



# The Messenger

Living Hope Baptist Church

April 2011

*From Pastor Dave's Heart . . .*

## The Radical Experiment

We are now one month into our series on living a radical (biblical) life for God. We will go clear through May. But let me point you at this time to the final purpose of this series. In David Platt's ninth chapter of Radical, he gives us a challenge to experiment for one year. His challenge has five components that will change each Christian who will take these actions.

- 1. Pray for the entire world.** That sounds impossible, but there is a wonderful tool to help us. The book Operation World gives an overview of each nation and lists prayer requests. All we need to do is divide the book up and pray through it for the nations.
- 2. Read through the entire word.** Have you read through the Bible in a year? It is quite doable. There are lots of Bibles that have been divided up by days so we just have to follow it. There are also lots of lists that divide the Bible if you don't want to buy another book.
- 3. Sacrifice your money for a specific purpose.** Sacrifice means different things to different

individuals depending on our resources. You will need to ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to a helping project and to the amount that that you need to give so that you have to do without something important to you.

**4. Spend time in another context.** Have you ever taken a trip from home by car or plane to share the gospel in another context? It could be downtown Portland or as far as a short-term mission trip. But this experience is the place our hearts cannot help being touched by God. Here is another situation in which you need God's guidance. If you are going to spend just 2% of your time to this, it will mean a week of your next year spent on some outreach ministry.

**5. Commit your life to a multiplying community.** This is where the other four challenges converge. We were created to be part of a community with one another—a church of people who are working to spread God's message. The local church affects every facet of our Christian lives. We need the instruction and encouragement a good biblical church gives us. We need to be a committed, active, devoted member of a good local church.



*Pastor David Schutjer*

I am convinced that if we will commit to doing these five specific things over a year, we will enjoy the all-consuming satisfaction of knowing and experiencing Christ as the **Treasure** above all others. And it will all just get better and better!

## Seven Statistics on World Needs

(Doug Nichols, Eternal Perspectives, Spring 2011)

1. There are 28 million people in slavery worldwide; many are children and victims of human trafficking. 400,000 children are in slavery in Haiti.
2. There are 32 million untrained or under-trained pastors throughout the world. Pray for missionary mentors and trainers to assist these needy pastors.

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3. There are 100 million Christians living in persecution throughout the world.
4. There are 145 million orphans worldwide. If one missionary or one church took responsibility for 1,000 orphans, there would, therefore, be a need for 145,000 missionaries or local churches.
5. There are 160 million street children, especially in Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America. Thousands of missionaries and Christian workers are needed to take the Gospel and compassionate care to these needy children.
6. There are 200 million people worldwide on the move in search of employment and a better education, because of persecution and natural disasters, and so forth. Many are open to kindness and hospitality, which opens the door for the Gospel.
7. There are three billion people worldwide with no nearby Christian or church to share the Gospel with them. They can only be reached by someone going to them with the Gospel. If one missionary went to 5,000 of these, there would be the need for 600,000 additional missionaries.

[We are called to be Christ to our world!]

## Youth Tadmor Spring Clean

We sent 11 people down to Camp Tadmor the first weekend of Spring Break, four leaders, 6 guys, and one girl. They had a great time working this year picking up debris from the winter weather, and also spreading bark dust. Some of them even got to help dig some holes! They came home Sunday with good spirits, ready to go down to do more work. This was a very successful event this year, and even opened some of the youth's eyes to the possibility of serving at the camp this summer. What an amazing time they must have had if they came home wanting to work for free some more!



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## Revolve 2011

The theme for Revolve 2011 was "Dream On" and the focus was all about our dreams and letting God be the fulfiller of our dreams. Jenna Lucado Bishop talked about giving our dreams to God and letting Him change them to fulfill His dream for our lives. She introduced our girls to the idea that God's dream for our lives is Heaven, and because that is His dream for us, our response should be to focus on heaven and our "dream" should be thinking of heaven as the finish line. Chad Eastham talked about relationships with boys and how to make them God-honoring. He probed some issues like letting your relationship be guided by God instead of letting them be guided by our feelings and what it looks like to be friends with a guy and not feel like you have to be in a relationship with them. Chad focused mainly on letting God be the center of all of our relationships. There was also a drama team that challenged our young ladies to make a difference in the group of friendships that they have and not being afraid to be different than their friends. It also challenged them to not be afraid to speak up with their friends and to not be ashamed of who they are.

We want to thank all of our volunteers, Roxanna, Barbara, and Mia for being willing to give of your time to help serve our young women at this event; we appreciate all of your work and your sacrifice. Thank you to everyone who donated money during our fundraisers, thank you for helping us get to Revolve. Be sure to ask anyone of our young ladies about their experience at Revolve and keep your eyes posted for upcoming fundraiser opportunities for Revolve 2012!



Pastor Andrew Miller



## STEPS FOR LIFE 2011



We know Living Hope has a heart for babies and life. Now is the time to put "shoe leather" behind that passion. Steps for Life is gearing up, and on April 10<sup>th</sup> details will be given out. **All those who have a t-shirt or sweatshirt from walks in the past, please wear them on the 10<sup>th</sup>.** With 45 walkers last year and many others in years past, we should have a "sea" of color from different years. The date is Saturday, May 14 from 8:45-11:30 at Pioneer Courthouse Square. If you are on the fishing trip or away on that weekend, you can join a group walking from

the church on Saturday, May 7 from 11-12 after Men's Breakfast. Do you want to get a head start?? Log on to [www.stepsforlife.info](http://www.stepsforlife.info) and you can register on line. You can post to your facebook or your own e-mail this year making it so easy to reach out to friends who may want to support you. The paper option is still available and will be at the table on the 10<sup>th</sup>. We are so grateful for the sponsors who are unable to walk but are willing to give. Look for walkers wearing buttons who will gladly accept donations. Any questions, please contact Tami Hall or Kay Padilla.

**HEY GUYS!**

**IT IS ALMOST TIME  
FOR THE ANNUAL**

**MEN'S SNAKE  
RIVER FISHING TRIP**

**MAY 14 – 21**



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**UPCOMING EVENTS @ LIVING HOPE**

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Apr. 2, 8:00am Men's Breakfast

Pastor Dave, Speaker

Apr. 10, 2:00pm Class 101

Apr. 14, 7:00pm Overseers

Apr. 17, Palm Sunday

Apr. 22, Youth Spring Fling

Apr. 24, EASTER SUNDAY

Apr. 27, 6:55pm AWANA Closing

May 5, 10:00am Bible Fellowship &  
potluck

May 7, 8:00am Men's Breakfast

May 12, 7:00pm Overseers

May 14 – 21, Snake River Fishing trip

May 26, 10:00am

Final Bible Fellowship of season

Jun. 4 – 8:00am Men's Breakfast

Aug. 1 – 5, Vacation Bible School

Aug. 19 – 21, Living Hope Family  
Camp @ McIver State Park

*Like an automobile, the man who is always knocking has  
something wrong on the inside.*