

## **Living Hope Church profile**

*A family of diverse people devoted to following Jesus, by sharing God's love, His word and disciple those who are committed to Jesus.*

***As a core group, we are committed to reaching the people with the gospel in Stamford, Connecticut.***

We organized to launch a new church in the downtown area a couple of years ago but the pandemic interrupted our launch plans. Since the pandemic, several people (including our pastor/church planter) moved but thankfully we have a strong group of 15 adults and 5 preschool/elementary children still involved.

***We are committed to growing as followers of Christ.***

Our core group is praying and searching for a church planter to continue the vision of establishing a vibrant new church in downtown Stamford. In the meantime, we are doing weekly online Bible Study three Sundays of the month. On the first Sunday of the month, we meet in person at the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) of Stamford.

***We desire to be an outward focused church.***

Currently, we work with the leadership of the BGC to serve families in the community through mentoring and special projects. In addition, several of our members started a cancer outreach organization called One Tough Cookie. Between 60-70 cancer patients are loved and cared for each month through gifts and/or prayer, and/or support groups. We also have a ministry called Project Hope. Project Hope serves people who have age/physical limitations with light home projects. Currently, this ministry has been paused due to the pandemic.

***We have some key resources.***

*We have equipment.* We have already purchased a 17' enclosed trailer that contains an excellent sound system, pipe and drape, and kid's ministry items. We also have a variety of outreach equipment (i.e. bounce houses).

*We have capital for the launch.* We have funds available in a designated account.

*We have leadership.* We have an Assistant Pastor, an experienced children's ministry director, and three men who are dedicated to steering the church forward to accomplish the mission ahead of us.

*We have a place to worship.* Because of our favored status with the BGC, they have made their facility available for the future launch of Living Hope Church. As a point of information, the BGC is located in a predominately multi-cultural area of Stamford, and we believe, once the new church is established, a Spanish speaking congregation could be started.

*We have partners.* As an SBC church, the local association of churches (CBA), state (BCNE) and national agency (NAMB) are interested in supporting a church planter in this area. In addition, there are individual churches who are also interested in resourcing the new church.