

Light & Life Schools

A report on our FMC learning centers

School year: 2007 - 2008



THE REPORTS ARE IN...

We have had two years now of comparable data which shows a fairly good snapshot of our school ministries, conference-wide.

The trends show that there continues to be a general decline in attendance - largely understandable given the parallel decline in our economy. The positive side to this figure, is that we slowed our drop in attendance from 12% to 2%, in the last couple of years.

Our ministries continue to address what they originally set-out to address: providing quality, safe education, emphasizing Christian values, and community support to single parents and families in need.

Some ministries, as you will note in the prayer request made by East LA, were also started with the concept of being a place of sanctuary or intervention in mind.

While these continue to be the needs of our society, these ministries are perpetually butting against the realities of recession, high operational costs, high rates of default on mortgages amongst

Prayer Requests

“Please pray for our school and families.. The economy has turned and commitment to Christian education has become harder because of mortgages. Our families are in a stressful place. Please pray that as we invite them into church discipleship programs, that God will open all things.”

-Light & Life Ministries of Escondido

“Please pray for the hiring of the teachers that we need. Also, down the road, we'll need to hire a new director (pre-school).”

-Cliff Drive Care Center, Santa Barbara

“We are at a crossroads and our board has made a deadline of June 15th to raise our attendance or close the school. Please be in prayer about this and also for us as we consider what future ministry must take the school's place. We are committed to looking for ways we may continue to help and serve the surrounding community. We have the opportunity to partner with several different organizations.”

-Light & Life Christian School of Sylmar

their families, and the general economic trends that are not only familiar, but are frequently in the news these days.

Please place this matter - and the prayer requests at right - at your private place of prayer and intercede to the Father on behalf of our schools. Our principals and administrators are encouraged to

know that our Annual Conference body is comprised of delegates and pastors who are on their knees on their behalf.

On the last page, I am drawing from the principals and their own words to share with you about how their schools are doing.

2007 - 2008 Enrollments	School	Preschool	Elementary	08 vs 07 % Changes in Attend.*	% Attends FMC
Barstow Christian School		44	127	↓ 3.3%	9%
Cliff Drive Care Center		70	22	↑ 35.2%	10%
East LA Light & Life Christian School		n/a	111	↓ 3.4%	8%
Light & Life Christian School of Azusa		75	55	↓ 5.1%	4%
Light & Life Christian School of Sylmar		27	53	↓ 30.4%	2%
Light & Life Ministries of Escondido		80	300	↓ 4.7%	15%
Mountain Green Preschool		135	n/a	↓ 6.2%	2%
New Hope Christian School		100	96	↑ 2.6%	3%
Averages:				↓ 1.9%	6.60%

Compared with LAST YEAR'S reported figures:

2006 - 2007 Enrollments	School	Preschool	Elementary	07 vs 06 % Changes in Attend.	% Attends FMC
Barstow Christian School		62	115	↓ 4.8%	11.5%
Cliff Drive Care Center		40	28	↓ 47.7%	2%
East LA Light & Life Christian School		n/a	115	↑ 0.8%	5%
Light & Life Christian School of Azusa		70	67	↓ 1.4%	18%
Light & Life Christian School of Sylmar		26	89	↓ 12.2%	4%
Light & Life Ministries of Escondido		79	320	↓ 9.9%	25%
Mountain Green Preschool		123	21	↑ 1.4%	24%
New Hope Christian School		90	101	↓ 23.0%	2%
Averages:				↓ 12.1%	11.4%

Prayer Requests

“Please remember our church leaders in your prayers.”

-Mountain Green Preschool

“We have to redo our playground out of consideration to liability issues. This is a \$50,000 project with deadlines by June 12th. Please pray for this and our enrollment.”

-Barstow Christian School

“Despite our parents strong desires for a foundation in Christian education, finances roadblock our families. Our single parents are particularly affected. Please pray for them (and us) as we endeavor to work a ministry solution to this. We are seeking to establish a special scholarship fund. Pray for us as we fundraise. Also pray for our 1st Annual Fundraising Dinner scheduled for May 22, 2008!”

-Light and Life Christian School of Azusa

“We would appreciate prayer as we continue to build relationships with our school families. We have especially focused on our Dads. Developing these relationships have been a blessing”

-New Hope Christian School of Chino

Mountain Green Preschool

We have had an excellent year.
Things have been very stable.

East LA Light and Life

This was a good year-because of the Lord's love, mercy and grace. The Lord has sustained us during this year of new administration. He has given us the strength and wisdom to run the school with the driving factor being how we can best honor Him. The kids, staff and parents are wonderful. He blessed us with good enrollment numbers. We were able to open a computer lab for the kids, which is something they are thoroughly enjoying. We are looking forward to doing even better next year.

New Hope Christian School

It has been a year of staff and curriculum development.
We have shifted our Bible curriculum to focus more on discipleship. We have also been working on building relationships with our families.

Barstow Christian School

We had a very good year.
Staffing has settled.
We are blessed by a lot of parental support.

Light & Life Ministries of Escondido

Good and excellent year. We have a wonderful pastoral staff.
This year, we offered some great seminars and the pastors were very involved in chapels and interacted frequently with school-associated families.

Light and Life Christian School of Sylmar

It has been a year of transition.
Enrollment has been very small.

Light and Life Christian School of Azusa

Light and Life continues to be a small school with lots of spirit! Families attending our school find a group of teachers who are committed to teaching and have a strong commitment to developing the spiritual walk of our students. Several of our families are strengthening their walk with Christ by getting more involved in our church and special events.

We have completed our initial evaluation by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and were approved to begin the application process for accreditation under ACSI. With the continued support of our Azusa Pacific Mentors, we are anticipating full accreditation by Spring of 2010.

Our students continue to excel in their academic studies and recently participated in our first "City wide Track and Field event." Two of our students took first place in their events and were selected to compete regionally. Our 5th grade runner, Autum Mosely, won MVP - beating competitors from 15 other elementary schools in the area.

Light and Life has been blessed this year with the opportunity to scholarship 5 community families who, through the generosity of our congregation and friends, had the opportunity to begin a Christian based academic program.

We are a small school but our spirit and faith convinces us that we are here for the long run and look forward to continuing to grow!

Cliff Drive Care Center, Santa Barbara

We're doing phenomenal.
Enrollment hit us hard earlier in the year, but we were able to rally, with our pre-school program recovering quite strong.
We also recently received a donation of several Apple computers.

Prayer Requests

"We want the Lord to bring the right people to our school that have a heart for the Lord, a heart for this school and this community. Our school is in an area where poverty, gangs, and drugs are the norm. This school is so very important because of that very fact; we are a refuge and a place of hope in the midst of such despair. We also ask that you join us in praying that the Lord will continue to keep his holy hand of protection over us. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts, your prayers and your hearts."

-East LA Light and Life