

investing in lives

2010-2011 annual report



Fair Haven
MINISTRIES

Fueling a Passion for God

Return on investment. Every year corporate America reports on the return on investment to their stockholders in their annual report. How much did you get back? What was the dividend? How great was the return? In a capitalistic and consumeristic environment, we are interested in what we will receive.

At *Fair Haven*, our annual report should tell stories that are just the opposite. Rather than reporting what you have received for your money this year, we should communicate how we made investments for God's kingdom and the incredible return that was received.

Return on investment in ministry comes from conversations I have with guests and regular attenders who share with me about how their marriage was almost over and through *Hope Harbor* they are now putting it back together with God's help. It is seeing kids attend *PumpkinPalooza* and *EasterPalooza* and having a parent tell me about how their child accepted Jesus Christ at one of these events. It is a man coming forward for prayer on Sunday morning acknowledging his struggle with sexual sin and pornography, and the Holy Spirit's power to work in his situation and bring healing and restoration. It comes from a family in Jenison who has received food from *Hand2Hand Ministries* and is able to make it through these challenging financial times as one of the parents has lost a job.

As you read through the pages of this Annual Report, I hope it will cause you to break out in prayers of praise and gratitude for the significant ways God has been at work in the past year. By investing in God's kingdom, you are able to see statements, statistics, and stories that don't ask: *What did I get this year?* Instead, you will discover: *What did Fair Haven give this year?*

Through time, like *Kingdom Assignment 3*; through financial commitments, like weekly giving and our Thanksgiving Mission Offering; and through serving, like the hundreds of volunteers that use their gifts in ministry from *Fair Haven Kids* to *Kids Hope USA* to *His Image Ministry* and more, we are making a significant kingdom investment that will bring extensive and eternal returns.

At the end of each year as I reflect on where God has taken us as a church, I am in awe. It is amazing to see God's blessings, and to see the faithfulness of the *Fair Haven* family in investing those blessings in the lives of others. It causes me to lift up prayers of praise and thanksgiving – for God's blessing in pastoring such a wonderful church with such great people, for being a part of a movement of God's kingdom that is seeing new people get connected to Jesus Christ and grow in their commitment to Him, and to recognize the change that is taking place as hearts and lives are transformed through the ministry of *Fair Haven*.

May God be glorified as we report on the kingdom investment that has returned divine dividends in response to all Jesus Christ has given to us!



Together in the Cause,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Tom De Vries". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Tom De Vries, Lead Pastor

celebration arts

celebrating Christ authentically

Celebration Choir
Children's Choirs
Dance
Drama
Photo Team
Praise Band
Praise Team
Technical Arts
Visual Arts



- Seven *Harbor Lights Homecoming* events reached an average of 553 people each month involving the Fair Haven Worship Choir, soloists, duets, and quartets. This Southern Gospel ministry has been an effective outreach in our community and has blessed an inter-generational constituency.
- The children's musical, *Aaron the Allergic Shepherd*, involved over 40 children in music, drama, and dance in December.
- Special Services: *Orchestral Easter and Christmas Worship Celebrations* with over 80 musicians, dancers, and singers at each.
- Over 3,000 people attended the three Christmas Eve Worship Celebrations complete with an outdoor petting zoo.
- A new emphasis on scenic design emerged to enhance corporate worship for all message series and seasonal events.
- A partnership with Turning Pointe Dance has engaged dozens of children in our community in weekly classes.



Celebration Arts allows everyone to be involved and able to praise God in their own way—whether it is working with lights, sound, screens, or behind the scenes.

- TJ Bruggink



children's ministries

cultivating a life in Christ personally

Elementary

KICK

KidLead

Learning Ship
Christian Preschool

Nursery

Preschool

Vacation Bible
School



- 28 new families with children connected this year to *Fair Haven* and are attending regularly.
- *Backstage with the Bible VBS* shared the gospel with 391 kids from *Fair Haven* and the community. Out of those who attended, one in three was from the community.
- *Fair Haven* launched the first *KidLead* club in Michigan this fall with 12 leaders. *KidLead* is a leadership development program for future influencers, ages 10-13.
- *PumpkinPalooza* and *EasterPalooza* outreach events were held attracting over 1,500 and 1,200 people each. About half of the people who came were families from the community!
- Over 300 volunteers invested their time in the next generation by serving on Sundays and Wednesdays.
- *The Learning Ship Christian Preschool* completed its 10th year of ministry with 98 children enrolled.

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I love church 'cause I like the songs we sing.
I love Jesus and I like to learn about Him.
- Owen Roth, age 7



student ministries

cultivating a life in Christ personally

Epic

Fuse

Ignite

Mission Trips

Outreach Events

Retreats

Take Twenty

Young Seekers



- Six interns in *Student Ministries* helped multiply relational ministry into the campuses of local high schools, building new relationships and impacting the lives of students.
- Volunteer, Kevin VanderGraaf, took on the challenge of becoming an intern and beginning a new youth ministry at *South Harbor* in partnership with Young Life. He knows over 100 students at Byron Center High School and holds a regular youth group meeting every Sunday.
- A number of different outreach events were held including a rock concert featuring Fever Fever.
- A new leadership team began a college ministry, now reaching more than 30 students from local colleges.
- This summer, over 100 people are going on four mission trips and three discipleship trips (middle school, high school and college).



No one understands why one of my favorite times of the week is spent with a bunch of high schoolers, but to me, there is nothing better than being a *Student Ministries* volunteer. I have seen kids struggle through hard times and find where God fits in their lives, as well as watched them rejoice when He provides.

- Carol Blauwkamp



adult ministries

cultivating a life in Christ personally



Beth Moore
Bible Studies

Conferences

Faithful Fitness

In the Midst

The Journey

Koinonia

LifeGroups

M1

Ministry Preparation
Support

Monday Night
Basketball

Precepts

Seeking and
Knowing God

Senior Women's
Bible Study

Spirit Riders

The Story

The Word for Your Life

- Hundreds of people read through the New Testament in the fall in our *Thru the New* initiative, some for the first time ever. This was accompanied by a new survey class on the New Testament on Wednesday nights.
- Over half of our worshipping congregation participated in small groups this year.
- The Momentum Conference featured 41 break-out sessions with topics about leadership, revitalization, and church multiplication. 311 leaders attended from 65 different churches/organizations, with over 50 leaders from *Fair Haven* present.
- Eight Commissioned Pastor Candidates began meeting monthly for training in ministry.
- *Fair Haven* supported two full-time and one part-time seminary students.
- Women continued to be blessed through relationships with one another and the weekly Bible teachings of Kay Arthur, Beth Moore, and Lynelle Pierce.
- The Chick-Fil-A Leadercast conference was a great time of learning at *Fair Haven* for people from 16 different local companies and organizations.



Leading a small group has helped my husband and I stay grounded both spiritually and relationally.
- Rebecca Dykhuis



care ministries

caring for one another unconditionally



C3

Christians Living Creatively

Grief Support

Health Team

His Image Ministry

Inner City Care Service

Meals Ministry

Medical Equipment

Memory Loss Support Group

Military Support

Pastoral Consistory

Prayer Ministries

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Re-Fuel

Side-By-Side

Transportation Ministry

- Teachers at Sandy Hill Elementary School and Jenison High School were blessed by a morning prayer time called Re-Fuel. A third Re-Fuel, led by another church, began in Bursley Elementary School.
- Approximately 14 volunteers, in partnership with other churches, provided foot care and haircuts to approximately 70 people in Grand Rapids.
- *Side-By-Side Ministry* completed its eighth training. 46 people have completed training since its inception, many of whom are currently serving as mentors.
- *His Image Ministry (H.I.M.) Fun Sundays* took place once a month, a *Caregiver's Support Group* began, five G.L.U.E. assessments have been provided to families, and *HIM Worship* began this year.
- 46 Touch of Home boxes were sent to military personnel.
- 111 meals were delivered to families of *Fair Haven* following the birth of a new baby in the past year or a hospitalization.
- 62 elderly received visits from staff and Pastoral Elders, totaling 345 visits.
- Approximately 86 people were served by borrowing medical equipment.
- A Memory Loss Support Group began.
- Over 200 people participated in the Good Friday stations of the cross prayer walk.
- 55 Prayer partners consistently pray for staff.
- A weekly student prayer group began.



It has been a privilege for me to be a part of *His Image Ministry* over the past few years and to see it grow into a multi-faceted ministry. To welcome and involve every person into community is beneficial to all who participate; it will be exciting to see what *H.I.M.* will look like in the future!

– Renee TerBeek



hope harbor

caring for one another unconditionally



- *Hope Harbor* has held two sessions of *DivorceCare* and *DC4K (DivorceCare for Kids)* at Sandy Hill Elementary this past year.
- Five new classes were offered this year, three of which were marriage enrichment classes, one Bible study for single women, and *Experiencing God*.
- Nearly 40% of our leaders are new leaders that have taken the classes at *Hope Harbor*.
- Plans were made to add two new classes for the fall: *The Big D- DivorceCare Class for Teens*, and *Single and Parenting*.
- *Hope Harbor* has had a total of over 275 participants this past year.

Boundaries	Hope Harbor at Sandy Hill
DivorceCare	Living Life the Mark 12:30 Way
DivorceCare for Kids	Marriage 101
Experiencing God	Marriage Built to Last
Financial Peace University	The Search for Significance
The Five Love Languages	
GriefShare	



Attending *DivorceCare* has truly given me hope. I needed to be knocked down and to put God in control. It really helped me to be with other people who have been there and have similar stories. They are now like family to me. They made me realize there is hope for me.

- Bill Larsen



missions: global outreach

communicating Christ intentionally



Bear Trap Ranch	Nicaragua
Chile	Partners in Compassionate Care
Compassion International	Reformed Church World Missions
Global Trauma	Romania
Guatemala	Sudan
India	Tanzania
Interserve	Turkey
Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship	Uganda
Malaysia	Words of Hope
Mission India	Wycliffe Bible Translators
Mozambique	

- Compassion Sunday saw over 45 children sponsored in Awassa, Ethiopia.
- The Church2Church Ambassador Program was established with Believers Church in Awassa, Ethiopia in partnership with Willow Creek, and Compassion International.
- *Fair Haven* received the Mission Impact Partner Award from the Reformed Church in America for our global mission support.
- *Fair Haven* members toured four cities in India with Mission India and sponsored the first of dozens of future church plants.
- *Fair Haven* joined the China Partnership and continues to stand with the Chinese church which is both rapidly growing and oppressed.
- Relief funding was sent to Haiti and Japan, and ongoing rebuilding efforts were supported.

“India is a country of over a billion people and less than 3% are Christian. When I visited there I was amazed by the diversity in culture, religions, and languages! But I was also overwhelmed with a sense of hopelessness when walking their city streets. It’s evident that the door to the Good News is swinging wide open in communities where just a few years ago the name of Jesus was unknown... we need to act now! - Mike Jackson



missions: local outreach

communicating Christ intentionally



Hand2Hand Ministries

Kids Hope USA

Love INC

Mobile Food Pantry

The Other Way
Ministries

Servants Community
Church

Westown Jubilee
Housing

Camp Geneva

Children's Hunger

Fund

Cran Hill Ranch

- *Hand2Hand Ministries* grew to 24 schools in partnership with 22 churches, feeding hungry children and touching them with the love of Jesus.
- H.U.G.S. ranch served many children this past year.
- *Fair Haven* helped stock local and mobile food pantries which provide food across the greater Grand Rapids area.
- New initiatives and a long standing friendship were supported and strengthened with The Other Way, Westown Jubilee Housing, and Servants Community Church.
- Georgetown residents were helped with significant household tasks as they faced loss, disability, and need.
- Mission trips to Pine Hills and Sarasota, Florida provided much needed assistance to urban church plants.



Being involved with short-term missions is a way of seeing God's hand at work in other parts of the country. While laboring with our hands, we may have the intention of blessing others. In reality, we are blessed by God.

- Brian and Wendy VanDoeselaar



church multiplication

communicating Christ intentionally

Church Resource Ministries

Lighthouses of Philadelphia

One Challenge

RCA Multiplication Team

Rock Hills Church

Water of Life Church



- *South Harbor* launched on 10.10.10 making *Fair Haven* a multi-location church with three congregations.
- *Rock Harbor* began its second year of ministry, developing creative ways to share the love of Christ.
- Rock Hills Church in San Antonio relocated and grew to over 200 in average attendance.
- Church Planting Interns developed and deployed the Block Party Mobile, an innovative strategy for neighborhood evangelism.
- *Fair Haven* continued its role as a flagship church providing significant leadership to the New Wave Network in Florida.
- *Fair Haven* staff provided support and training for the larger RCA movement of church multiplication.

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My church planting journey started this past November (2010). Since that time, *Fair Haven Ministries* has adopted me as their church planting intern. I'm excited to be serving along side people with a big vision for multiplication and hope to launch a new church in Jamestown in 2011.

- Robb Kornoelje



rock harbor

connect, commit, change



- *Rock Harbor* celebrated its first anniversary.
- People reconnected with the church through *Rock Harbor* and for the first time confessed in Christ as Lord.
- People in a small group were led through a study on why God exists.
- A post high group of students brought *Rock Harbor* into the local community by hosting *Block Parties*.
- As we move forward we will be creating more opportunities to serve our community. God will be made known through Summer Block Parties, large evening worship experiences with food and fellowship, and through prayer walks.



I feel at home, I have never been comfortable in a church until coming here. Playing worship music is a whole different realm for me, it expands the playing that I do and it has really brought my family more together. It doesn't matter if we have a good week or a frustrating week because once we leave *Rock Harbor* it is better. - BJ Abner



The ability to use my gift to bring people to a place of worship has been amazing. Personally it has brought me closer to God than I have been before. I have seen God work through worship and musicians. It is quite amazing. God has been at work in my life and others. I am excited.

- Tony Brooks



south harbor

connect, commit, change



- Hand2Hand Ministries
- Impact (Student Ministries)
- Men's Small Groups
- South Harbor Kids
- Women's Small Groups

- This fall we saw the launch of our first multi-site campus, *South Harbor*, on 10.10.10 with 475 in attendance. Since then, *South Harbor* has averaged 335 in worship each week and 550 at the Easter Worship Celebration.
- Over 80 people became partners at *South Harbor* and members of *Fair Haven Ministries*.
- *South Harbor* hosted a Church Multiplication Summit for the Synod of the Great Lakes with writer and speaker Alan Hirsch in January.
- 11 new small groups were started, 9 babies were baptized, 4 block parties were hosted, as well as *PumpkinPalooza*, *EasterPalooza*, and a Doll Tea Party Outreach.
- *Hand2Hand Ministries* at *South Harbor* is feeding 40 children from 2 elementary schools in Byron Center
- Over \$40,000 was raised for the Thanksgiving offering, Japan relief, *Hand2Hand Ministries*, the Care Fund, Church Planting, and Local Missions.
- *South Harbor* became a chartering organization for the Boy Scouts of America Cub Scouts 3313, Venturing 2313, and Boy Scouts 313.
- *SH Kids* regularly has between 65 and 100 children on Sunday and our youth ministry has over 20 kids in weekly attendance.



South Harbor is a place for everyone.
- Mike Steensma



financial plan

2011-2012



Celebration Arts	\$	48,000
Cultivation		
Children's Ministries	\$	20,000
Student Ministries	\$	20,000
Adult Ministries	\$	25,000
Care Ministries	\$	33,000
Communicate		
Missions and Outreach	\$	75,000
Rock Harbor	\$	12,000
South Harbor	\$	200,500
Facilities	\$	218,000
Administration	\$	563,500
Personnel	\$	1,633,000
Total	\$	2,848,000

The 2011-2012 plan reflects *Fair Haven's* focus on the priorities of partnerships, church multiplication, and leadership development & discipleship.

Additionally, Student Ministries resourcing has been increased to further strengthen programming.

The 2011-2012 Financial Plan Summary is available at the *Fair Haven Connections Kiosk*.

administration



- Communications
- Facilities
- Finance
- Food Ministries
- Human Resources
- Information Technology

- *Fair Haven* celebrated its 50th birthday with special guests, pictures, stories, a party, and interactive displays.
- The *Food Ministries Team* prepared and served over 100 meals for regular and special events and provided for three fundraisers to support various ministries of *Fair Haven*, including *South Harbor's* kitchen crew.
- The *Facilities Team* provided oversight and skill in the production of *Worship Center* stage set-ups.
- The *Master Planning Team*, a task force of the Administrative Consistory, conducted a short and long range survey to identify facility needs and to help in future planning.
- The *Finance Team* developed a revised Financial Plan to provide the most in ministry using available funding for the *Main Campus*, *Rock Harbor*, and *South Harbor*.
- The Ministry Opportunities Booklet has been developed to streamline communications and share the various ministries of *Fair Haven*.
- *The Anchor*, *Fair Haven's* newsletter, continues to share stories of how God is moving in the lives of people.
- A centralized communication plan was implemented to provide effective communication at all three campuses.

Thank you to Fair Haven's photo team for sharing their excellent talent in documenting events and ministries throughout the year. Photos can be located at fhmin.org/photoarchive.





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