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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."



Rehope Market: Hope Renews, Hope Revives, Hope Redeems, and Hope Restores

Since Restoration House of Greater Kansas City was established, it has been a goal to develop a sustainable source of income for the work of Restoration House. We are excited to now announce the upcoming launch of Rehope Market! The mission is to sell donated goods to fund the ongoing work of Restoration House, to provide a public platform to increase awareness of the work of Restoration House and of the dangers of human trafficking, and to demonstrate God's love in our community. Rehope Market will primarily be an online store featuring high end resale clothing and a pop up boutique for short term sale events across the city. We plan to launch online in the late spring of 2017 and launch the pop up boutique by late summer.

The offices for Rehope Market will be at **Wornall Road Baptist Church**, 400 West Meyer Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64113. It is centrally located in the city, providing donors and volunteers with

easy access from both sides of the stateline. We are excited to see God work in our city through Rehope Market and have several ways for you to join us in the development stage this winter and early spring.



Future Rehope Processing Room at Wornall Road

Start up funding is needed to outfit the rental space, purchase processing supplies, establish the technology platform, and order the branding/shipping materials. Financial gifts can be made to "Restoration House" with "Rehope Market" noted in the subject line.

To establish a resale business, we need inventory to sell. We are currently soliciting donations of women's clothing

in new or nearly new condition on behalf of our new project. Due to the specific nature of the store, we are currently only able to accept clothing that is less than two years old and is free of flaws, obvious wear, or odors. If possible, we request that donations be cleaned prior to drop off. Clothing donations can be brought to the monthly volunteer meetings at **Heart of Life Church** in Lee's Summit (every third Thursday) from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Donations can also be dropped off during business hours at the Restoration House office in Greenwood, or Wornall Road Baptist Church.

Rehope Market will be run primarily with volunteer staff so we have many



Future Rehope Work Room

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Cass County Churches Form Unique Partnership by Roy Harryman

CrossPointe Baptist Church and Manna Fellowship seek to be a combined force for good.



Two local churches are joining forces and merging memberships to make a

greater impact in Cass County and beyond.

Manna Fellowship Church, of Belton, and **CrossPointe Baptist Church**, located at M-291 and 58 Highway, just east of Raymore, have formed a partnership that officially began Sunday, February 5th.

CrossPointe, in Cass County since 2008, has a 60-year heritage in the Kansas City area and was originally founded by Pastor Parker Dailey as Blue Ridge Baptist Temple in South Kansas City.

Manna Fellowship is a church plant launched in 2015.

The churches' lead pastors have a decades-long friendship and had already been working together since Manna Fellowship recently opened its doors in Belton. Rick Friesen is the lead pastor of Manna Fellowship. Bill Boren is the lead pastor of CrossPointe.

"Bill and I had a longtime friendship and we had a growing sense that we could do more together than apart,"

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opportunities for you to share your time and expertise. We are specifically looking for volunteers able to help with sorting, laundering and preparing donations, to assist with processing and shipping orders, and to support the online platform through photography, editing, and design work.



Future Rehope office

Below are items that are needed to start:

- Clothing donations
- Stacked washer and dryer
- Irons/Boards
- Folding boards
- Office supplies
- Office printer
- Clothing mannequins
- Hanging clothes racks
- Photography studio supplies
- Rolling carts for laundry
- Eight foot folding tables
- Trailer

If you have any questions about Rehope Market, giving donations or serving as a volunteer, please contact Kristin Spilker at Kristin@restorationhousekc.com or at 816-807-8172.

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Horn of Africa Team Returns

*by Nicole Brown
 Noland Road Baptist*

After returning from another trip to Ethiopia, my heart and mind are not at rest. I am so unsettled once again at what I have witnessed looking into eyes that seem so empty and untrusting. Torn and dirty clothes, feet with no shoes and children that are without parents. Jesus never said that following him would be easy or that everyone would choose to follow him once they heard the scripture. The truth is that even though sometimes we might see a huge difference immediately in things he has called us to do, other times we have to be patient when we see mountains blocking the way.



Nicole Brown and David Keith at the Mai Aini Refugee Camp

Urgency is of the utmost importance in one of the refugee camps. The children are in desperate need of a soccer field so they may be engaged in games and activities to keep their minds and bodies busy. The human traffickers are nearby and are actively seeking these 800 unaccompanied



Randy Messer & Ed Newsome with Bible School students

minors. A major government sponsor has pulled out of the camp which has affected the finances for sports equipment, fields to play on as well as education on protection against HIV, human trafficking and more. Right now the children are easily tempted with any reason to leave the camp since they have nothing keeping them there.

On a lighter note, encouraging things are happening. The church in Shire baptized another 9 members, some of whom traveled in from the surrounding church plants. Continuing Bible college classes in Shire were taught in January by Pastor Randy Messer from

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said Friesen. "It came down to, 'Why not?' We believe God is in this and we will be able to serve the community in a greater way."

Boren expressed optimism about the impact of the churches uniting.

"I'm excited about our future," he said. "By partnering we are able to do more together than apart. I believe the best is yet to come."

The combined churches will meet at the current CrossPointe location, 17324 S MO-291, Pleasant Hill, MO 64080, and will be known as **Manna Fellowship Church: A Crosspointe Ministry**. Friesen will serve as lead pastor and Boren as care pastor. Other church staff members will continue in their current roles.



"Together, we want to elevate God in our community through encouraging families, providing a safe learning environment for kids, serving the needs of Cass County and sharing God's message of hope with everyone," Friesen said. "It starts in Cass County, but we want to continue works of mercy that have already begun around the world. As the book of Ecclesiastes says in the Bible, 'Two are better than one.'"

Appreciation Banquet

February 3rd was a night full of delicious food, wonderful fellowship and hilarious laughter. For the 8th year in a row, BR-KC has hosted the annual Pastor/Staff/Spouse Appreciation Banquet at **FBC Raytown**. This year saw our biggest attendance so far.

Paul Miller entertained the crowd with impressive juggling, great comedy and, of course, audience participation.



Thank you to our two sponsors this year – **Church Funeral Associates** and **Moyer & Moyer Insurance Agency**. Also, thank you to Pastor Brandon Park and **First Baptist Church of Raytown** for hosting our event and providing the childcare.



One of the attendees stated: *It was a lovely evening and we haven't laughed that hard for a long time! Thanks to everyone who made it such an awesome evening! - Debbie Barnes*

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FBC Oak Grove, and Experiencing God was taught by Ed Newsome from **United Believers Community**. Students are attending these classes from nearby towns as well as coming in from the refugee camps. Soon the first class will graduate and be pastors, how exciting!

Much needed clothing and shoes were given to numerous people in the camps. Time was also spent building relationships with refugees by playing, talking, laughing, encouraging and simply listening to the hurts and needs of the broken hearts. It is my prayer that funds will be raised quickly so that we may return immediately to oversee the projects that will keep the unaccompanied minor children engaged and safe.



Nicole with kids at Mai Aini before a volleyball game

Thank you Lord for the prayer warriors, the supporters, and for all who go in your name that make these things possible, may we remember that you are always in control.

Campus Ministry Update

Travis Hamm, UMKC/Rockhurst

Jessica has been heavily involved with our ministry for the past two years since her first semester as a freshman at UMKC. Prior to December, she would have described herself as a Christian and intellectually affirmed the truth of Jesus's work on the cross.



One Sunday in December as she and I (Britney) baked a cake, she asked me a question about a fear of dying. As I probed and talked with her, we unearthed that she feared the unknown of life after death, and she didn't believe she would spend eternity with the Father.

Her simple question was the Spirit's gateway to reveal that she actually wasn't saved. She may have known the truth of Jesus but didn't personally put her trust in Him to save her. She was still shackled by the shame of past sins and trying to be good enough on her own. We talked about what it truly means to put your trust in Jesus and have a personal relationship with Him. I shared with her the freedom and grace found at the foot of the cross – truths that she has heard before but now struck her in a new way.

That week she put her trust in Jesus. I could visibly see a difference in her, a freedom and joy she didn't previously possess. How wonderful is the abundant love of Jesus that sets us free from shame and guilt!

Pray for Jessica as she walks in newness of life, and pray that more students come to a saving knowledge of who He is and what He has done!



New shoes for refugees at Endabaguna Transit Center

News from the churches

Calvary Baptist in Blue Springs is hosting a One Day Revival with Evangelist, Ron Mills on Sunday, April 9th at 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Take a life transforming journey through a full scale replice of the Tabernacle of the Wilderness at The Tabernacle Experience, April 21st thru April 30th at **Oakwood Baptist Church**, 7600 Lee's Summit Road (corner of Wood's Chapel and Lee's Summit Road). Visit www.obckc.com for more information or to make reservations.

On January 29th the congregation of **Maywood Baptist** in Independence was praising God as they witnessed the revealing of the contents of a time capsule during the worship service. The capsule was placed behind the cornerstone in 1955. A scroll of membership signatures, the bulletin dated July 31, 1955, those who pledged to pay off a loan dated September 21, 1924, and an article from the Word & Way dated September 18, 1924 are some of the items found in the capsule. Maywood was founded in 1905 by a men's Bible Class sponsored by **FBC of Independence**. The congregation is humbled that God has chosen to use them to share the gospel and to minister to the needs of western Independence for one hundred twelve years. Their prayer is that God will honor their commitment to continue for another century. Bob Spradling and Jake Taylor are the current pastors assisted by Wayne Bandy, Associate Pastor.

For current job postings, visit blueriver-kansascity.org/church-network/church-staff-positions/.

Associational WMU Annual Meeting

March 18, 2017 ~ 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Coventry Estates Baptist Church

17133 E. 39th Street, Independence

Church planters **Mike Roy** from *Pathway* and **Peter Assad** from *The Church in Waldo* will speak.

WMU ladies will also share.

An offering will be taken and business will be conducted.

NO STAIRS TO CLIMB!

Save the Date

Spring Semi-Annual Meeting

Sunday, April, 23, 2017
5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Country Meadows Baptist Church
4901 Lee's Summit Road
Kansas City, MO

Food, Fellowship, Praise & Worship
Missions & Ministry Testimonies

January Financial Report

	Current Month	Year-to-Date
Receipts from churches	\$38,370.97	\$38,370.97
Other Income	15.24	15.24
Total	\$38,386.21	\$38,386.21
Less Expenses	(30,814.98)	(30,814.98)
Balance as of January 31, 2017	\$7,571.23	\$7,571.23
Budget \$472,782.29 Annual	\$39,398.52 Monthly	\$39,398.52
Budget Receipts + other income		38,386.21
Receipts compared to budget 97%		(\$ 1,012.31)

Calendar

March		April	
2	E3, Sterling Acres , Indep.	11	Legacy Cohort, BRKC
9	Ministry Teams	13	Ministry Team Meeting
14	Legacy Cohort, Country Meadows	14	Good Friday, Office Closed
30	VBS Clinic, Grain Valley FBC	19	Finance & Admin, BRKC
		23	Semi-Annual Meeting, Country Meadows