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When
Hope
Was Born



Hope Church

ADF CHURCH LOAN

Church: *Hope Church*

Pastor: *Jim Garber*

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Loan type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Building purchase | <input type="checkbox"/> Land purchase |
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Ministry Focus:

*Asking God to Work,
For His Glory*

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT:
Hope Church,
Brunswick, OH

As Dr. Gordon Meier finished his tenure as District Superintendent of the Central District, he felt burdened to plant a church. Unbeknownst to him, God had already put seed in the ground with Pastor Jonathan Schaeffer of Grace Church. God's providence brought them together, and they, along with newly recruited Jim Garber, cast

their vision. And they prayed. God heard their prayer, and in 2009, Hope Church was born in Brunswick, Ohio.

They began with small prayer meetings in Pastor Gordon's house every Wednesday. "We had a strong conviction that prayer had to be the foundation," says Pastor

Jim. "Week after week we asked, and God answered." They prayed for resources, and people began to give. They prayed for a meeting place, and the local public high school suspended their "no churches" policy and allowed them to meet there. They began praying for a permanent home, and the Lord led them to a property that

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COVER STORY (cont.)

was about to foreclose. Pastor Gordon talked to a realtor about a possible lease-to-own on one of the buildings, a bingo hall. After negotiations with the owner and grants from the Central District and Grace Church, they were close. But they still needed \$25,000 for the down payment, so they prayed.



They asked those committed to this still unlaunched church plant to simply write on a piece of paper what they might be willing to give. When totaled, it was almost exactly \$25,000.

Hope Church launched in September with a core group of 150 from Grace Church, and they soon grew to more than 300. They continued to pray, now asking: “God connect us with hungry people.” He did. One person said, “I saw your sign—Hope—and I needed to come.” On Easter morning, a woman was unwittingly directed by a traffic officer into the Hope Church parking lot. She became a believer that day. The Lord continues to bring people looking for the hope of Jesus Christ.

They couldn't have done it without ADF, as Pastor Jim states: “No bank would have given a loan to a one-year-

old church. We were grateful.” As the church grew, they purchased another of the foreclosed buildings for office space. A few years later, again with the help of ADF, they purchased a nearby building with plans to connect the two for youth space and children's ministry. “We need facilities which give us opportunities to minister,” Pastor Jim explains. “We are thankful for ADF's partnership and willingness to help us.”

The church continues to pray, and God continues to answer. When Pastor Gordon was diagnosed with a rare intestinal disorder ending his full-time ministry, the Lord called Pastor Jim to lead them. “Simply pray for God to be at work,” he shares. “This is what He's done and this is His work. It's far beyond what we could do.” And so they ask, as they have every week for the last six years; and God responds, transforming the seed into a beautiful flower of hope.

President's Corner

Sharing with Larry McCooey



A VISION TO FULFILL



Dear Fellow Investors and Friends,

A few short months ago, many of our Alliance family members met in Long Beach, California, for General Council. Hopefully, many of you were able to attend or participate through the excellent live-streaming option. In any case, if you haven't seen President Stumbo's presentation of the vision for the U.S. Alliance, or read the document from those sessions at Council, I strongly encourage you to do so. They may be found on The Alliance website here: <http://www.cmalliance.org/events/2015/council>

These are exciting days as we consider what God has in store for our Alliance work as we "Love, Proclaim, Reach, and Launch." ADF is an integral part of that work, and our futures are inextricably linked.

As vision for The Alliance becomes reality, ADF's ongoing desire is to align and attune ourselves so that we can have maximum impact in seeing the vision realized. We will continue to do what we've done for 37 years—provide real estate project funding for Alliance churches

and stable investments for our investors—but we also seek new ways to strategically leverage our God-given talents, knowledge, skills, and resources to deeply and indelibly transform lives through the power of the risen Christ.

Thank you, as always, for partnering with ADF, the churches we serve, and the worldwide work of The Alliance.

Please share your thoughts and comments by contacting me at presidentcorner@adf-inc.com. They are always welcome.

Lawrence L. McCooey, CPA, PFS, CGMA
President

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