

## Hopewell Network Pastors Meeting

June 7, 2011

Pastors opened in a time of worship led by Gary Buck and Paul Blank.

### Reports and Announcements:

- Introduction of new people...Kim Williamson at Petra, Gregg Donley from HCF Telford, Dave Henson-Sr. Youth intern from Petra.
- Lester announced the HAFT (Pastoral Retreat Center) is officially in relationship and a part of the Hopewell Network.
- Reminder of the Summer Conference. RSVP by July 1.
- Announcements were made from pastors.

### Teaching Time:

Guest speakers were Ray Hutchinson and Dieter, from PROP (Parents Reaching Out to Parents - of sexually exploited children.) Ray introduced the organization and gave out a brochure on PROP.

- Parents of sexually exploited children have very little support. This organization is for their support.
- Victims normally have sources of help but they need to get help.
- The brochure gives basic information and steps to take, as well as a website.
- Questions and answers were discussed.
- One recommended book resource is "The Gift of Fear", by Gavin Debecker, which shows ways to understand perpetrators and the characteristics.
- Child to child abuse is common, as well as adult to child.
- The spirit behind those keeping silence is keeper of the secret and shame and control.
- There is a Child Abuse Hotline for council 1-800-932-0313.

Submitted by,

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Next Meeting Tuesday, July 5