

Hope Chapel San Pedro

Our Focus for 2006-2009

We believe that God calls Hope Chapel San Pedro to assist people seeking solutions to find hope and answers in Jesus. We are a growing, caring community that reflects the diversity of San Pedro and equips people so they help others become followers of Jesus.

We understand that nearly fifty percent of people living in our community have no faith involvement at all, and another twenty-five percent have minimal faith involvement. We believe God calls us to change that significantly.

Several recent leadership retreats have led us to formulate our best understanding to date of what God wants to accomplish through Hope Chapel San Pedro in the years 2006-2009. This vision has a three-fold focus:

1. To help believers grow *in Christ* by establishing a discipleship path for them to follow that leads to spiritual maturity.
2. To *reach out* by participating in acts of service to our community, by planting other churches, and expanding our participation in international missions.
3. To *build up* our facility by completing our present renovation and acquire more space.

As with all vision from God it will be accomplished by God's direction and power combined with our willing obedience to sacrificially give ourselves to Him. May the vision you read inspire you to new levels of faith in Him and fresh places of surrender to His Lordship over your life.

We believe God has given us several key verses to guide us in the next 3 – 5 years. These verses are consistent with our history and God's direction for us in the past, yet point to our expanded future with greater capacity to fulfill them in many ways. Consider this verse from *Isaiah 61:1-4*

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, because the LORD has appointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to announce that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed. He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of the LORD's favor has come... To all who mourn in Israel, he will give beauty for ashes, joy instead of mourning, praise instead of despair... They will rebuild the ancient ruins, repairing cities long ago destroyed. They will revive them, though they have been empty for many generations.

For HCSP, spiritual renewal and urban renewal walk hand in hand. It seems that God has repeatedly used our renovating of buildings as a visual metaphor to remind us of the rebuilding and repairing of lives that is central to our calling as a church. Therefore, our first goal involves the completion of the present remodeling of our building at 9th and Pacific.

Disciple people so they grow IN Christ: We intend to help each believer among us grow into maturity as a follower of Christ.

Some of Jesus last words on this earth recorded by one of His disciples, Matthew, were, “*go and make disciples...*” The apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesians describing one of the primary roles of the church and said, “*...that we will be mature and full grown in the Lord...*” This is how we will fulfill these instructions in the years 2006-2009.

Staffing for Growth: Pastors are hired around the most strategic and prioritized needs to help us accomplish God’s vision. Administrative staff will be carefully assessed so as to free Pastors to mobilize, train, and support leaders and their ministry teams. This includes secretarial support, a communications director with graphic capabilities, bookkeepers, and general administrative staff. We will have full facility staff (janitorial and maintenance) who will maintain our new facility in excellent condition as well as handling all room set-up and tear-downs.

Leadership and Ministry Team Growth: Leaders are identified and appointed based on their God given gifting and areas of passion. Times of gathering the church leadership community for training, encouragement, communication, and strategy will take place often. Leaders will be a priority focus of the Pastoral staff being coached and supported on a regular basis. Team leaders will mobilize their ministry teams as believers in the church take advantage of a fully developed discipleship path designed to help from their first expression of faith to being a mature committed follower of Jesus. Individuals will be helped to discover their personal giftedness and calling to ministry in the church. All ministry teams are evaluated annually to understand their effectiveness and contribution to building God’s kingdom consistent with HCSP’s vision and values. We trust God to reveal a multitude of future church planters, pastors, and missionaries to enroll in intern programs.

Spiritual Nurture and Growth: We provide clear Biblical teaching with emphasis on personal understanding and application of Biblical truths and principles. This leads to transformed lives and personal knowledge of, and intimacy with God.

- Hope@Home is the primary point of connection for people at Hope Chapel. Our Hope @Homes will grow to 100. Sixty-five percent of our weekly attendance will participate in Hope@Homes. We will have a variety of Hope@Homes that meet the needs of our congregation, e.g. family friendly, study focused. We have an effective training and coaching program for all Hope@Home leaders. Discipleship materials will be available in multiple formats i.e. web based, multimedia, etc.
- A variety of support groups, both for the church and the community of all ages, provide support, education, healing and wholeness for those struggling with drugs and alcohol abuse, eating disorders, sexual addictions, domestic violence, grief, parenting and marriages. Christian Counseling Services will be available to supplement these groups for all ages.

Special Emphasis: For the years 2006-2009 we will emphasize the following....

- Building healthy families & marriages.
- Building godly men
- Building godly women

Reach OUT: Following Jesus' directive in Acts 1:8, we believe God will expand our influence in our city as we continue to provide resources for young people and offer tangible services to those in need. We will plant churches in neighboring towns.

Acts 1:8: When the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Our Jerusalem: San Pedro

- Youth: We have a separate youth facility that accommodates 150 for youth services and operates as an activity and learning center during the week with creative and fun activities and ways for youth to learn. We have diverse small groups for youth throughout the community.
- Those who are hungry and in trouble: We have a separate Hope In Action facility around the corner from Hope Chapel. This is where volunteers and paid staff meet people's needs in the community according to Isaiah 58:10. There is a sliding scale health clinic and a food pantry. There is a full time parish nurse and strong team of volunteers. This ministry provides health screenings and health education for the church and the community. Forty percent of the community when asked indicated health issues as a primary concern.

Our Judea: The South Bay Area

- Church planting: We will plant three churches by 2010. These three churches will have an average weekend attendance of 500 or more by 2010. Possible locations of these plants are Wilmington, Long Beach and North San Pedro.
- Regional Influence: Our church is a model for others who desire to develop or improve on diverse urban churches. There is a possibility of cable TV showing of our services

Our Samaria: Mexico

We will take large teams to Mexico twice a year to encourage missions participation and to provide people a cross-cultural experience. We will have an established connection with a local church. We have teams go to assist with a variety of needs and outreach once a month. We also provide financial support.

Our ends of the earth: International focus

We will establish a long-term relationship with an international ministry in another part of the world. We support them financially. We have teams go twice a year to assist with a variety of needs and outreach.

Build UP the facility: We will restore the historic front of our building to its 1920's original appearance and remodel the foyer to provide a welcoming and user-friendly entrance. We will complete the new sanctuary and children's area. More specifically:

The WORSHIP CENTER will accommodate up to 400 attendees in each of the three weekend services. Fifty percent of newcomers attending Hope will not have been attending another church prior and forty percent of them will have made their initial commitment to Jesus here. There will be a room dedicated to prayer both before and after services. We will have trained and passionate prayer teams available for all who want prayer. We see people healed by God on a regular basis. We have regular "Evenings of Prayer and Worship" where we gather as a church and dedicate the time to seeking God for an extended period of time. Multimedia is fully utilized with the capacity for excellent audio and video recording of services and other events for wider use and distribution. A baptismal is built into the platform where we are able to baptize new believers at an exciting and exuberant worship event. There is the capacity to record CD's of our worship team as well as hold musical outreaches to the community. We will have a language translation available in at least one service; i.e. Spanish, American Sign.

CHILDREN will have a safe, clean, and fun place accommodating up to 150 children at a time. The children's weekend services will include quality worship, instruction and activities based on developmentally appropriate practices. A nursing mother's room and, a "family" room for young children who need to be with a parent, will be located at the back of the sanctuary. There will be "family friendly" meeting areas where parents can meet in groups or for pastoral counseling with kids playing nearby. These facilities will meet licensed childcare facility codes.

YOUTH will have the entire second floor available for youth purposes including two large meeting rooms and three small group rooms. This will serve as many as 100 youth at a time.

ADULTS will have six multimedia equipped rooms available for adult education allowing multiple times and venues for training and support groups. There will be a bookstore and a "café", where refreshments are available after services and at other times to facilitate friendship and connections. There are scheduled times for "open mike" and facilitated discussions on a variety of topics of interest to Christians and "pre-Christians". There is great care given to visitors. A visitor information booth is staffed before, during and after services. We have an effective usher and greeter team that welcomes people in the parking lot, assists them across the street, helps visitors find where they are going, and facilitates orderliness in the services and facilities. Our visitors regularly comment on how accepted and cared for they feel, how they experience the power of God bringing healing, the practicality of our Bible teaching, and our diversity that reflects the community in ethnicity, economically and by age.