not “all about us,” will mean seeing the people in our lives—our family, our friends, our neighbors, our co-workers, our community, and our world—as people we are called to love and serve. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we live our lives for His purpose, by His power, as His people, and for His glory.**

Kelly volunteers as fourth grade Sunday school teacher at New Life. To get kids excited about serving God, her class colored cardboard “feet for India” for our mission effort there.

“Then we came up with the idea of a car wash. The kids saw this as a really fun way to make a difference and went bananas. We prayed together before the project in hopes of raising at least a thousand dollars.”

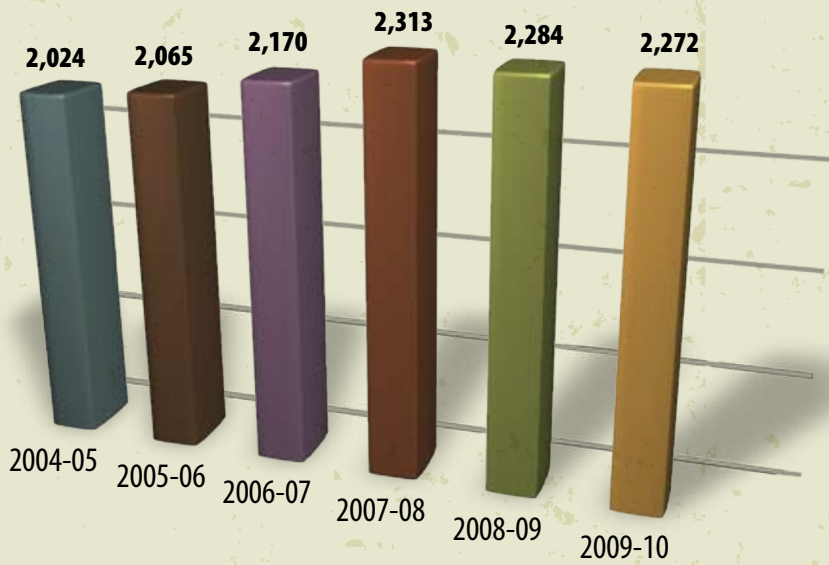
Kids pitched in with hoses and towels; mothers brought baked goods—resulting in a 10-car backup in the early April sunshine. The kids fulfilled a dream of clean cars while contributing to other children in need.

They raised \$860 at the end of the 4-hour day. The following day, Sunday, a couple of the mothers volunteered to sell the remainder of the baked goods. With the generosity of the congregation they totaled \$1,068 for the car wash and bake sale!

# MISSIONAL *mindset*

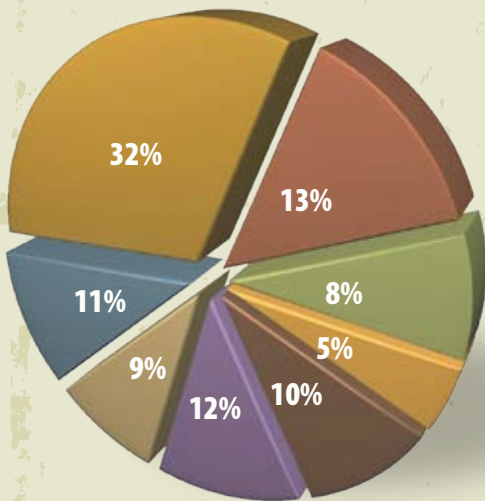
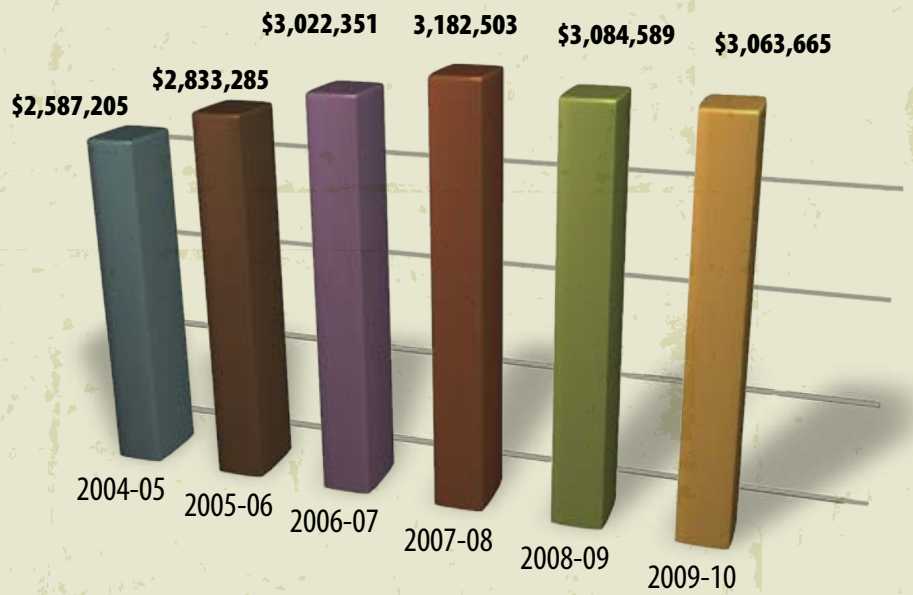
Missionally Minded  
in All of Our Relationships

# ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010



## ATTENDANCE

## GIVING



## ALLOCATION

- PASTORAL LEADERSHIP
- WORSHIP
- ADULT MINISTRY
- CARE
- STUDENTS
- CHILDREN
- MISSIONS
- MINISTRY RESOURCES



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	7/09 - 6/10	Budget	Over/Under	% of Budget
<b>OPERATIONS</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
General Receipts	\$3,039,876	\$3,000,000	\$39,876	101%
Other Receipts	\$23,789			
2009 Reserve <sup>1</sup>		\$130,000		
<b>Total Income and Reserve</b>	<b>\$3,063,665</b>	<b>\$3,130,000</b>		
<b>Expense</b>				
Pastoral Leadership <sup>2</sup>	\$364,897	\$406,082	-\$41,185	90%
Adult Ministry <sup>3</sup>	\$46,367	\$156,241	\$109,874	30%
Care Ministry	\$299,746	\$323,169	-\$23,423	93%
Children's Ministry	\$244,012	\$276,508	-\$32,496	88%
Student Ministry	\$400,017	\$368,669	\$31,348	109%
Worship Arts	\$241,478	\$254,152	-\$12,674	95%
Missions	\$338,906	\$346,679	-\$7,773	98%
Ministry Resources <sup>4</sup>	\$974,454	\$985,857	-\$11,403	99%
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,909,877</b>	<b>\$3,117,357</b>	<b>-\$207,480</b>	<b>93%</b>
<b>PRESCHOOL</b>				
Revenue	\$295,377	\$335,020	-\$39,643	88%
Expenses	\$291,265	\$323,867	-\$32,602	90%
<b>Net Preschool Operations</b>	<b>\$4,112</b>	<b>\$11,153</b>	<b>-\$7,041</b>	
<b>BUILDING HIS KINGDOM TOGETHER</b>				
Revenue	\$6,370			
Operating Expenses	0			
<b>Net Building His Kingdom Together</b>	<b>\$6,370</b>			
<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>				
Capital Spending	\$151,101	\$160,335	-\$9,234	94%

<sup>1</sup> The Board set aside \$130,000 from the 2008-2009 surplus to fund Adult Ministries expansion during 2009-2010. This reserve was above the emergency reserve we carry at all times.

<sup>2</sup> Pastoral Leadership includes the Senior and Executive Pastors, leadership development, communications, and community outreach.

<sup>3</sup> The Adult Pastor position was funded part-time for half of the fiscal year.

<sup>4</sup> Ministry Resources includes administrative support items like office, property maintenance, utilities, insurance, equipment, etc.

## NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

2009-2010 represented the second year of economic downturn. Since we reduced the overall budget, revenue came in ahead of budget even though it was below the previous year's income. Once again we were able to hold the line on spending through frugal management of funds. Our spending was well within the income received and the set-aside reserve.

# SOME OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

*New Life has many ongoing ministries. The following list focuses on new efforts...*

## CHURCH OVERSIGHT

- Restructured the Church Board
- Rewrote mission statement
- Developed a ministry strategy

## PROPERTY

- Remodeled the Library
- Painted the Worship Center
- Built Preschool fence
- Installed fiber optics
- Painted the Ed Building and Office Building
- Remodeled Room 11
- PG&E energy makeover

## FINANCE

- Professional review of Chart of Accounts
- Purchase Order system
- Medical insurance plan change
- Hired a Ministry Resources Director

## COMMUNICATIONS

- Created the Welcome Centers
- Wrote an Annual Report
- Constructed literature displays
- Redesigned the church brochures

## ADULTS & CARE

- Hired Adult Pastor
- Created new small groups
- Awaken the Giant Conference
- Pure Desire Conference
- Weekly small group discussion questions

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

- High school girls overnight
- Guys Skid Row event
- AG Field of Faith
- High School Point Loma Day
- Invisible Children
- Thanksgiving Baskets
- Bahamas Trip
- Lifewater Focus Night
- Portland Trip
- Summer Fun Days
- Sports Camp

## COMMUNITY & MISSIONS OUTREACH

- Loving Tree
- India by the Square Foot
- Serve Day
- Extreme Peru
- Sri Lanka milk products

## WORSHIP & TECH

- Started the Aroma service
- Concerts: Jazz Concert, Bob Bennet, Chad Bohi
- Uncle Phil's Diner
- Record Easter Attendance
- Sermon Series:
  - Great Prayers of the Bible*
  - Fatal Attractions*
  - Heart of Christmas*
  - Building the Good Life*
  - Love, Honor and Respect*

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