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Church at Three Trails Seeks to Grow Through Missions

by Brian Koonce of The Pathway *reprinted with permission*

ZACATELCO, Mexico – **The Church at Three Trails** didn't seek out a partnership with Iglesia Bautista Maranatha in the city of Zacatelco. God sought them out.



It began last fall when pastor Brian Grout attended the Partnership Missions luncheon during the Missouri Baptist Convention's Annual Meeting in St. Charles. There he heard of partial scholarships available if he and another church member were interested in a vision trip. A recent church "replant" that itself has planted a local

Hispanic congregation, God was lining up the perfect opportunity to take the gospel into southern Mexico. Five months later, they are now partnered with a local church there and are making plans to return in July.

"Since we already have a growing Hispanic church that meets in our building, we felt like it was a perfect partnership for us so that we can use what God already has brought together to share the gospel," Grout said. "It fits in with what we're trying to do: live the gospel in multiple ways locally and globally."

"It's a great introductory mission trip for us," he added. The short travel and relatively

cheap travel costs also helped stir up interest in the church and negated many common excuses.

Previously known as **Beverly Hills Baptist Church**, Grout helped replant the church four years ago "before replanting was a thing," he said. The name change better reflects the blue collar neighborhood they serve, and attendance has grown from 25 each week to 65. Within a few months they'd planted the Hispanic congregation – **Primera**



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Spinning Wheels and Raising Funds for Restoration House

by Britney Hamm

Tuesday, May 2. Another cloudy day. Will it rain or not rain? After days of Noah-like rain, the sun finally broke through the clouds around 4 p.m.

Just in time for the epic, logic-defying, wildly entertaining CEO Tricycle Race fundraiser for **Restoration House of Greater Kansas City**.

The afternoon sun shone brightly, accompanied by a gentle breeze that made for a perfect afternoon for a race. Eight brave teams entered the race, contributing a total of \$4,250 in entry fees and additional raised funds for the

survivors of human trafficking Restoration House serves.



Best Decorated to Rick Stumpff from Crane, Missouri

These teams came with total abandon, ready to do whatever it took to get those tricycles down the sidewalk and back four times before their competition.

The event kicked off in front

of Lee's Summit City Hall with a cookout of hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, cookies, and drinks donated by Price Chopper. The iconic Dick Wilson of 94.9 donated his time to DJ the event, playing tunes from decades past and hosting the tricycle fun with witty flair.

After dinner, race time commenced. The teams came ready to win one (or more) trophies in the three categories: Best Decorated Tricycle, Winner of the Race, and Most Money Raised.

The teams, who each had to pay a \$500 entry fee, were:

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Iglesia Bautista – to better serve their community. Since then, the two have grown side by side, including into this partnership in Zacatelco.

“It’s really the story of two churches here partnering with one down there,” he said.

In a recent vision meeting, 12 people expressed interest in future trips. Grout said the two Missouri churches hope to take two to three mission trips a year to Zacatelco. This meshes well with Iglesia Bautista Marantha’s desire to host smaller teams of 4-6 people to do evangelism training, partnership in door-to-door evangelism, and ministering to those addicted to drugs and alcohol.

“Their goal is to raise up leaders and plant a church out of those addicted to drugs and alcohol,” Grout said. “We have three or four gentlemen in our church who have a history of drug and alcohol issues, so it’s just one more way that we can help minister to them and partnership with the church in Mexico.”

Tricycle Race *cont’d from page 1*

~ The UMKC Muddbloods, college students dressed in Harry Potter-inspired costumes who rode a classic toddler-sized Radio Flyer tricycle and surprised everyone by taking third in Most Money Raised with over \$700.



The Muddbloods take home a prize

~ Team Mario Brothers, who rode an adult-sized tricycle and were completely decked out in Mario wear, and won first place in Most Money Raised with \$1250.

~ Dr. Hammer and the Staff Infections, who rode an adult-sized tricycle and wore scrubs and lab coats.

~ Commerce Bank Money Team, who

pushed a toddler in a child-sized tricycle with dollar signs pasted to their foreheads.

~ The Greg Knapp Experience, the radio host team who blazed ahead pushing off the ground instead of attempting the pedals and won the race.



Greg Knapp Experience won the race

~ The GEHA Corporation Petal Pushers, a group of business women wearing leis who rode a child-sized tricycle.

~ The Renegade Realtors, the team of realtors who rode an adult-sized tricycle.

~ Back to the Past, who rode an actual 1896 tricycle they got from a museum, with their primary rider wearing a 1890’s style vest and cap and accordingly won Best Decorated.

The teams raced in multiple tournament rounds, with each of their 4 riders riding 50 feet down the sidewalk and back before trading riders. The adult-sized tricycles proved difficult to turn around for the journey back up the sidewalk. The poor UMKC students barely made it down the sidewalk as their 20+ year old tricycle fell apart one piece at a time, leaving nuts, bolts, and parts behind.

Teams used all forms of creativity – from pushing the tricycle from behind to pushing the ground with their feet and everything in between – to go back and forth. Rules went out the window in

Fall Grant Schedule

August 1

Grant Requests Due

August 23

Grant Checks Written

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



Pam Knipp, Noland Road, rides for Team Mario exchange for hilarity and laughter.

In the early 2000’s there was a TV show whose byline was “Where everything’s made up and the points don’t matter.” The same could be said of this race. It was the perfect way to spend an hour on a sunny spring Tuesday afternoon: eating and laughing with a bit of competition mixed in, all the while raising money to help transform real lives for those who don’t have the chance to smile or to laugh without hope first breaking in.

Just as the sun broke through the clouds to make way for the race that Tuesday afternoon, may Restoration House continue to be a ray of hope breaking into the darkness in the lives of survivors of human trafficking.

For more information or to donate to Restoration House, visit restorationhousekc.com.



Debbie Hammer with GEHA races Jerry Tharp, Pastor of Lone Jack Baptist

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Associate Director's Report

12 "Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. 13 But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived."

Paul makes this perennially true statement in II Timothy 3 which accurately describes the disintegration of morals and the cultural hostility believers have witnessed in recent years. The huge difference between the first century believer and the 21st century believer in America is that the first century believer expected hostility and persecution for their faith. 21st century believers, on the other hand, having enjoyed hundreds of years of constitutional protection and governmental favor, see the recent systemic and frequent attacks upon our faith and religious liberty as unsettling and unusual. Friends, let me simply remind you of Peter's admonition in I Peter: "Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;" (I Peter 4:12) Harassment and persecution are the common experience of believers among nearly every generation of believers somewhere in the world.

In recent years, believers have seen more higher court cases which have eroded religious liberties than those which have protected them. We have witnessed the tide of public opinion become more antagonistic toward traditional Christian values. All of these factors have pastors and churches wondering what the future holds for us. And, although we have not "resisted to the shedding of blood" yet, (Hebrews 12:4) the main weapon employed by the state against churches, companies and individuals who refuse to bow to government legislation that violates our conscience is punitive fines.

We want to help our churches know their rights and legal recourse. We want you to be prepared to avoid any uninvited litigation against your church or individual members. With this in mind we have scheduled a Religious Liberty and Church Liability Workshop on Thursday, August 24th at **First Baptist Raytown** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with lunch provided.

BR-KC has teamed up with several experts in the field of liability and religious liberty to bring you a practical day of training. B.J. and Becky Moyer of Moyer & Moyer Insurance and GuideOne will cover church liability issues. Local Attorney's Michael and Jonathan Whitehead, and Brad Dacus of the Pacific Justice Institute will address the multitude of issues that believers face regarding the erosion of religious liberty and the legal steps you can take to protect your ministry and your church. Make plans now to be with us for this crucial event.

Also, we recently hosted our annual Williams-Farmer Preaching Fellowship at **Harvest Baptist Church** in Blue Springs. Every year we are blessed to have some of the great preachers and pastors from around the country lead our conference. This year was phenomenal and incredibly fruitful for those who attended as pastor Hosea Bilyeu shared with us a biblical template he had developed over 30 years of preaching which helps preachers consistently prepare biblical, engaging, life transforming sermons on a week in and week out basis. Hosea provided at his own cost a recent preaching workshop book he had authored and extra copies are available for you at the Association office.



Special thanks to Pastor Alan Shelby and his staff at Harvest Baptist for hosting the event and for their wonderful hospitality.

~Gregg Boll, Associate Director

Campus Ministry Update

Carson Conover, Blue River/Longview

Finals are done! Students are breathing a bit easier and excited for summer break. We wrapped up the semester at Blue River by serving students during finals week giving away free scantrons and invites to Challenge (our ministry on campus).



The best way to reach students is through students so I've also been setting up meetings in hopes of recruiting new

student leaders to our core team. We've recently recruited two new leaders to join us for the fall semester! I'll also be following up with local student pastors over the summer in hopes of furthering strategic relationships between their high school ministries and our ministry to college students. How incredible would it be if we could work together preparing high school students to operate like missionaries once they transition to the collegiate environment? We'd have an ever growing pool of students ready to hit the ground running!

It's been said the fall is a time to connect with new students, the spring is a time to grow deeper with those students, and the summer is a time to plan ministry and train students. Starting Monday, the Challenge core team will be meeting weekly for two hours to pray, plan, and train for the fall semester. I'll be providing training on the core doctrines of the Christian faith, how to study the Bible, how to manage time and be productive, how to share their faith, how to disciple others, etc. Starting in June, I'll be meeting weekly with Longview students to provide training in evangelism and apologetics. We'll be talking about the reliability of the Scriptures, how to make sense of suffering and evil, how to reach out to Muslims and Mormons, and how to defend the resurrection of Jesus.

Please pray for a fruitful summer! Would you consider joining my text message prayer team? Text "PrayUp" to 781-728-9542. I'll send you 2 to 4 texts a week inviting you to pray for collegiate ministry in specific ways. Thank you!

News from the churches

Armour Heights Baptist, 79th and Jarboe in Kansas City is holding a Revival for America, June 12 - 16 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.

Missionary Marty McAnally will be speaking at **Calvary Baptist Church**, 900 NW 22nd Street in Blue Springs on June 25th during the morning service at 10:45 a.m.

First Baptist of Independence is looking for a part-time Student Minister. If interested, contact the church at 252-3377.

Belvidere Heights in Belton is looking for a part-time music director. Send resumes to bhbcmo@aol.com.

First Baptist Church of Raymore is looking for a Worship Pastor. Those looking for either a full-time or part-time position are encouraged to apply. Email resumes to jcbeckner@comcast.net.

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>.

Religious Liberty and Church Liability Workshop

Thursday, August 24, 2017
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. lunch included

First Baptist Church of Raytown
10500 E. 350 Highway, Raytown, MO 64138

BR-KC has teamed up with Brad Dacus of Pacific Justice Institute, Attorneys Michael and Jonathan Whitehead, and GuideOne with Moyer & Moyer Insurance to bring you a practical day of training. Topics covered will include religious liberty threats and the legal steps you can take to protect your ministry and your church.

This event is FREE but registration is required at

<https://www.liabilityandliberty.eventbrite.com>

CHECK OUT THE NEW BR-KC WEBSITE FEATURES...

Job Board - You can post a job opening or look for a job here.

Classified Listings - Does your church have something to give away or do you need something?

Event Submission - List your church events like VBS, concerts, seminars and more!

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April Financial Report

	Current Month	Year-to-Date
Receipts from churches	\$30,997.32	\$161,771.75
Other Income	33.88	68.56
Total	\$31,031.20	\$161,840.21
Less Expenses	(32,503.75)	(142,804.44)
Balance as of April 30, 2017	(\$1,472.55)	\$19,035.77
Budget \$472,782.29 Annual	\$39,398.52 Monthly	\$157,594.08
Budget Receipts + other income		161,840.21
Receipts compared to budget	103%	\$4,246.13

Calendar

June	August
1 E3, Sterling Acres , Indep.	1 Grant Applications Due
13-14 SBC Annual Meeting, Phoenix	8 Legacy Cohort, Church @ Three Trails , Indep.
21 Finance & Admin, BR-KC	10 Ministry Team Meeting
	16 Finance & Admin, BR-KC
July	23 Grant Checks Written
4 Office Closed	24 Liberty and Liability Workshop