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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."



Dream Fulfilled: Burundi Family Accepts Christ

by Brian Koonce - Reprinted with permission from The Pathway - January 16, 2017

KANSAS CITY – Omar Segovia had a \$50 bill burning a hole in his pocket but no one to give it to.

As the Missouri Baptist Convention church planting missionary prayer-walked through a low-income neighborhood in Kansas City, he was seeking out a man he'd met earlier who might be able to use the cash. The problem was, Omar couldn't remember exactly where the man lived.

"As I prayer walked, I was intentionally praying for someone that I or some local church could disciple," Segovia said.

Not being the shy sort, he finally picked out a door that looked semi-familiar and knocked. The face that opened the door was not familiar.

"I could tell from his accent that this young man was an immigrant," Segovia said. "I introduced myself to him and his mom, and told them I was a Christian and that was I praying for people."

Through the son's broken

English, he learned the family was from Burundi, a tiny nation in central Africa sandwiched between Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. As luck would have it – or more accurately, in God's providence – Segovia had previously pastored a nearby African congregation in Kansas City, and knew its current pastor Dany Byamungu, is from the Congo but is culturally Burundian.

Omar gave the single mother and her four children the \$50, a discrete Christmas gift, prayed with them, and promised to put her in touch with Pastor Dany.

The next Sunday, Segovia returned with Dany from the **African Baptist Church**. With the expert translator on hand, he learned her family's story.

After fleeing to Tanzania as refugees, her husband had left her and their four kids, and she eventually made her way to Kansas City where

she works cleaning a local restaurant.

She told Byamungu and Segovia that the night before Segovia showed up at her door, she had a dream. In it, she said, God told her that a man of God was going to knock on her door and she was to answer it.

"I've only read about that kind of experience," Segovia said. "It was very humbling."

Pastor Dany shared the gospel with the family, and sang with them songs in their own language. Later, with tears in her eyes, the mother and the rest of the family got on their knees and accepted Christ.



Pastor Dany of African Baptist Church with Burundi family

Spring Semi-Annual Meeting

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

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

5-6 p.m. Dinner ~grilled burgers and dogs provided ~ please bring:

Side dish to share if your church name begins with A-H

Dessert to share if your church name begins with I-W

6:15 - 8:00 p.m. Worship and Business featuring Praise & Worship Band, Summit Road

For more information about messenger requirements, visit bit.ly/BRKCbylaw



Rehope Market

The mission of Rehope Market 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. We have had a busy March as we moved into our new offices and are on target for a late spring launch of the online store. If you visit our website at www.rehopemarket.com, you can sign up to receive more information prior to launch.

We are looking for people willing to join us in this exciting process. We are now sourcing donations of new and gently used women's clothing. We will be freshening and cleaning every article prior to selling, so whenever possible, we appreciate that the clothing be washed or dry cleaned before donating. Donations can be brought to the Rehope Market

office at **Wornall Road Baptist Church**, 400 West Meyer Boulevard, KCMO, 64113, Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



If you would prefer to give financially to our startup expenses, you can donate to Restoration House and designate the funds to Rehope Market or we have a wish list on walmart.com and amazon.com that you can shop from. We are specifically still in need of a stacked washer and dryer, work tables, a mini tablet, and a shipping label printer.

We are also ready for volunteers to begin the work of processing the donations and preparing them for sale online. If this is something you would be interested in on a one time or regular basis, please contact our office. We have opportunities for everyone to help in some way! If you have further questions about volunteering, donating, or in organizing a clothing drive in your church or organization, please contact Kristin Spilker at Kristin@restorationhousekc.com or 816-659-2137. Thank you for joining us in this new project of Rehope Market!



Church Planter Spotlight ~ The Church in Waldo

by Peter Assad, Pastor

The Church in Waldo was launched in January, 2016 with the support of **Heart of Life Church** and others. We've had a lot of help in building what we have, so we are indebted to the Kingdom-mindedness of so many who have gone before us!

God has been so faithful and given us many victories. The level of ownership that even new attendees feel as they visit is thrilling to me. People come identifying ways to meet needs rather than pointing out problems. They're coming with solutions. I love that this culture is already established and being built on. We've

also seen a half dozen come to Christ in the last year, which is beautiful. All of heaven's throwing a party! And most recently, as a church that desires to be a place where racial healing takes place because of the work only the gospel can do, we've also seen some great steps in that direction. All in all, there's so much to be grateful for and we're blessed to be part of what God is doing here in Kansas City.



Peter and Grace Assad

There are a number of changes coming up. We'll likely be receiving a building soon which is an incredible blessing but can also be a burden as it will need quite a bit of work to get ministry-ready. We are offering prayers of praise for the Lord's provision already, but we ask you to pray for continued provision. Also, please pray for us to have discernment as we continue to develop and raise up leaders. The Lord is at work! We want to keep pace with all he's doing!



While we have been meeting in the **Antioch Baptist Church** building, we have yet to really connect with Waldo. We've seen bits and pieces, but as of now, still trying to discern what makes Waldo tick. However, we believe God has given us some insight recently, and have some ideas that we look forward to testing out in the coming months and years to come. We're here for the long haul!



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Associate Director's Report

Every spring, BR-KC hosts the Williams-Farmer Preaching Fellowship. This annual preaching conference is named after two frontier preachers who pastored churches around the Kansas City Metro area and planted multiple churches throughout the early 1800's. A.P. Williams and Jeremiah Farmer were circuit riding preachers who worked tirelessly to plant churches all across Jackson, Clay, and Cass counties. We desire for each year's conference to be an opportunity for pastors to hone their preaching skills and gain new ideas. We desire to make the preacher's task more enjoyable and fulfilling.

This year's conference is led by Hosea Bilyeu, founding pastor of Ridgecrest Baptist in Springfield, Missouri. Hosea started Ridgecrest in a living room in south Springfield in 1984 and saw God grow the mission from 26 people that first Sunday to over 4,000 members. Hosea transitioned from Ridgecrest, retiring 30 years to the day from when he was originally called there. Hosea has remained active in ministry, mentoring other pastors, leading seminars, preaching revivals and singing and playing Christian music with his talented family of musicians. Most recently, Hosea was elected to the office of County Commissioner of Christian County. He is also the Founder and Director of Hosea Bilyeu Family Ministries.

Hosea understands well the weekly challenge of coming to the pulpit fresh and prepared to deliver God's Word. This may be the one greatest challenge pastors face on a regular basis. With that in mind,

Hosea has prepared a workshop designed to introduce you to a time tested approach to sermon development that will allow you to stay fresh in the pulpit.

We truly hope that you'll join us for this year's Williams-Farmer Preaching Fellowship. See insert for full details. Make sure you register in advance. Don't hesitate to call me if you have questions about the event at 816-559-1456. I hope to see you there!

Gregg Boll, Associate Director

Williams-Farmer Preaching Fellowship

Friday, May 5th

Harvest Baptist Church

901 NW 19th, Blue Springs

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Free and includes lunch

Register at

<https://wfpf2017.eventbrite.com>



2016 Preaching Fellowship at MBTS

Heading Back to the Horn

In mid May, a team will return to Ethiopia to continue work in the refugee camps as well as with the local community. It is our hope and prayer to begin construction on a much needed soccer field for the unaccompanied minors. We will also be delivering uniforms that have been donated from local schools right here in the metro area, plus oversee a program to educate hundreds of



The location of the soccer field in the Adi Harush Camp

young children on how to be aware of human trafficking, contracting HIV and preventing pregnancy.

We are in great need of men's gently used sandals and tennis shoes sizes 9-12. If you are able to help in this area, are interested

in going on this trip or would like to donate to this great mission, please contact the BR-KC office at 816-623-5260. Thank you for prayerfully considering any and all donations.

Campus Ministry Update

Carson Conover, Blue River/Longview

SPRING BREAK MISSIONARY IMMERSION - UMSL

March 10-17 is spring break for MCC Community Colleges. We've spent the week in Ferguson, MO reaching out to the campus of the University of Missouri



St. Louis. I took 5 MCC students with me and we joined approximately 20 other students from SEMO and MO West

Universities. Together, we had over 200 conversations with students and saw at least one student trust Christ. Our experience this week has helped us think like missionaries, share the gospel, and identify interested students who might be instrumental in launching a new campus ministry at UMSL.

NEW BELIEVERS

I recently had the opportunity of sharing the gospel with a student named Maddie at Longview. She's in our weekly Bible study and indicated an interest in talking more about what it means to follow Jesus. I followed up with her and she prayed to receive Christ. Since then, I've connected her with two women who are now meeting with her weekly to disciple her and help her grow up in her new faith.

Similarly, a student named Levi also indicated an interest in talking more about following Christ and baptism. I walked him through the Gospel message and invited him to trust Christ. He too professed faith in Christ and we'll be baptizing him at **LifeConnection** on April 2nd.

Finally, one of our student leaders—Daniel—shared Christ with a student named Jessica. She also chose to come with us this week on spring break. As I've gotten to know her better and hear her testimony, I think she may have also come to faith in Christ for the first time through Daniel's influence.

God is doing great things in the lives of students. Thanks so much for your prayers and financial support!

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.

Oakwood Baptist and Country Meadows Baptist are partnering together to bring The Tabernacle Experience to the area. 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.obkcc.com for details or reservations.

Armour Heights Baptist, 79th and Jarboe in Kansas City is holding a Revival for America, May 2 - 12 from 5 to 8 p.m. All are invited to pray for healing in the nation. Contact Pastor Andrew Roshto at 816-832-3976 for more details.

The world's largest 1-day leadership conference will be simulcast in the KC metro area at **LifeQuest Church** in Belton on May 5. Be refreshed as you get equipped to become a better leader, community member, manager or employee. Visit lifequest.church/leadercast-2017/ for more details.

Women on Mission are invited to a potluck lunch Thursday, May 4 in the Fellowship Hall at **FBC Raytown**. 9:30 a.m. with lunch to follow. Dr. Rodney Hammer will be the speaker. RSVP to Brenda McBride at 816-673-0942.

First Baptist Church in Buckner would like to donate their church library (books and resources). This is a good collection (200+) of various books, studies, commentaries and more. Contact the church office at 816-650-5632 for details and to make arrangements for pick-up.

Marty and Dena McAnnally, missionaries from Thailand are returning to the area and will be available from June 12 to September 1 to speak to churches and groups about their work among the Isaan people. To contact them, email mgmcanally@gmail.com.

RIGHTNOW is a power-packed one-day conference designed for pastors and ministry leaders by "been-there-done-that" pastors. The conference equips pastors to further evangelism efforts in their local communities and reach more people for Jesus Christ. The conference is on July 21 at the MBTS Chapel. The cost is only \$15. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.1millionstories.org/rightnow>.

Grace Point Baptist, 10415 Chestnut Drive in KCMO is holding a community Easter Egg hunt for toddlers through 6th grade on Saturday, April 15th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. including crafts, face painting, and presentation of the Gospel. Free and open to the public.

Grace Point is also hosting South KC Impact on April 23rd at 7 p.m. Through their talents of hip hop, dance and skate boarding, GX International will be partnering with Team Xtreme, who display feats of strength as they present the Gospel. Visit gpchurch.us for information on both events.

Spring Semi-Annual Grant Report

Gospel	The U Church	\$ 1,000.00
Outreach	Cedar Creek	\$ 1,000.00
	Impact Ministries	\$ 2,290.00
Resourcing	Calvary, Blue Springs	\$ 3,208.78
Churches	Paradise Outfitter Ministries	\$ 1,000.00
	Calvary, Independence	\$ 2,000.00
ACT	Restoration House	\$ 3,208.78
Church	The Church in Waldo	\$ 1,000.00
Planting	Redemption Church	\$ 2,099.00
	LifeConnection Grain Valley	\$ 300.00
Equipping	Haitian American Baptist	\$ 1,500.00
Leaders	Mt. Nebo	\$ 785.27
	FBC Grandview	\$ 2,000.00

February Financial Report

	Current Month	Year-to-Date
Receipts from churches	\$33,120.16	\$71,491.13
Other Income	11.81	27.05
Total	\$33,131.97	\$71,518.18
Less Expenses	(39,859.03)	(70,674.01)
Balance as of February 28, 2017	(\$6,727.06)	\$844.17
Budget \$472,782.29 Annual	\$39,398.52 Monthly	\$78,797.04
Budget Receipts + other income		71,518.18
Receipts compared to budget 91%		(\$ 7,278.66)

Calendar

April	May
11 Legacy Cohort, BR-KC	4 E3, Abiding Love , Harrisonville
13 Ministry Team Meeting	5 Williams-Farmer Preaching Fellowship, Harvest , Blue Spgs.
14 Good Friday, Office Closed	9 Legacy Cohort, BR-KC
19 Finance & Admin, BR-KC	11 Ministry Team Meeting
23 Semi-Annual Meeting, Country Meadows	18 E3, Pathway , Raymore
	25 E3, Harvest , Blue Springs