



Esperanza fast facts:

- provides a place of healing and hospitality
- maintains a very strong ministry through its 6 week family sessions (dealing with issues of family relations and addictions)
- provides counselling ministry; mens and womens retreats; hospitality; community outreach and summer camps for children and youth
- has developed strong partnerships with first nations people in many coastal communities
- New Life has been sending annual work teams to Esperanza since August of 2004
- work includes construction, renovation, roofing, painting, splitting firewood, landscaping, cleaning, cooking, leading worship, etc



Over the course of three summers, New Life completely renovated the interior and exterior of the Guest House, a well-used, solid older three bedroom home. Our teams worked on the house over the three summers with funding provided by the Missions capital fund.



It has been very encouraging for us to learn of the deep respect that the Esperanza staff have earned from First Nations people all along the coast for the effectiveness of their ministry.

In 2011 we also have begun to see progress towards the long-held dream of adding additional dimensions to our partnership with Esperanza:

- Janet Hitchcock served as the school teacher to children of families attending the spring family session.
- Children of New Life have been raising funds to help sponsor children for summer camp

- Dean Johnston, director of Esperanza Ministries, contributed to New Life's Justice seminar as a session leader

In the summer of 2011, the largest New Life team ever went to Esperanza to help renovate the dining hall. Additionally, we were able to take on many other tasks including: stacking firewood, making curtains for a new home, completing some finishing carpentry jobs, painting the dock storage shed, cleaning up the work shop, landscaping and helping a new staff family prepare their house for move-in (cleaning, painting and carpentry).



But it's not all work...we also spend time fishing, boating, exploring, singing around the camp fire, listening to the testimonies of group members and staff members and praying together.

As our partnership develops, we hope that new dimensions will be added, potentially including helping host/lead summer camps and sending additional work teams at various times as needed throughout the year.



Dining hall roof before and after – notice the trees growing out of the shingles on the old roof!