

Wagner Hills Ministries

& (Our 29th Year)

Campbell Valley House of hope

(Summer 2010)



Remembering Art and Gene

Two special friends of Wagner Hills passed into eternity during June of 2010.

Art Wagner served on the board of directors from 1998 to 2003. He was directly involved with many of the building projects at Wagner Hills Farm. The main stairway in the New Life Centre as well as the house in which I live are legacies which make me grateful to God for Art's life of service



to people wherever he saw an opportunity.

Along with his wife Andrea, brother Wes Wagner, and extended family, we remember Art and release him to see Jesus, face to face.

Gene and Nada Renner have been involved with Wagner Hills for almost 30 years, living as close neighbours for many years. Gene and his backhoe made



many trips to the farm and helped to excavate and build every one of the 8 buildings that have been constructed over these years.

Gene and Nada attended the May 16th Annual General Meeting at Wagner Hills.

I am grateful for the reflection of Jesus I have seen in the life of Gene Penner. His legacy lives on at Wagner Hills.



By: Helmut Boehm

Building and Construction Progress

There are 4 major projects to report on:

1. The greenhouses at Wagner Hills are nearing completion with thousands of 4" ground cover plants covering the growing area, watered, heated, cooled, and monitored by the systems and the many people who have built them to serve as therapeutic work and a regular income for years to come.

2. At Campbell Valley, we are close to receiving the building permit for beginning the greenhouses, which will be similar to Wagner Hills'

project. We expect these to be constructed and completed during 2010, utilizing the generous B.C. Housing grant as well as many donations and volunteers.

3. The master plan for Wagner Hills expansion which includes a gymnasium and a new expanded serving area as well as expansion to over 100 residents has been approved by the Township of Langley and forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission for their consideration.

4. The Campbell Valley New Life Centre building

which includes a dining/kitchen area, meeting/office rooms, as well as accommodations for 8 residents is pending on a building permit. An architect and 4 different engineering firms are designing and preparing this project which will allow us to serve up to 22 female residents at Campbell Valley.



N.L.C. Campbell Valley
Proposed Building

Golf Tournament 2010

The 4th Annual Golf Tournament was a great success. Even though the weather was cool and drizzly, over 80 golfers completed the Texas-scramble style tournament and enjoyed a fantastic banquet afterward with patio-flame heated tents, fellowship, on-fire worship, and testimonies. Over \$6400 was raised toward Wagner Hills ministries. We are especially grateful to the many faithful business sponsors who have supported this event, including Solid Rock Steel, Faith Life Financial, Ledcor, Bonnetti meats, American Cartage and MLA Rich Coleman and his wife Michele who both golfed this year.

Next year's 5th Annual Golf Tournament and 30th Anniversary event will be held June 18th, 2011. Plan now to attend!



New Green Houses

Wagner Hills AGM & Open House

Relatively new to the Wagner Hills family, I was unsure of what to expect when invited to attend their Annual General Meeting and Open House. To be bluntly honest, my initial thought was: “An open house at a recovery centre—how much fun can it really be?” After having called in a couple friends for reinforcements, I headed out for the farm. Was I ever in for a surprise! The term ‘open house’ sounds—well, stuffy. It was more like an Annual General Carnival! With throngs of milling people being circled about by racing children, there were activities for the whole family. The main stage featured Wagner Hills’ own worship band, who kept us all singing for hours, as well as several speakers on be-

half of the Wagner Hills Farm Society on the more ‘business’ end of things. And for a tour of the facilities? A hay wagon ride is always fun, from the lower barn right up to the greenhouses above. Of course, House of Hope ladies were representing with various small fluffy critters in their own petting zoo, running tough competition with the men from the farm serving up goods from the grill all day long. And their solution to diverting the minions of children? Things were bouncing all day with a jumbo bouncy castle open to kids of all ages. I was glad when my friends arrived—not to distract me, as I intended, but because I would’ve been sorry if they had missed out! So thank you, Wagner Hills, for hosting this won-

derful community-boosting event, and thanks also to all the people who came out to discover this exciting event—the more the merrier, and it was certainly a merry event! See you all next year!

By: Lisa-Joy Lindahl



Testimony

As a child at about age 10 I stopped going to church and stopped following God. I was messed up in my thinking, in who I thought I was. I felt alone, abandoned. I felt I was a misfit, that I didn’t measure up. So I figured the best way to solve this issue was to become a people-pleasing, performance-based person who was trying to do everything perfectly in order to gain approval and love. Even as life moved on I was not willing or able to receive the love others and God had for me. I cut myself off from reality thinking that if I could control everything or those around me (my circumstances, situations and people), life would be just fine. I tried playing god. I began serving myself. If things didn’t work out I would run or try to change my environment. If life got tough I would seek relief and pleasure in food, drugs, sex or entertainment. I was in bondage: to the lies, to addiction, and to a life of self destruction.

I came back to the Lord over twenty-five years ago. However, I was still doing it my way. All I wanted was for God to help me out along my way and the path I felt would work and be best for me. I would surrender temporarily but when

things got tough I would revert back to trying to run the show. I would take control again. I would keep inviting God to come my way instead of dying to myself and letting Him lead me. I knew about God but had little or no relationship with Him. I failed to trust or have faith in Him, a pattern I learned as a young child. I tried everything the world offered to get better: doctors, medication, psychiatrists, psychologists, treatment programs, detox centres, recovery houses, 12 step groups, etc. For over 20 years I tried it my way. All was futile. I was trying to rationalise my way out. I was depending on my strength, my knowledge, and my wisdom. Like Paul in Romans 7, I wanted and willed to do different but it didn’t happen. I lost my family, my marriage, my business, my friends, I lost it all. 45 years was reduced to a few boxes of memories along with a broken heart, a broken spirit, and a lost soul.

Through my years of knowing about God, I came to realise I had to die to myself in order to gain life. Over a year ago, it was put on my heart to come to Wagner Hills. I was finally completely willing to lay it all down so God could do the

work in me and bring me what I had so long searched for: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

During my year at the farm I was able to come to know what it is to have a relationship with Christ. I was able to learn about and receive His love. I was able to walk in faith, to trust and to let God guide and direct me. I understand His plan and purpose for my life, one that is so much different and better than the life I had bought into.

I now have hope. I experience freedom. Peace is with me even in the tough times. The only running I now do is to God, who now leads me and guides me through all. (Psalm 23)



Jamie Smyth

Opportunity Knocks

A lot of people in the past looked at “work” as a part of a “curse”. However, God is showing us here at Wagner Hills that “work” can be and is a blessing.

Over the last few years, our leadership team along with the help of our residents have been starting up new businesses. The goal for these businesses is to provide a place where successful graduates can receive employment, skills training, and learn how to be victorious even on the work site. Your support of these businesses helps to support men overcoming life-controlling

issues through skills training and entrepreneurial opportunities for graduates and support for their families.

We have started a pressure washing company called “WHF PRESSURE WASHING,” we have a tent rental company called “Covenant Coverings,” and we are also involved in landscaping, tree felling and brush removal. We also have a cleaning company and are looking for more business opportunities and ventures to ultimately expand the kingdom of God and help bring change into people’s lives. Along with the

off site work initiatives Wagner Hills of course continues it’s farm activities which include cattle, hay making, gardening, greenhouses and blueberries.

For business enquires or opportunities please call : 604-308-7252.

For tent rentals call

604-308-3364



By: Phil Tschritter

Support, Giving and Our New Web Site

Wagner Hills is a part of the larger Christian church and we look to God for provision and for guidance. Check out our Statement of Faith and Core Values on our web site.

Financial resources come from resident fees, rentals, produce and products, labour, as well as donations. As a non-profit society and a registered charity, your donations help us to grow and start new centres. Many of our donors are residents or past residents who give sacrificially, sometimes only \$2.00 at a time. We see every gift as very precious and use it prayerfully and thankfully. Each of the 12 vehicles that we use daily has been donated as a “gift in

kind.” We are able to provide a tax-deductible receipt equal to the value of these gifts. People now also give through the website via pay-pal, visa, mastercard, and through naming Wagner Hills in their United Way contribution through their workplace. Donating stocks before they are cashed is a way to avoid extra income tax and also to receive a tax-deductible receipt for the value of those stocks.

Next year will be our 30th anniversary. We are planning ahead for the next 30 years, (if Jesus doesn’t return first!), and you may consider mentioning Wagner Hills in your will.

Your support and God’s power will change

lives for God’s kingdom until Jesus returns.

Our new web site was created by Leanne Campbell of Imagine Write www.imaginewrite.com and now has videos and new features that give a comprehensive perspective of Wagner Hills. Check it out! www.wagnerhills.com

Campbell Valley

“We are grateful!”

Another beautiful, sunny summer day at House of Hope. We are continually grateful for all that God has done and continues to do. Every day has its challenges, but each is greeted with the assurance that God shall use every challenge for a time of discovery and growth.

We presently have 12 women residents at the valley. It is wonderful to see each one desiring to step into what the Lord has for them. We are all working together to make the House of Hope a safe place where the emphasis is on building healthy relationships with one another. Some days are better than others, but everyday is fruitful.

All have been busy with landscaping, gardening, and tending to our ever grow-

ing entourage of animals; 28 laying hens bless us with 12 to 18 eggs a day, a variety of colorful show birds that bring some income, rabbits will also bring some variety to our menu???, 2 goats that are just kidding around! “Ha”, one beautiful, hopeful broodmare, 2 turkeys that think they are dogs, and quite a bunch of quail and pheasant eggs that are hatching almost daily.

Along with the farming and daily chores the women are also keeping active with classes and teachings from Lisa Bevere, Joyce Meyer, and others. Worship, prayer, devotionals, journaling and freedom session are embraced eagerly every day.

There have been many outings; CLA recovery services on Sunday evenings,

Friday morning worship and teaching at Wagner Hills followed by afternoon shopping at Walmart or a trip to MCC second hand store in Abbotsford, the occasional trip to Whiterock beach which is only 15 minutes away. After these short times away most feel quite content to return “Home” to the valley.

We shall continue to expect great things from the Lord, and be content and grateful for “All” that He has provided. Please, continue to pray for us all. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely, Ron Delorme



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2011 – 30th Anniversary of Wagner Hills

We are planning big things in 2011. If you are a past resident, volunteer, past board member, supporter, or prayer partner and would like to be involved in the 30th Anniversary celebrations or planning, please let us know by calling Vince in the office, 604-856-9432 or email outreach@wagnerhills.com.

Kitchen report

We currently have a six-man team in the kitchen. We continue to train and grow each man into becoming a part of a solid team that encourages personal growth. We try to ensure that each man receives the necessary skills required during their season in the kitchen which promotes a good work ethic with God at the focus. Managing regular program curriculum and duties in the kitchen can be a challenge. As the men seek God's strength and not their own, they grow in their relationship with God.

The team we have is committed to serve with a servant's heart and a servant's attitude. As staff in the kitchen change, we are provided with an opportunity to raise up new leaders and rotate men into new positions where new skills can be developed.

Dietary needs have changed here on the farm, so we've had to adapt. Different food restrictions and food allergies pose new challenges that heighten our awareness to the safety of the food we serve. We offer a nutritional variety including veggie platters, lunch and dinner salads, fruit and protein. We have cut back on the sugar intake sub-

Who We Are

Wagner Hills is a ministry establishing healing Christian communities for people overcoming harmful addictions by becoming disciples of Jesus Christ.

Wagner Hills operates two 45-acre working farms, one for 50 men and one for 14 women both located in the Township of Langley, B.C. We also partner with SCARS ministry in Ft. St. Johns and ARC in Creston, both in BC.

Wagner Hills was recently visited by Elliott Tepper, president of Betel. This international ministry is serving through 80 centres in 21 countries, working to restore broken lives in a method not unlike that of Wagner Hills. Betel missionaries Daniel and Paula Yoon are beginning a Betel ministry on a farm near Hamilton Ontario. They have asked for our input.

As of the May 16th Annual General Meeting (AGM), the Wagner Hills Farm Society Board of Directors now consists of :

*Rev. Dr Karl Keller	*Wes Wagner,
Priscilla Laudon,	Jake Klippenstien,
*Wilf Dillabough,	*Rev. Sandy Schelp,
Jason Roberts	*Rev. Dr. Harold Haberstock.



* indicates new board member elected at the 2010 AGM.

"Blueberries are Ready"! U Pick \$1.00 per lbs, we are limited in filling orders for ready pick. Please call to place an order, come and get them before the bear gets them ;)

stantially and try to eliminate the use of sugar in our baking and recipes to make our meals safer for our diabetic brothers and to provide healthier meals and desserts for everyone. Overall, we've noticed a healthier group of men. In some cases some of the residents have lost weight due to self control and the nutritional variety offered.

Our ministry as a whole continues to grow and more off-site opportunities for work have come up. We have been able to provide our brothers with lunches to go: nutritional lunches with fruits and vegetables, snacks and wholesome sandwiches. This year to date, we have served 12,000 meals. In addition to the regular meals served, we have had two events this year, the Annual General Meeting and the Wagner Hills Annual Golf Tournament.

At the AGM we served 500-plus meals continuously throughout the day—close to 1000 hamburgers, smokies, and hotdogs all together! Thanks to the display freezer donated by Budget Food Equipment, we increased our ice cream sales over last year

with all proceeds going back into the program. At the Golf tournament, we were able to serve our guests in a fast and efficient manner. Salads, main course, and dessert were served to 160 guests in 45 minutes.

We thank God for all He has done and will continue to do!

By: Chris Lamoureux



Kitchen Crew