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SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT THE UPCOMING ELECTION

By Gregg Boll, Director of Missions

We are fast approaching a presidential election. Yet, it is far more than that. We will vote on federal and state representatives and senators. We will decide on important issues through various amendments that have a huge impact on the life of our nation both nationally and locally. Elections are important. They determine the laws of the land and are our opportunity to have some input into the direction we want our nation to go morally, financially, and ideologically. Unless you're a fatalist or a cultural separatist, you have a civic privilege, if not a civic duty to vote for your values and be an active citizen in the life of the nation the Lord has placed you.

Allow me to share some principles that help us to think properly about elections and to have more confidence in how, or even whether, we vote this November.....



KANSAS CITY MINISTRY REACHES TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS, OFFERS GOSPEL HOPE

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Trafficked women need support to survive and to be restored. ReHope, a faith-based ministry formerly called Restoration House and founded out of the Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association (BRKC), provides that support and encouragement.

“We have two facilities,” Jason Alvis, ReHope Chief Executive Officer, said. “We have a 17-acre Farm in Harrisonville, Mo., and a Crisis Stabilization home in Kansas City, Kansas. We also partner with the Missouri Baptist Children’s Home for minors that we need to refer who are coming out of exploitation.

“Almost all those whom we serve fight with addiction,” Lorraine Zechmann, Chief Development Officer, said. “That is why the Crisis Stabilization home is so important. The staff and volunteers help recently exiting women stabilize and plan the next steps on their healing journey, which may include ReHope Farms.”

“I’ve been a Baptist all my life,” Deb Guthrie, a member of Heart of Life church in Harrisonville and a volunteer at ReHope, said. “I’ve always been active in women’s ministry. My heart was drawn to serving and sharing with these women as I got more involved.”

“It is difficult to understand the scope of what is offered,” Guthrie continued, “without seeing the 17 acres that God gifted the ministry. They have a wonderful program at ReHope Farms for the women who have gone through the trauma of trafficking.”

“We have a long-term housing and restoration program,” Alvis said, “we use a Christian based curriculum for the life skills, education and career development. The program has four phases.”



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MEET CHURCH PLANTER KALUBA KAPAPULA

"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me. The task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace." -Acts 20:24. Kaluba says this verse has been the driving force of his life while serving the Lord.

Growing up in Zambia, Kaluba accepted Christ at a young age, but struggled with many questions about his faith. He says it took his mother's passing to bring him back to the Lord. After returning to the Lord, Kaluba was seeking every opportunity to learn more about God. He remembers clearly the moment that God called him to ministry at a youth camp in 1993.

From there, Kaluba began serving as a youth pastor and in many different ministry positions, both in the US and in Zambia. After moving back to the US in 2020 and taking a sabbatical from ministry he and his family joined Fellowship Church. About two years ago Martin City Baptist Church approached Kaluba about serving as their pastor, and by God's grace he was able to serve there for 19 months.

Now, Kaluba is leading a group sent by Fellowship Church to plant a church in the South Kansas City area. We are excited to share that Fellowship Church South Kansas City held their soft launch on September 15th! Please pray with us for Pastor Kaluba and his growing church.



August Financial Update

August Member Giving: \$26,678.71

August Expenses: \$25,893.97



SAVE THE
date

BR-KC's Fall Semi-Annual Meeting
October 6th | 5-8pm
FBC Grandview