

MISSIONS & MINISTRY

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BR-KC Baptists



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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."



2016 Annual Meeting
Sunday, October 2nd
FBC Blue Springs, I-70 & Little Blue Parkway
4 p.m. Business Meeting Q&A
Motions can be viewed online in advance at www.blueriver-kansascity.org/events/motions
5 p.m. Missions Fair
6:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Annual Celebration
Come and celebrate with sister congregations what God is doing for and through BR-KC churches!

Refugee Simulation Experience

At this point in time, one in 122 people in the world is a refugee. How are you supposed to feel about that? As a follower of Jesus, what does God want you to do? There are no simple solutions to the brokenness in our world caused by sin, but you know that God's plan for His people involves more than looking the other way. But the answer is neither: "Let all 60 million move to America" nor "It's too dangerous to tell lost foreigners about Jesus." It's neither: "Islam isn't dangerous" nor "Jesus

only wants me to do what's comfortable." Jesus calls us to love our [ethnically different] neighbor and to make disciples of all nations. So it doesn't hurt to get some interactive training and education about the issues.

Join us **November 19** for a four hour refugee simulation where you will experience a refugee's journey as an interactive role player. Your journey might involve escaping a war-torn country, survival and evasion, border crossings, refugee camps, and

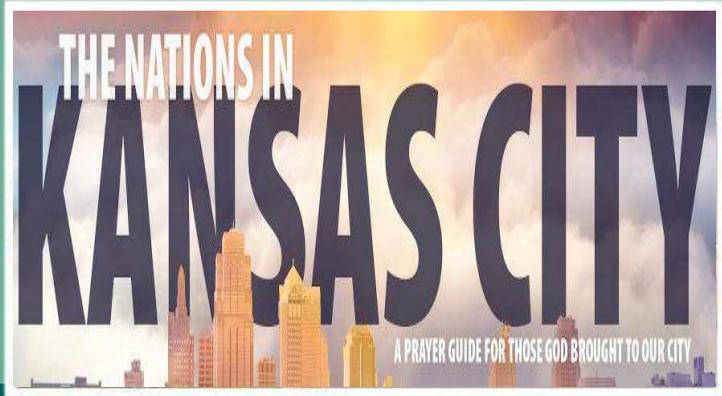
more in an effort to have an experience that gives you empathy and education needed to serve refugees who have resettled in America. The LORD will certainly use this experience to inform and change your perspective and lead you to action. This event is good for families, Bible studies or youth groups. Space is limited so sign up at www.blueriver-kansascity.org and select your 4 hour time slot. Tickets are \$6 per person. Children are welcome, but make sure to select the "kid friendly" journey. Call the BR-KC office with questions.





KURDS
IN KANSAS CITY

Kurds	Data	Rank
% Non-Christian Overseas	99.9%	10
Believers in KC	Few	7
Evangelical Witness	Some	4
Population in KC	400	7
Access Overseas	Fair	7
Total (Average)		7.0



**BETWEEN
350 & 500 KURDS**

live in Kansas City. Although traditionally Muslim, they have been persecuted all over the world. Their home, Kurdistan inhabits parts of Iraq, and also crosses into Turkey, Syria, and

Iran. Political tensions make life difficult for Kurds to find jobs and survive outside of their designated region. A small handful of Kurds are looking to Christ in Kansas City after knowing believers in the workplace. Pray that the new believers in KC will evangelize and disciple their own people along with Americans.

+ Pray for the Kurds during this time of conflict in Iraq. Pray for the men in Kansas City who

are learning to follow Jesus and for those ministering to them.

+ Pray for the persecuted church in Iraq and for those who are fleeing to Kurdistan for refuge from ISIS militants.

+ Pray that men will act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly (Micah 6:8)

BR-KC Churches Focus on Central America

Guatemala by Sam Anderson

Our mission was to establish Bible study groups and cowboy churches. We met with several Cattlemen's Associations and found a great reception. So much so, that I'll be going back this coming January to preach from horse back at a rodeo. There will be approximately 4,000 people packed into the stadium. The Association wants an activity before the rodeo starts to bring some order out of the chaos of that many people waiting.

While in Guatemala last January, I had the opportunity to preach on horse back to a group of 35-40 people. Fourteen



14 professions of faith while Sam Anderson preached on horseback

prayed to receive Christ as their personal Savior. The man who owned the rancho committed to holding Bible studies for the Guatemalan cowboys (vaqueros). That was just one of the numerous opportunities we had to share the Gospel.

We also had the honor of hosting a group from Guatemala at our home in August. With Steve Reed and Cesar Gonzales interpreting and coordinating the events, we were able to share the Gospel using our horses as illustrations, visit a grain operation, and a cattle operation. We also



Guatemalans visit the home of Sam and Judy Anderson

took them to the State Fair. While here, some made professions of faith.

Pray for us as we prepare to go back. We are currently putting together a team to go. If you would like to help financially, contact Steve Reed, Sam Anderson or the Association office. But most of all pray, pray, pray that souls might be saved.

Guatemala by JoAnne Ruble

This summer I had the privilege of traveling to Guatemala with eight other members of **Manna Fellowship Church** in support of MANNA Worldwide, which is a Christian non-profit organization that focuses on rescuing children from the grip of poverty in 41 countries around the world.



Visiting with children as they eat at the Nutrition Center

There are over 350,000 orphans in Guatemala and many more impoverished children who don't have enough to eat. Some come alone, while others come with siblings. Younger children are brought to

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Executive Director's Report

Dear Partners in Mission,

We have critical decisions to make and much celebrating to do at our Annual Meeting coming up Sunday, October 2, at First Baptist Blue Springs new campus, 1-70 and Little Blue Parkway! We not only need to vote on our 2017 budget, slate of committee nominees, and new churches...but also amendments to our bylaws and Vision 2020 Grants.

We will have Business Q & A sessions in the week before our Annual Meeting as well as at 4pm the afternoon of the Annual Meeting. Please choose one or more to inform yourself about these important issues and proposals for moving forward together in BR-KC! The bylaw amendments have already been considered and discussed for two consecutive Executive Board Meetings and the proposed



amendments to our Vision 2020 Grant process will be explained at the Q & A sessions as well as available for your perusal online at our website. The formal vote without further discussion will be taken during the celebration and worship time, 6:15-8:30 pm on October 2.

Regarding celebration, we will have great international foods and fellowship, missions and ministry displays at the Missions Fair



from 5-6 pm. Then, from 6:15 to 8:30 pm we will have dynamic praise and worship, celebration ethnic church choirs, video highlights, ministry interviews and testimonies! You won't want to miss out on celebrating God's work in and through BR-KC churches and our ministry partners at First Baptist Blue Springs exciting new campus.

I hope to see you there!

Rodney

4th Quarter Grant Schedule

October 7 - Grant Requests Due
Oct. 26 - Grant Checks Written

info and applications available at
<http://blueriver-kansascity.org/grant/>

Central America *continued*

the center by their mothers, some from long distances away, who wait patiently for them outside while they go in to eat.

A few of the highlights of our time there include visiting a service of a church plant and witnessing the baptism of five Mayan youth. We fed and played with children at two different nutrition centers. The



A happy recipient of a doll at MANNA Children's Home

Lord made a way for us to hold a three-day VBS at a Baptist church where the local schools brought their first through sixth grade students daily to hear the gospel. We made home visits and at one home a girl and her older sister made decisions to follow Christ. Fortunately, they live directly across from the nutrition center and the younger sibling was invited to receive meals and both will be encouraged spiritually. We also had the opportunity to visit and play with children at MANNA Children's Home and poured a concrete play area. We distributed 114 Dolls on Mission made by the women of Manna Fellowship Church in Belton.

If you'd like to learn more about MANNA Worldwide, go to <https://mannaworldwide.com/>.

Campus Ministry Update

Carson Conover, Longview/Blue River

We're 5 weeks into the new semester at Blue River and Longview Community Colleges and we're off to a great start! Christian Challenge (our ministry at Blue River) spent the first two weeks meeting



new students and getting the word out about the ministry by raffling off an iPad. We invited students to fill out a 30

second survey to enter the raffle. As of now, we've been able to make contact with 290 students. Of those students, 170+ indicated some degree of interest in learning more about Challenge. We have been setting up gospel appointments. During these meetings we initiate spiritual conversations, share how they can connect, and in many cases share the gospel. In one case, we shared the gospel with a student named Makyla who prayed to receive Christ in the Campus cafe!

We just finished our first week of Challenge Bible studies at Blue River. We launched 6 Bible studies this week. We had 20+ students show up our first week. We'll be studying and discussing the Gospel of Luke. Please pray that the Lord will grow our number while also growing us in character and faith as we consider Christ together. I'm also co-leading a Bible study at Longview on Thursdays through InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. We currently have 11 students who are a part of that Bible study, most of whom are brand new to the Bible.

We recently hosted an open forum on campus at Longview to give students an opportunity to voice their honest doubts, questions, and objections concerning God and faith. We spent several days promoting it by giving away donuts and inviting students to write out their questions on sandwich board signs that we posted in various places on campus. During the open forum, I joined two other students and another college pastor on a panel to respond to students' questions on the spot. We had 31 students fill

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News from the churches

Lee's Summit FBC is looking for a part-time Children's Ministry Associate who will provide administrative support for the Minister of Children and oversee the children's worship arts ministry. To apply or for more information, contact David Maddron at david.maddron@fbcls.com or 816-525-0700.

Christina Deardorff, Rachel Gray, Chris Houghtaling, Jamey Houghtaling, Tomi Carpenter, Ken Graham, Julia White, and Derek White recently completed the English as a Second Language Basic Workshop and received their NAMB certificates. They represent **Abundant Life** and **FBC Blue Springs**. If you wish to know more about learning to teach English as a Second Language, please contact Lorraine Powers at powerscl@yahoo.com.



Eleos/Refuge KC would like to bless needy neighborhood families with Thanksgiving Gift Baskets. The baskets would contain meat and all the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal. If you, your church or group would like to help with this outreach project, or you would like more information, please contact Rich Casebolt at 918-691-8356 or richcasebolt@gmail.com.

Faith Baptist Church in Harrisonville is seeking a part-time Youth Minister. If interested, send a resume to Dr. Wade Paris at paris@embarqmail.com.

Campus Ministry

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out communication cards who wish to continue the conversation. This week, we set up several boards to help us initiate conversations about the gospel. I was able to share the gospel twice and invite three new students to our Thursday Bible study.

If you'd like to join my text message prayer team, simply text "PrayUp" (without the quotes) to 781-728-9542.



the details

WHO: Restoration House of Greater KC **WHEN:** Saturday, January 14, 2017 - 5 p.m.
WHAT: 3rd Annual Gala Event with Silent Auction and VIP Social **HONOREE:** Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler
WHERE: InterContinental Hotel on the Plaza *For more info, contact Steven Robinson at (816) 623-5260 or stevenr@kcbaptist.org*

August Financial Report

	Current Month	Year-to-Date
Receipts from churches	\$44,686.06	\$299,996.63
Other Income	15.17	92.15
Total	\$44,701.23	\$300,088.78
Less Expenses	(38,594.46)	(298,800.32)
Balance as of August 31, 2016	\$6,106.77	\$1,288.46
Budget \$467,420.19 Annual	\$38,951.68 Monthly	\$311,613.44
Budget Receipts + other income		300,088.78
Receipts compared to budget 96%		(\$ 11,524.66)

Calendar

October		November	
2	Annual Meeting, FBC Blue Spgs	1	E3, Faith , Harrisonville
7	Grant Requests Due	8	Legacy Cohort, BR-KC office
11	Legacy Cohort, BR-KC office	10	Ministry Teams
13	Ministry Team Meeting	17	E3, South Haven , Belton
26	Grant Checks Written	23-25	Office Closed for Holiday