

YEAR END UPDATE

Jan-Dec 2019

Trunk or Treat

This Halloween, we partnered with neighbors and teachers from our school decorated the trunks of our cars and hosted a Trunk-or-Treat event at the elementary school where we worship. This provided nearly 300 kids the chance to come and trick or treat in a safe environment.



Gathering Grounds Coffee Shop

We still believe that what's missing from Mountain View is a coffee shop setting where people can visit, work together and build community. We have a business plan and have started raising funds for this effort, but we are still waiting for God to provide the right location where we can make this happen.



Year in Review

The Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood.

John 1:14

2019 has been quite the rollercoaster ride for us. Our high moments have been grand and our struggles have been deeply challenging. Through it all, I have always had a strong sense of God's faithfulness.

Last year at this time, we still had a pretty regular flow of visitors coming to check out Mountain View Hope and God has always been faithful to lead people to respond to his grace and love for them through us. This year, we have had significantly fewer visitors than in 2018. Most churches decrease in attendance during the summer and we were no different. But for us, some of those people who would normally return in the fall, did not. We haven't been around long enough yet for people to automatically come back to us as their home church. So this fall and winter have felt like a return to what we did in year one of trying to...

Winter Festival 2019

For the second year in a row, Mountain View Hope hosted a Winter Festival for the neighborhood. On a nice wintery Sunday afternoon, we partnered with 12 other community builders and organizations to provide hay rides, live reindeer, Santa Claus on a Fire Truck, Hot Cocoa, S'mores, Cookies, Popcorn, Sledding and more! We estimate 400-500 people attended this free event. We love our neighbors and helping make events like this happen is one way that we show it.

Thank you!

Many of you have already given financially in support of Mountain View Hope this year and we cannot thank you enough! Without your partnership, this would be much more difficult!

If you are still considering making a year-end gift, please consider partnering with us as we partner with God in what he is doing in Mountain View. To contribute financially, visit:

<https://www.mvhope.org/give-online.html>

And **PLEASE, pray for us**. We are in a spiritual battle to establish God's kingdom. Our enemy loves to discourage us and get us off track. Pray that we would stay faithful to God's call and that God would use us to make a real difference in people's lives.

...rediscover an invitational culture and being intentional about partnering with everyone we can. I know that we are becoming known for our commitment to the good of Mountain View and we have great faith that God will use that to draw people into our community and into faith.



Leadership Changes

In November we instituted a Leadership Team of 8 men and women to guide our church and we've also invited several key leaders into more formal roles:

Kristi Ivanoff to share in the work of preaching at Mountain View Hope at least once a month as a means of freeing pastor Phil to be more involved in the community and in community outreach.

Aune Carlson has accepted a role of organizational leadership, helping lead Leadership Team meetings, paying attention to systems and our organization overall as well as some administrative tasks.

Arielle Baines has accepted the role of Worship Leader!

We believe these changes will help us live into the vision that God has called us to!