



Wagner Hills Ministries



October 2008

Beyond Recovery to Discipleship

“Now is the Time...”

...to dig deeper into God, to do greater works of service for His glory and to praise more—Jesus Christ, the bedrock of our lives, and our hope.

We all have let downs. People we trust sometimes let us down; things we trust sometimes break and let us down; expectations we have sometimes aren't met as hoped. Sometimes in the dark of troubles, it feels like everyone has abandoned us and that all we have trusted is collapsing around us.

This is the time to dig deeper, and to find the bedrock that

does not move: Jesus Christ. The creator of the universe. Who lived, died and rose again, overcoming death. Jesus Christ—the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Jesus Christ is the solid rock, who says “I am with you always” (Matt 28:20) just as He promised in Deut. 31:6 “I will never leave you or forsake you”. This is who we stand on at Wagner Hills, and why the stronghold of addictions is being overcome! As we stand on Him who cannot be shaken, we become lights in the darkness, and hope for the hopeless.

The Campbell Valley House of Hope for women is officially opening Nov 8, 2008.

Wagner Hills has new opportunities to grow. (see article 2) Only God can change lives from the inside out.

Please pray for staff, board, and servant leaders for perseverance and wisdom during this time of transition. God, we need you! Guide us with your Holy Spirit, and let your will be done, on earth as it is being done in heaven.

Amen



Helmut Boehm

Campbell Valley Official Opening

We are grateful to God, to B.C Housing, to Ron & Bonnie Delorme and family, to Karen Williams, Marion Tibbett and many others who have brought the Campbell Valley House of Hope to its official opening. On November 8th, 2008, the House of Hope invites you to

come join in this celebration!

Already a number of women have experienced hope through this healing Christian community, a ministry of the Wagner Hills Farm Society, which provides a similar place for men.

Come and celebrate with us!

There will be music, food, tours, prayers of thanks and some speakers, with a ribbon cutting at 3:00pm.

Thank you God for the healing that only you can provide!

Campbell Valley
460 - 216th St
Langley, BC



House of Hope
Official Opening
460 - 216th St
Langley
November 8/08
2pm to 5pm
Ribbon Cutting
@3:00pm



Campbell Valley - House of Hope

"Faithlife Financial, a not-for-profit Christian Financial Services organization, will be matching donations for this event, up to \$750 in total! Please give Generously..!"

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Thanks Giving - Thanks Living

Yes, it's that time of year again, when we think of harvest and bring in the sheaves.

We at Wagner Hills are counting the many blessings God has showered on us: our barns are full of hay to overflowing, our deep freezers are full of blueberries and our rooms are full of men that are determined to leave their old lifestyles behind and live lives dedicated to their Lord and Creator Jesus Christ.

Yes, God truly has blessed us

this year and all our 27+ years.

We have friends and supporters that practice “Thanks Giving”. When Wagner Hills Farm first started, Ted & Vicki Prescott gave us a cement mixer plus some other things and a cheque. Ted left us a few years later for greener heavenly pastures. Vicki has kept the cheques coming every month for over 25 years. We thank you Vicki, and we thank God for the many people who, out of love for people and gratitude

for what God has done for all of us, are actively helping people who are helping themselves.

What a joy, what a privilege to be apart of that.

To God be the Glory.



Wes Wagner

Planning of Growth at Wagner Hills

The board of directors of Wagner Hills Farm Society consists of Wes Wagner, Rev. Dr. Karl Keller, Rev. Sandy Schelp, Priscilla Laudon, Al Vetter, Wilf Dillabough and Jake Klippenstein. These faithful men and women of God have asked staff and servant leaders to go ahead with expansion plans for up to 100 residents at Wagner Hills Farm. This planning will involve the relocation of the greenhouses, the building of a gymnasium, the addition of septic fields, roads, power and water infrastructure, as well as additional resident and staff housing.

Provision and permits will also

be needed from the Agricultural Land Reserve, (ALR) a one year process, as well the Lutheran Church Canada Foundation.

What an exciting opportunity to work together to expand God's Kingdom and serve a greater number of people moving "beyond recovery to discipleship!"

Assault on Addictions

Addiction is defined as "devoting one's self habitually, either to do something good or bad." Every day people are making the decision to devote themselves habitually to things that are not good. Some are even devoting themselves to destroying themselves, stealing, and killing. These are not just 'nobodies' - they are people we love and care about: our fathers, brothers, sons, grandsons, granddaughters, nieces, girlfriends, boyfriends and more. People we would do anything to help see a lasting

change in their lives.

Now is your chance to be a part of this lasting change.

We are re-launching Assault on Addictions (AOA) and we want you to be an active part! AOA events are hosted by WHF in the community, and consist of a life-changing time of worship and a challenging message given by a special speaker. I believe that God wants us, the family members of loved ones who are familiar with addictions, to come together in unity—believing for freedom from life-

controlling destructive issues. For too long, addiction has been assaulting people we care about. We invite you to join us in **assaulting addiction**. Who will join? Please pray for us as we re-launch Assault on Addictions in the community.



Phil Tschritter

A passion for unity

I believe the coming together of people in the residential, business and church community is a major part in the raising up of men and women of integrity. Men and women who will become leaders in their families, their churches, their homes and in the work place.

I have the privilege to be a part of an effort that has been wonderful for not only me but also the men who have completed a Christian based program and desire to go out and bring the Gospel to the market place,

through their employment, and walking with Jesus.

As well as working at Wagner Hills, I am now working with CLA house. CLA house, located in Langley, is a place for men who have completed a program and desire to carry on what Jesus has asked of them. The house offers a safe, healthy environment, with accountability and Christian brothers who are there at all times, if an issue might arise and they need help in one form or another. As we begin to forge a path with

Jesus Christ in the raising up of men and women who can and will be integral parts of society, we do it with the help of the community, partnering with ministries such as Wagner Hills, CLA house and others.

God is truly at work in our community and in the lives of men and women.



Vince Dubois



Wagner Hills

**3rd Annual
Swing into Freedom
Charity Golf
Tournament**

**If you would like to be
a sponsor this year,**

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Vince 604-856-9432**

May 30th 2009

Stories from the Past

“For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it...” (Mark 8:35) These were the words coming out of the mouth of the pastor of St. Peter’s Lutheran church in Edmonton, in July 1981, as Helmut and Linda Boehm sat listening. They were struggling to decide whether or not to move their family to Wes Wagner’s somewhat run-down farm property, formerly a gravel pit, in Langley B.C. At this time, the Boehm family was living in Slave Lake, AB, where Helmut had served as a lay minister to a group of Lutheran Christians. He had recently resigned from the Alberta Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC), having been an addictions counselor and a Community Addictions Service Administrator for the previous 7 years.

The couple had three children: Kirsten(6), Curtis(4) and Jeremy (2).

Through the pastor’s message, God seemed to be saying, “GO FOR IT!”

Wes and Myrtle Wagner drove their motor home to Slave Lake and pulled a trailer full of Helmut & Linda’s belongings over the mountains. The Boehm family followed in their van, arriving Sept. 1, 1981. Wes’ property, located on 264th St, in Langley, consisted of 2 barns and a run down home, the basement of which had been used to house animals. Linda spent some time pressure washing the inside of the house. It was a humble start. There was no Wagner Hills Farm Society and very little money. But there was a promise from God that He would

save their lives, and our God has been faithful to that for the Boehm family, as well as to the over 3000 men who have come to live at Wagner Hills in the 27 years since then. Each person has become a part of the story the Lord is writing at Wagner Hills Farm. Stay tuned for more stories from our history, in future newsletters...

Helmut and Linda still live on the farm property, but in a new house built for them in 2001. Daughter Kirsten recently married one of the Farm’s servant leaders, Gregg Davenport and both of them work at WHF. Son Curtis married Andrea and is a pastor in Alberta – the couple recently had their first child. Jeremy married Lauren and they live in Nova Scotia, where Jeremy is a church youth worker and Lauren is a nurse.



**Boehm Family
1983**



**Wagner Hills Farm
2005**

Helmut Boehm

Testimony

I am the youngest of eight children. My closest sibling is 11 years older than me, and is physically and mentally challenged. This made life at home difficult. My mom passed away when I was 12 years old and my dad worked away from home, so my brother and I, who were the only kids still at home, had caregivers stay with us. This gave me a lot of freedom at a very young age to do pretty much what I wanted. At 12, I began to use drugs & alcohol and steal cars which led to ‘breaking & entering’. I just about ended up in a juvenile prison, which caused me to stop stealing, but I continued my addiction to drugs and alcohol. All through high school, I sold drugs of all kinds.

Throughout my adult life my addiction came before my family which consists of 3 children—2 sons and 1 daughter. Before I came to Wagner Hills

my relationship with them was just about non-existent and I was falling to pieces. I was living by myself, isolating from the ones who cared for me most. I didn’t want to live anymore. I called my brother, who told me I needed to go and get help and that there was a place called Wagner Hills Farm. So.... I packed my stuff and came here.

Since I have been at the farm things have changed for me, for the good. God is at the very center of my world. He has given me back so much: my relationship with my children is awesome, a growing and nurturing change has begun from within. Being faithful with a little, I have been given a lot. I have been blessed with running the green house and get to work with men in the intake program, who are just beginning their walk with Jesus Christ, as well as men who are

in the core program.

God has given me so much freedom from the things that used to hold me down. I am still a work in progress but I know that my heavenly Father is walking with me. I can accomplish my heart’s desires—thanks to God for saving me and giving me new life.

I would like to thank the leaders on the farm for helping me find the path that God has for me. I now look forward to the future, which is bright, with God, my family and with my family in Christ.



Garry Krahn

Col 3:15

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace . And be thankful.

(NIV version)



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Financial Report

Wagner Hills Farm

Month	Income	Expenses	Monthly Net Total
July	\$55,206.93	\$60,609.66	-\$5,402.73
August	\$75,878.56	\$46,111.37	\$29,767.19
September	\$62,644.65	\$64,290.33	-\$1,645.68
YTD	\$524,994.73	\$551,114.50	-\$26,119.77

Campbell Valley House of Hope

Month	Income	Expenses	Monthly Net Total
July	\$6,800.00	\$15,866.30	-\$9,066.30
August	\$3,184.22	\$12,318.65	-\$9,134.43
September	\$53,997.30	\$18,770.23	\$35,227.07
YTD	\$226,800.24	\$242,965.52	-\$16,165.28

We're on the Web
www.wagnerhills.com

Ministry Needs

- Smaller Vehicles
- Microphone Stands
- Tooth Paste (70)
- Music stands
- Tooth Brushes (70)
- Voice Effects Unit
- Deodorant
- Toasters
- Shavers (70)
- Blenders
- Shave Cream
- Knife sharpeners
- Soap
- Super single sheets
- Clothing
- Pillows
- Lamps (table top)
- Pillow cases
- Dressers
- Night Tables
- 5 Stackable washers and dryers
- Computers / laptops
- Shirts XL L M (70)
- T-shirts XL L M (70)
- Winter/rubber boots
- Under Ware (70)
- Shampoo (70)
- Socks (70)
- Slippers
- Winter Coats (10 - 15)
- Gloves
- Wool Hats
- Metal Roofing
- A dump truck
- Electrical Materials
- Building materials

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