

# VISION STATEMENT

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The family of Rolling Hills is a group of ordinary people developing an extraordinary passion for Jesus Christ. We are diverse in our backgrounds but united under one God and are committed to His mission to reach the world one person at a time, as we learn to think, love and live like Jesus and reproduce this in the lives of others.

We trust Jesus and expect Him to change lives—ours and others. We envision a day in SW Portland where the hands and feet of Jesus are regularly felt, seen and experienced, and where the influence of people who are following Jesus from Rolling Hills, as well as faith families throughout Portland, bring the light and hope of the gospel to every business, school, and neighborhood. Jesus is our destination and discipleship is the primary path we travel toward Him. We embrace truth and extend unconditional love as we build friendships wherever we go. We intentionally build relational bridges and engage these new friends on their spiritual journeys. We believe small group communities are greenhouses for the birth of discipling relationships. These are groups of real people sharing real life together. We include our non-Christian friends in our small groups where they can connect with people who are on the same journey. As we build relationships, we take the initiative to engage in spiritual conversations and present the hope of the gospel. Wherever our paths cross with someone, be it within the organized ministries of Rolling Hills, or organically at work, school, etc., we desire to come alongside people and help them take the next step toward Jesus.

We regularly gather together to lift up the name of Jesus. In our Gatherings we are inspired to remember who He is, what He's done, who we are, and the mission for which He has called us. Our worship connects all ages to who God is, what He is currently doing in and around us and where He is taking us. We are a community of faith where it is safe for people of any background to come, learn, belong and to be known. We are a faith family that walks shoulder-to-shoulder, comforting each other in times of loss, celebrating each other's successes, persevering through trials and always trusting Christ.

We are a place of encouragement, refreshment, growth and support to parents and their families. Parents are equipped and cheered on as they learn to raise their children and students to become followers of Jesus. We invest in developing our students not only as followers of Jesus but as leaders, because they are the future of the church and vital in leading it today. We are a multi-generational faith family with opportunities for all ages to serve, grow and invest in others.

As we experience a genuine love relationship with God, our hearts for the needs of others cannot stay indifferent. As a church family we are motivated to move in love toward hurting

people and real needs within our faith family, our local community and throughout the world. The brokenness and darkness of our world does not cause us to shrink back and/or isolate ourselves. We step into injustice with the love, grace and truth of Jesus. We seek to engage, help and influence people to find hope, healing and health from the habits, hurts and hang-ups.

We move toward people who are in crisis. We leverage the RH campus with the help of partner organizations to be a community hub that meets the needs of the whole person in Clackamas and Washington counties to provide comprehensive services such as food, clothing, shelter, medical and dental, or tangible help with finances, clothing and groceries. And everyone will be offered friendship, support and discipling relationships in their spiritual journey toward Jesus.

As we minister in our community locally, God's family globally is never far from our heart. We raise, build and send people into the world as missionaries of Jesus, and we partner with churches in specific regions-of-focus in the world. We learn from and sharpen one another as we support their ministry efforts. Hundreds from our Rolling Hills family spend time ministering with our global partners every year.

The ongoing impact of God in our community and world rises and falls with leaders who depend on God. Our Pastoral team focuses on recognizing and developing faithful servants into leaders of faith who carry out the work of the ministry and make disciples of Jesus.

We are a faith family that develops future generations of leaders—leaders whose hearts are connected to God, who have been trained in and know how to handle His Word, and who have been discipled and now are disciple-makers. These leaders will not only reproduce themselves here, but many will be sent out in our state, nation and throughout the world.

The work of the Holy Spirit is vital in seeing this vision becoming a reality, so we live lives of prayer, learning to always listen to God, and dependent on Jesus to continue His transforming work in us and through us to our community and world.