

## **A Brief History of West Sound**

West Sound Community Church began in 1989 when six adults in Silverdale, WA indicated their desire to be part of a new church plant in Kitsap County. Working with the North American Baptist Conference, this small Bible study group invited Rainer Kunz to be their pastor and in November of 1989 they launched into ministry.

The first service was held in the Kunz' living room with sixteen adults and children in attendance. Four weeks and forty people later, the church moved to Clear Creek Elementary School and began to develop its unique style of ministry. Using contemporary music, drama, and Bible teaching, every Sunday morning service is designed for outreach to those who have not yet responded to God's call for salvation.

From the beginning, West Sound Community Church's purpose has been to bring God glory by producing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ from unchurched and unbelieving. We stress authentic relationships and encourage everyone to be involved with a small group where those relationships can prosper.

We've come along way since those early days. People can currently learn of Christ's love through ministries designed for children, youth, men, and women. They can grow deep in their new-found faith by becoming a part of the West Sound School of Discipleship. And they can stretch their wings in ministry as they implement their spiritual gifts in everything from moving tables to teaching a small group to calling on those in distress.

Finally, our entire West Sound family is enjoying something we call The Great Adventure. On 14 acres, just a ten-minute drive north up the freeway from Silverdale, we are fully involved with the site-development phase of establishing a permanent home. We are way under funded where money is concerned, but fully funded where eternal dividends are concerned. Through prayer, sound management, tons of volunteerism, and tremendous sacrifice, we hope to one day occupy a facility that will enable us to share the life-changing news of our Lord Jesus with hundreds of thousands both here and afar.