

MISSIONS & MINISTRY

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"We envision a network of healthy Baptist churches partnering together to transform lives and communities through the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ at home, in North America and around the world."



KC Ministry Reaches Trafficking Victims

By Kayla Rinker as published in The Pathway, June 9, 2015

Christine McDonald knew she needed help, but once again the system failed her. She didn't have insurance and the pimp had her ID. "They also said they wouldn't admit me to the treatment center unless I was obviously addicted to alcohol," she said. "But I didn't drink. I was addicted to crack cocaine and had been arrested multiple times for prostitution, but I didn't drink. My mother was a drunk and I swore I would never be like my mother."

So, after being denied at the treatment center's door, McDonald took off walking with a plan in mind. She needed money. She walked and waited for a man to come along and pick her up and pay for sex. Then she would have the money to buy a bottle of liquor. You had to fail a Breathalyzer or you couldn't get in," she said. "I needed a place to sleep and a chance to detox. Turning a trick to get money to get booze didn't make sense then, and it doesn't now."

After escaping a dark and abusive childhood, McDonald ran away from home when she was only 15.

She spent the next 17 years homeless and exposed to sex trafficking, drug addiction and prostitution. "If there was a crack to slip through, I slipped through it," she said.



But now, many years later, McDonald is a speaker, author, and is excited about her new position as Program Director of the recently opened Restoration House of Greater Kansas City. "I'm right back in the same community where I watched people die without hope and I know what it looks like when people don't see you as a victim, but a problem," she said. "We are going to soften the hearts of

the world. Restoration House will take people like me and dust them off, clean them up and give them an opportunity to flourish."

The Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association (BR-KC) is the major contributor to the Restoration House, which held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its first home, Beverly House of Hope, earlier this month. Beverly House is for sex trafficking and sex slave survivors who are 18 and older.

"The Lord made it clear that this was what we were supposed to do early on," said Rodney Hammer, Director of Missions of BR-KC. "We no more than started seeking and praying about what to do when the Lord began sending resources, donations and networks of passionate people."

Restoration House will provide 24-hour care, including counseling for

Discipling Men to Become Spiritual Leaders at Home and Church

Trainers: Pastor Scott Patty and David Acheson of Grace Community Church in Nashville

September 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wornall Road Baptist

Conference is free and includes lunch

People Teams Prayer Spotlight - Pakistanis in Kansas City

<i>Pakistani</i>	Data
% Non-Christian Overseas	97%
Believers in KC	Few
Evangelical Witness	Few
Population in KC	5,000
Access Overseas	Dangerous

Of all the Muslim groups, Pakistanis

are the most proselytizing. Pray that people will not be deceived by the message of Islam but that God would turn them from lies to His truth. Pray for believers who minister alongside Pakistani doctors in KC. Acts 26:17-18



OUR STEWARDSHIP

YTD CHURCH GIVING

Church	2015 Assn- Mission Giving	Church	2015 Assn- Mission Giving	Church	2015 Assn- Mission Giving
Abiding Love	\$733.00	Full Faith Christian Ctr	\$50.00	Noland Road	\$20,619.07
Antioch	\$344.77	Grace & Truth Church	\$600.00	Norfleet	\$1,549.00
Antioch Southern	\$1,356.56	Grace Baptist, Oak Grove	\$1,968.16	Oak Grove First	\$21,599.47
Armour Heights	\$500.00	Grace Church of Independence	\$0.00	Oak Tree	\$275.00
Avenue Family Church	\$25.00	Grace Family Fellowship	\$1,800.00	Oakwood	\$1,400.00
AZ-U-R	\$300.00	Grace Heartland	\$600.00	Olive Branch Missionary	\$150.00
Bales Avenue	\$554.00	Grace Point	\$293.77	Paradise Outfitter Min	\$3,503.04
Beaumont	\$10.00	Grain Valley First	\$6,763.00	Paseo	\$250.00
Belvidere Heights	\$1,500.00	Grand River	\$381.98	Peculiar First	\$2,059.38
Bethany	\$0.00	Grandview First	\$3,128.30	Plaza Heights	\$110.00
Bethel	\$1,146.21	Greater Bethel Missionary	\$275.00	Pleasant Ridge	\$0.00
Beverly Hills	\$500.00	Greater Faith Missionary	\$0.00	Primera Iglesia Bautista	\$45.00
Big Creek	\$6,766.73	Greenwood Missionary	\$600.00	Principe de Paz	\$350.00
Blue Ridge	\$2,654.91	Haitian American Baptist	\$0.00	Raymore First	\$2,625.00
Blue Springs First	\$14,634.77	Heart of Life	\$5,831.66	Raytown First	\$15,200.00
Blue Summit	\$350.14	Hickory Grove	\$473.41	Red Bridge	\$600.00
Buckner First	\$1,859.51	Hispanic, Rockwood	\$0.00	Redeemed Ministries Bible*	\$0.00
Calvary, Blue Springs	\$620.00	Holy Hill	\$100.00	Redeemer Fellowship	\$0.00
Calvary, Independence	\$1,456.07	Iglesia Cristiana Palabra Viva	\$200.00	Redemption Church	\$50.00
Calvary Temple	\$0.00	Iglesia Jesucristo Verdad Y Vi	\$181.96	River Boulevard	\$728.84
Carlisle	\$641.52	Iglesia Pan De Vida	\$636.19	Roanoke	\$412.44
Cedar Creek Comm.	\$850.00	Immanuel	\$3,993.14	Rockwood	\$1,196.56
Celebration Community	\$0.00	In God's Hands Ministry	\$0.00	Russian, Holmeswood	\$0.00
Central	\$936.89	Independence First	\$583.31	Second Missionary	\$0.00
Church of Faith	\$55.00	Kansas City Korean	\$0.00	Six Mile	\$542.00
Cleveland First	\$20.00	Koinonio Bible Church	\$0.00	South Haven	\$16,113.90
Coleman	\$300.00	Lee's Summit First	\$18,600.14	Southview	\$3,546.94
Corinthian Missionary	\$250.00	LifeConnection	\$5,376.72	Sovereign Grace	\$50.00
Country Meadows	\$1,699.46	LifeQuest	\$0.00	Spring Valley	\$4,681.53
Covenant Memorial	\$0.00	Little Blue	\$173.00	Spruce St. Matthew	\$300.00
Coventry Estates	\$170.00	Living Stones	\$0.00	Sterling Acres	\$3,267.75
Creighton First	\$2,369.25	Logos	\$0.00	Strasburg	\$897.00
Cross Creek	\$1,058.43	Loma Vista	\$1,495.85	Susquehanna	\$100.00
Crossroads, Grain Valley	\$275.00	Lone Jack	\$600.00	Sycamore Hills	\$3,747.17
Crossroads Bible	\$75.00	Longview	\$250.00	The U Church	\$100.00
Discovery	\$0.00	Martin City	\$743.37	Tree of Life	\$25.00
East Lynne First	\$561.00	Maywood	\$1,050.00	True Light of Jesus Christ	\$0.00
Ebenezer Missionary	\$250.00	Mosaic Bible Fellowship	\$250.00	True Vine	\$100.00
Faith	\$3,371.75	Mt. Nebo	\$0.00	United Believers	\$375.00
Fellowship Greenwood (Lenexa)	\$2,500.00	Mt. Washington	\$0.00	Vietnamese	\$0.00
First Haitian	\$0.00	New Birth Christian Ministries	\$0.00	Word of Life	\$0.00
First Westside	\$50.00	New Life Cambodian	\$0.00	Wornall Road	\$1,300.00
Fleming	\$277.29	New Salem	\$752.41	Individual Contributions	\$750.00
Forest Avenue	\$0.00	New Wave Ministries	\$50.00		
Freeman	\$851.43	New Zion Missionary	\$0.00		
				Total	\$218,294.15

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Restoration House

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 trauma and addiction. There will also be education and life skills classes. The location will be kept secret to protect residents. "The only way to help sex trafficking victims and survivors recover is by addressing the multiple layers of trauma that is shackling them,"

Hammer said. "Restoration House is Christ-centered and holistic in its approach. This kind of help will lead them to a transformed life."

To learn more about Restoration House and its specific needs, to request a speaker or to make a donation, visit www.restorationhousekc.com.



2015 Annual Meeting
Sunday, October 4th
Noland Road Baptist, Independence
5 p.m. Missions Fair
6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Annual Celebration

From your Executive Director

Dear Partners in Mission,

There are dates to save, decisions to make, and God's work to highlight! Please save the date of September 8 for workshop on how to disciple and train men to be spiritual leaders at home and church. Also, save the date of Sunday evening October 4, 5-830pm, for BR-KC Annual Meeting at **Noland Road Baptist Church**.

Decisions to be made are whether or not to pursue a Christian school for immigrant children, and how to pursue opening a restoration home for minor victims of sex trafficking. Please pray with us! If you have interest in helping with any of the above potential initiatives, please contact me at (816)795-1822.

Some of God's work to be highlighted include the completion, set up, and dedication of the library for Eritrean refugee children in northern Ethiopia; adding the second floor to the Bible school in Shire, Ethiopia; and **Palabra Viva**, People Teams and the Multiethnic Church Planting Center collaborating to begin the International Welcome Center in northeast Kansas City!

Praise the Lord with me for the mission work and ministry of our churches, cooperative mission efforts, and ask Him to guide us into all that He would have us to do.



Our team with Pastor Temesgen (center) and Elder Fitsum (left) in front of the Shire church where a second floor is being added for the Bible School

Mark and Candy Roberts and Jim Brown make final inside preparations



Completed library in the Shimelba Refugee Camp



Legacy Cohort Spotlight -Grace Heartland Comm David Loveland, Pastor

1. Tell us about your ministry context.

After serving as a missionary-pastor in Taiwan for ten years, I was invited to pastor Grace Heartland Community Church last April. I've been surprised to learn the truth of a simple formula: family support + congregational acceptance + God's grace = minimal culture shock and transition.

I've just completed my first year as pastor in a church of approx. 70-80 "members" once known as Waldo Avenue Baptist Church. Several moves, name changes and twenty-six years later, there remain a handful that have been with us since the Waldo days. We're mostly white and middle-aged to retired, now situated in south Independence, and are working to develop our youth and children's ministries.

2. What ministry initiatives is Grace Heartland Community Church involved in?

Some of the "newer" ministry initiatives we've undertaken are: Wednesday Walks where a number of elderly or retired members meet for an hour to walk, connect and fellowship; Wednesday Evening Word & Prayer where a group of 5-10 meet to interact with a psalm, share and pray; and community groups which meet every other weekend to discuss our Sunday sermons and encourage one another.

3. How have the Association's Legacy Cohort Church Revitalization meetings helped you?

Supporting these initiatives are prayer, the Gospel of Mark and our association's Legacy Cohort meetings where pastors like me can meet monthly to learn, share and support renewal initiatives in our respective churches. It's been encouraging to meet with other men who understand the challenges we face as we ask God to bring about revitalization.



Grace Heartland holds a Bible Study for the deaf

Church Planting Spotlight

by Nathan Begnaud



Pastor Nathan, Emily, Levi and Ruby

Much of the dreaming of **Redemption Church** was starting in 2012, as my family and another began praying about planting the gospel somewhere in the KC metro. So I did what any reasonable guy does: I left my job in Olathe, found a job in Lee's Summit, and then moved to Lee's Summit in April, 2013. From there we began cultivating relationships in the community and praying further about where and how God might use us.

Far and away the greatest victories in all of this has been being used by God to make five new followers of Christ whom

we are now discipling and calling to become disciple-makers. Closely related though has been watching members of our body come to terms with the command to begin and continue in the work of being intentional with the gospel, as they all endeavor to make disciples. Our collective body is serving and sharing the gospel with non-believers, and as we all pray and encourage one another, we expect still more souls to be won.

Pray for more inroads in the community. While two years of living here produced a great number of contacts, still I recognize what "parachuters" my wife and I really are here as we don't go deep with many people. We ache for more quality relationships through which the gospel can run, where both non-believers might be saved, and also some key families with serious contacts in the community may partner with us even laboring together for a harvest of souls.

News from the churches

First Baptist of Grain Valley welcomed their new pastor, Wayne Geiger, and his wife Kimberly to their church on May 20th. Pastor Wayne is also on the morning radio show on LIFE 88.5.

Roanoke Baptist Church in Kansas City has five boxes of hymnals plus some sheet music to give away. If interested, call Clara Dawley at 816-753-3603.

Sycamore Hills Baptist Church in Independence has Journey off the Map VBS materials they would like to donate to any church that could use them. Please contact Craig Johnson at 373-1646.

Paseo Baptist Church in KC is hosting a training event on the "Adopt-A-School" initiative. The training will be presented by the Tony Evans group on August 14th from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$75 per person. Contact Charles Briscoe at 550-7600 for more information.

Blue Ridge Baptist Church in Independence is looking for a part-time administrative assistant. Email resumes to pastorchane@blueridgebaptist.com.

The **Annual BR-KC B.J. Ferguson Pastor/Laity Golf Tournament** is Friday, September 11th at Shamrock Hills Golf Course. The \$50 per person fee includes green fees, cart, snacks, prizes and lunch. Call Dr. Curtis Porter at 525-5277 or 678-5408 by September 7th to register.

3rd Quarter Grant Schedule

August 7th
Application Deadline
August 19th
Application Review
August 26th
Grant Checks Written

4th Quarter Grant Deadline is October 2nd



VANCOUVER VISION TRIP

September 14 - 17, 2015

Approximate cost \$650

Sign up by 8/14/15

Contact Chane Hutton for more information

816-550-0513

Get to know the church planters and the city they are trying to reach!



Awareness and Volunteer Training Event
August 20th - 6 to 8 p.m.
Heart of Life Church
800 SW 150 Hwy, LSMO

Current Donation needs:

Quik Trip Gas Cards

Grocery Gift Cards

For more information on RHGKC, visit www.restorationhousekc.com or call 816-795-1822

To set up a volunteer profile and start the registration process, visit

<https://rhogk.z2systems.com/np/clients/rhogk/account.jsp>

June Financial Report

	Current Month	Year-to-Date
Receipts from churches	\$40,812.30	\$218,294.15
Other Income	22.85	274.67
Total	\$40,835.15	\$218,568.82
Less Expenses	(43,693.69)	(226,277.44)
Balance as of May 31, 2015	(\$2,858.54)	(\$7,708.62)
Budget \$467,750.00 Annual	\$38,979.17 Monthly	\$233,875.02
Budget Receipts + other income		<u>218,568.82</u>
Receipts compared to budget	93%	(\$ 15,306.20)

Calendar

August		September	
7	Grant Requests Due	7	Office Closed for Holiday
11	Legacy Cohort, Wornall Rd	8	Discipling Men, Wornall Road
13	Ministry Team Meeting	11	Fall Golf Tournament
19	Admin & Finance Committee	17	E3, 2nd Missionary , Grandview
26	Grant Checks Written	24	E3, Oak Tree , Lee's Summit