Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association

# Annual Report

## 34th Annual Meeting

Noland Road Baptist Church
Independence, MO
Sunday, October 4, 2015

VISION 2020

Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association

# WELCOME

Welcome to our Annual Celebration!  We used to call it a “meeting” but I feel the Lord has led us to focus on celebrating what He has done and what He wants us to do.  So, we’ll call it a celebration!

Since last October we have seen the Lord do amazing things in and through our churches, individually and collectively.  Three of those collective accomplishments are opening Restoration House of Greater Kansas City, building the library for Eritrean refugee children in northern Ethiopia, and starting the first ever Bible School for Eritrean and Ethiopian pastors in Tigray, Ethiopia!

Some other firsts are hiring Steven Robinson as our first Director of Development for BR-KC, and our multiethnic church planting center and People Teams ministries collaborating to establish the International Welcome Center in northeast Kansas City.

There are many baptisms, earnest disciple making and much more to celebrate in the life of our churches, as well as the challenges God has seen His churches through.

We’re also grateful to God for blessing us with the excellent service of Jennifer Hutton.  Tonight we celebrate 5 years of faithful ministry by Jennifer in our office and throughout BR-KC! Be sure to express your appreciation to Jennifer!

Let’s celebrate the greatness and goodness of our God!

Rodney L Hamm

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## Business Motions

Recommendations

| | |
|---|---|
| Nominating Committee | Travis Hamm |
| Credentials Committee | Sean Brooks |
| Finance Committee and 2016 Budget | Ron Finke |

## Report of the Nominating Committee

Moderator.....Rev. Gary Jones, **The U Church**

Moderator-Elect.....Rev. Jerry Tharp, **Lone Jack Baptist**

Clerk.....Jennifer Hutton

Treasurer.....Kim Rice

Administrative Committee

Doug Schildknecht - **First, Buckner**
Brian Grout - **Beverly Hills**
Adam Mitchell - **Wornall Road**
Clayton With - **Abiding Love**
Bill Bowers - **Noland Road**
JoAnne Ruble - **LifeQuest**

Finance Committee

Rick Henks - **First, Lee's Summit**
Johnnie Huff - **First, Blue Springs**
Luis Mendoza - **Palabra Viva**
Tim Redding - **First, Peculiar**
Alisa Henley - **Spruce St. Matthew**
Mike Roy - **The Pathway**

Credentials Committee

Wendel Rosbrugh - **Bethel**
Sean Brooks - **Southview**
Pedro Achucarro - **Iglesia Pan de Vida**
Tony Darnell - **AZ-U-R**
Olan Butler - **New Zion**
Phil Kassel - **Grace Family Fellowship**

Personnel Committee

David Cole - **Oak Tree**
Greg Ealey - **Paseo**
Louis Sanchez - **Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana**
Linda Pinion - **LifeQuest**
Pat Woods - **Country Meadows**
Travis Yeargans - **River's Edge Fellowship**

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is appointed by the Moderator in consultation with an advisory group composed of the Moderator-Elect, the Director of Missions and the Clerk. (Bylaw 9.8.1).

Travis Hamm, **Impact Ministries**
Andrew Huesing, **Bales Avenue Community**
Rob Hutchinson, **Faith Baptist**
Chris Pinion, **LifeQuest**

Gary Jones, Moderator
**The U Church**

Jerry Tharp, Moderator-Elect
**Lone Jack Baptist Church**

## Report of the Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee met in September for the purpose of reviewing membership applications from churches wishing to join the Association. After meeting with the pastors and reviewing their church's doctrine, ecclesiology, constitution, by-laws and budget, we recommend the following churches for full membership in the Association:

1. **Harvest Baptist of Blue Springs,** 1200 South Outer Road, Suite 109, Blue Springs, MO 64015
   Alan Shelby, Pastor
2. **The Pathway Church**, 404 Meadow Lane, Raymore, MO 64083, Mike Roy, Pastor

The Credentials Committee brought recommendations before the Executive Board in April and again in July that the following churches be approved for full membership in the Association:

1. **Redeemed Ministries Bible Church**, 2015 E. 43rd Street, Kansas City, MO 64130, Anthony Fletcher, Pastor
2. **Journey the Way Church**, 602 NE Main, Lee's Summit, MO 64063, Dave Gass, Pastor
3. **Manna Fellowship Church**, 17235 BelRay Place, Belton, MO 64012, Rick Friesen, Pastor

All of these churches were approved.

Respectfully submitted: The Credentials Committee
Sean Brooks, Chairman
Rich Cummings
Chris Williams
Tony Darnell
Wendel Rosbrugh
Malachi O'Brien

Alan Shelby, Pastor
**Harvest Baptist**

Anthony Fletcher, Pastor
**Redeemed Ministries**

Mike Roy, Pastor
**The Pathway**

Rick Friesen, Pastor
**Manna Fellowship**

Dave Gass and family, Pastor
**Journey the Way**

**Blue River Kansas City Baptist Association**
**Balance Sheet**
**September 2015**

**Accounts**

| Assets | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Cash & Cash Equivalents** | | |
| 101000 - Commerce Checking Account | $13,313.27 | |
| 103000 - Missouri Bank Money Market | $45,668.61 | |
| **Total Cash & Cash Equivalents** | | **$58,981.88** |
| **Other Receivables** | | |
| 112000 - Due From Credit Card | $245.33 | |
| **Total Other Receivables** | | **$245.33** |
| **Investments** | | |
| 130000 - National Christian Foundation | $626,798.22 | |
| 130002 - Change in Value of Investments | $10,730.26 | |
| **Total Investments** | | **$637,528.48** |
| **Total Assets** | | **$696,755.69** |

| Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Liabilities** | | |
| **Tax & Liabilities** | | |
| 201000 - Federal Income Tax Withholding | $1,658.06 | |
| 201500 - State Tax Withholding | $1,191.00 | |
| 202500 - FICA Tax Withholding | $1,287.04 | |
| **Total Tax & Liabilities** | | **$4,136.10** |
| **Total Liabilities** | | **$4,136.10** |
| **Fund Principal** | | |
| 270000 - Unrealized Losses & Earnings on Inv | $11,091.61 | |
| 299999 - BRKC Fund Principal | $33,424.89 | |
| Excess Cash Received | ($12,914.95) | |
| **Total Fund Principal and Excess Cash Received** | | **$31,601.55** |
| **Restricted Funds** | | |
| Total Temporarily Restricted | $661,018.04 | |
| Total Permanently Restricted | $0.00 | |
| **Total Restricted Funds** | | **$661,018.04** |
| **Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds** | | **$696,755.69** |

Financial Statement
Wednesday, September 30, 2015

| | Current Month | Year-to-Date |
|---|---|---|
| Receipts from churches | $45,081.11 | $323,626.50 |
| Other Income | $22.88 | $359.30 |
| Total | $45,103.99 | $323,985.80 |
| Less Expenses | $38,203.03 | $333,478.12 |
| Balance as of 9/30/15 | $6,900.96 | -$9,492.32 |
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| Budget | | $350,812.53 |
| Budget receipts | | $323,985.80 |
| Receipts compared to budget | 92% | -$26,826.73 |

**2016 Budget**

**Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association**

| Accounts | 2015 Budget | 2016 Proposed |
|---|---|---|
| **Gospel Outreach** | | |
| 412100 - Discretionary Missions Fund | $5,000.00 | $5,000.00 |
| 412200 - Partnership Missions | $17,400.00 | $15,000.00 |
| 414100 - Refugee & Immigrant Ministries | $4,000.00 | $4,000.00 |
| 417000- Andrew Huesing/People Teams Leader | $6,000.00 | $6,000.00 |
| **College Ministry** | | |
| 405100 - Travis Hamm - Impact Student Min. UMKC | $6,000.00 | $6,000.00 |
| 406000 - Housing/Office | $1,200.00 | $1,200.00 |
| 406700 - Carson Conover - Blue River & Longview | $4,800.00 | $4,800.00 |
| **Total College Ministry** | **$12,000.00** | **$12,000.00** |
| **Total Gospel Outreach** | **$44,400.00** | **$42,000.00** |
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| **Resource Churches** | | |
| 421600 - Media Center | $1,935.50 | $4,000.00 |
| 422200 - Minister - Church Relations | $5,000.00 | $6,000.00 |
| 435000 - Auto - Executive Director | $3,000.00 | $1,000.00 |
| 435200 - Auto - Associational Director | $2,000.00 | $1,000.00 |
| 435900 - Auto - Administrative Assistant | $500.00 | $500.00 |
| **NEW - Auto - Director of Development** | $0.00 | $1,000.00 |
| 436110 - Church Revitalization Ministries | $17,000.00 | $17,000.00 |
| **Woman's Missionary Union** | | |
| 408000 - Age Level Development | $850.00 | $850.00 |
| 408600 - Girls Resident Camp | $500.00 | $0.00 |
| 409400 - Literature/Supplies | $1,000.00 | $1,000.00 |
| 409600 - Postage and Promotion | $800.00 | $800.00 |
| **Total Woman's Missionary Union** | **$3,150.00** | **$2,650.00** |
| **Total Resource Churches** | **$32,585.50** | **$33,150.00** |
| | | |
| **Assist Comm. Transformation** | | |
| 401200 - Forest Avenue Homeless Shelter | $3,600.00 | $6,000.00 |
| 401500 - Human Trafficking | $16,662.20 | $10,000.00 |
| 401700 - Inner City Youth & Education Outreach | $10,581.10 | $4,000.00 |
| **Total Assist Comm. Transformation** | **$30,843.30** | **$20,000.00** |

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| **Church Planting** | | |
| 411100 - Multi-Ethnic CPC | $14,400.00 | $14,400.00 |
| 411500 - Spanish - Beverly Hills | $2,400.00 | $2,400.00 |
| 412900 - Jesse Thomas - New Wave Ministries | $2,400.00 | $0.00 |
| 413000 - Jess Thomas - In God's Hands Ministries | $2,400.00 | $0.00 |
| 413200 - Ray Stewart - Grace & Truth | $4,800.00 | $0.00 |
| 414400 - Peter Assad - Heart of Life Waldo | $2,400.00 | $2,400.00 |
| 414700 - David Cole - Colbern Road | $4,800.00 | $4,800.00 |
| 414800 - Lisandro Gonzales - Palabra Viva | $2,400.00 | $2,400.00 |
| 414810 - Chris Seay - LifeConnection NE | $2,400.00 | $2,400.00 |
| 414820 - Nathan Begnaud - Redemption Church | $2,400.00 | $2,400.00 |
| 414830 - Michael Randle - Mosaic Bible | $2,400.00 | $2,400.00 |
| 414850 - Anthony Baker - Crossroads Bible | $2,400.00 | $2,400.00 |
| 414510 - Joey Candillo - Grace Independence | $2,400.00 | $2,400.00 |
| 414870 - Pedro Achucarro - Spanish Belton | $4,800.00 | $4,800.00 |
| 414880 - Asefaw Indrias - African Church Plant | $2,400.00 | $2,400.00 |
| 414860 - Mike Roy - Pathway | $2,400.00 | $2,400.00 |
| 414890 - Conrad Au - Vancouver Coquitlam | $2,400.00 | $2,400.00 |
| **NEW - Derek Steinmuller - LifeConnection GV** | $0.00 | $2,400.00 |
| **NEW - Rick Friesen - Manna Fellowship** | $0.00 | $2,400.00 |
| **NEW - Anthony Fletcher - Redeemed Ministries** | $0.00 | $2,400.00 |
| **NEW - Dave Gass - Journey the Way** | $0.00 | $2,400.00 |
| **NEW - Victor Thomas - Vancouver & Coquitlam** | $0.00 | $4,800.00 |
| 414900 - CP Resourcing | $6,000.00 | $0.00 |
| **Total Church Planting** | **$66,000.00** | **$64,800.00** |
| | | |
| **Equipping Leaders** | | |
| 421000 - Leadership Training | $4,000.00 | $4,000.00 |
| 422400 - Conferences & Special Events | $4,000.00 | $4,000.00 |
| **Total Equipping Leaders** | **$8,000.00** | **$8,000.00** |
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| **Administration** | | |
| 401400 - Newsletter | $14,000.00 | $14,000.00 |
| 401600 - Postage (2nd class for newsletter) | $1,800.00 | $6,000.00 |
| 401800 - Association Emphasis | $1,000.00 | $1,000.00 |
| 436000 - Conv/Training - Executive Director | $2,000.00 | $1,000.00 |
| 436200 - Conv/Training - Assoc Director | $2,000.00 | $1,000.00 |
| 436600 - Conv/Training - Admin Assistant | $500.00 | $500.00 |
| 451000 - Office Supplies | $1,350.00 | $1,350.00 |
| 451500 - Postage - Administrative | $1,000.00 | $2,000.00 |
| 452500 - Legal Fees | $1,000.00 | $1,000.00 |

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|---|---|---|
| 452600 - ACS Accounting | $3,200.00 | $3,300.00 |
| 452800 - Online Giving Fees | $1,300.00 | $1,300.00 |
| 455000 - Miscellaneous Administrative | $2,000.00 | $3,000.00 |
| **Total Administration** | **$31,150.00** | **$35,450.00** |
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| **Operations** | | |
| 441100 - Rent | $19,275.00 | $10,000.00 |
| 441500 - Janitorial Supplies | $200.00 | $200.00 |
| 442500 - Maintenance & Repair | $300.00 | $300.00 |
| 443500 - Vehicle Maintenance | $550.00 | $550.00 |
| 444000 - Insurance - Property | $4,500.00 | $4,535.00 |
| 444200 - Insurance - Vehicle | $1,350.00 | $1,200.00 |
| 444300 - Insurance - Workman's Comp | $1,400.00 | $1,441.00 |
| 444500 - Equipment | $4,000.00 | $3,000.00 |
| 445000 - Electricity | $1,500.00 | $1,500.00 |
| 445500 - Telephone/Internet | $5,000.00 | $4,200.00 |
| 445600 - Gas | $950.00 | $950.00 |
| **Total Operations** | **$39,025.00** | **$27,876.00** |
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| **Personnel** | | |
| 431000 - Exective Director *salary* | $63,550.15 | $71,050.15 |
| 431100 - Exective Director *housing* | $39,629.68 | $39,629.68 |
| 431200 - Exec Dir Hsing paid from design annuity | -$23,500.00 | -$18,200.00 |
| 431200 - Associate Director | $38,833.60 | $48,383.60 |
| 431300 - Associate Director Housing | $20,000.00 | $20,000.00 |
| 431400 - Director of Development | $0.00 | $15,000.00 |
| 431800 - Administrative Assistant | $30,145.50 | $32,945.50 |
| 432000 - Financial Secretary | $2,800.00 | $3,000.00 |
| 432100 - Communications Assistant | $4,000.00 | $4,000.00 |
| 433000 - Health Insurance | $15,000.00 | $0.00 |
| 433200 - Annuity - Exec Director | $6,355.00 | $7,105.02 |
| 433400 - Annuity - Assoc Director | $3,883.00 | $4,838.36 |
| 433900 - Annuity - Admin Asst | $3,015.00 | $3,294.55 |
| 434200 - Payroll Tax Expense | $2,521.77 | $3,897.33 |
| 434400 - Christmas Bonus | $900.00 | $1,200.00 |
| **Total Personnel** | **$207,133.70** | **$236,144.19** |
| | | |
| **Total Expenses** | **$459,137.50** | **$467,420.19** |

# Vision 2020 Update

Vision Statement:
"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."

Objectives:
**G**ospel Outreach
**R**esourcing Churches
**A**ssisting Community Transformation
**C**hurch Planting
**E**quipping Leaders

## *GOSPEL OUTREACH*

**People Teams**
***by Andrew Huesing, Team Leader (andrewhuesing@gmail.com)***

It is important to report some of the ways that God has answered your prayers for the Nations this year. Here are some of the highlights:

Somalis - The LORD brought a Somali believer to our city. Pray for him as he grows in his faith and begins to reach other Somalis. Praise God for this brother, and pray for those discipling him.

Somali Bantus - The LORD has raised up two churches to focus on ministering to the Bantus. One has been on this journey for six years, and their members are more and more committed to the families they know and love. A new church is strongly committed to reaching this unreached group as well. The commitment of these groups is a great encouragement to others striving among the unreached.

Youth - One of the major prayer requests from almost every ethnic church was for their youth. They are becoming Americans, and they have a difficult time accepting the faith of their parents when their home language and culture is becoming less and less relevant in their lives. They spend worship services sitting in the back on their phones because they don't understand the language. But this doesn't mean that they aren't interested in Jesus. Two youth groups have formed in the South Sudanese and Arabic speaking churches to help these churches disciple their teens and reach other teenagers who are far from God. This seems to be an answer to the prayers from the pastors. Perhaps the model will continue to spread in order to reach 2nd and 3rd generation immigrants.

Iraqis and Kurds - The LORD is using the crisis in Iraq to bring people to us and to create an openness to dialog about Truth. Pray for the deep relationships that believers have been able to form with various Iraqis and Kurds around the city.

Gulf Arab Students - Although it is difficult to reach Gulf Arabs, some have recently begun to understand the message when they have experienced worship and church life in their own language. Pray for those who are close to committing their lives to Christ, and pray for those who are reaching out to them.

Haitians - Every Haitian that I have met has a respect for the LORD and a spirit of hospitality. Pray that God continues to work through their openness in the Haitian churches of Kansas City and that they can bring salt and light to other peoples in Kansas City. Ritchi is a teenager mentioned by name in the prayer guide. Through your prayers, he is gaining a burden to reach his Muslim friends

for Christ.

Burmese Muslims, Karen, and Chin - The LORD has formed a new **Karen Church** this year very close to the Burmese Muslim community. This church is a blessing to the neighborhood through making disciples of over one hundred Karen. Its presence provides a light in the park across the street.

Hispanics.- Only the LORD knows all that is happening among Hispanics in Kansas City, but this year **Palabra Viva** founded the International Welcome Center to reach out to internationals through English classes, legal services, and other services soon to come such as driving lessons, job searches, and support groups in addition to the Bible studies and worship services. Volunteers are needed!

First Tuesdays - The LORD has formed a group of believers with hearts to reach internationals that meets on the first Tuesday of each month at **Eleos Coffee House**. This is a great place for networking and training in the mission of reaching all nations in Kansas City. Each time that a person from an unreached people group hears the Gospel and interacts with a believer is deeply significant. Keep praying!

## Horn of Africa

***by Rodney Hammer, Director of Missions (rodneyh@kcbaptist.org)***

Our BR-KC mission outreach among Eritreans began in 2011 as we sought the Lord's leading in adopting a largely unengaged and unreached people group. After much prayer, research, and onsite visiting, we believed God would have us work long term for the spiritual and physical well being of the Eritrean people. Our initial door of opportunity was to minister to Eritreans in the refugee camps of northern Ethiopia. In this endeavor, we have partnered with Innovative Humanitarian Solutions for humanitarian, education and spiritual outreach in Eritrean refugee camps. We have provided clothing, sports equipment, food and thousands of books.

Library

In 2014, members of BR-KC churches donated over 8,000 children's books, academic textbooks, Bibles and spiritual books in English to stock libraries in two refugee camps. However, as thousands of additional refugees continued to arrive, the need for edification and education grew as well. So, in 2015, our churches and members did it again. We collected close to 20,000 books this time. In July, our mission team was able to get the first library set up and open for business! As you read this, our second shipment of books nears the port in Djibouti where they will continue on to Shire for distribution to additional libraries and schools being built by the UNHCR. A huge thank you to the ladies of **Noland Road Baptist Church** for processing and organizing the books.

Bible School

As a result of two trips per year for four years now, the Lord has developed a partnership with the Evangelical Church of Shire, Ethiopia. From this partnership, the need for a Bible School for both Ethiopian and Eritrean evangelical pastors was discovered.

In January, our team was able to partner with the Evangelical Church to hold the inaugural session of the Bible School. Since Thomas went to Ethiopia, we are not aware that there has been another Bible school in the Tigray region of Ethiopia. During the week, Randy Messer, pastor of **FBC Oak Grove**, Gregg Boll, and Dr. Asefaw Indrias taught a group of Ethiopian and Eritrean pastors. Some had traveled a great distance to learn. In July, we took another group of teachers, this time including MBTS professors. Dr. Asefaw Indrias and Dr. Robin Hadaway taught World Religions and New Testament Survey II. The Bible School had begun construction on a second floor which will provide dormitory space and additional classroom space. Jim Brown and Mark Roberts worked alongside Ethiopian brothers in building the second floor of the Bible School. Meanwhile, Nicole Brown and Candy Roberts led children's ministries of VBS, educational outreach to refugee children, and organized the newly built library. The Browns and Roberts are from **Noland Road Baptist Chuch**, a lead partner in this work!

Fundraising Efforts

A second "Walk for the Horn" took place on a cold Saturday in April. Sixteen individuals set out from the campus of Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa at 5:30 a.m. but only 5 would go the distance. Their goal was to raise funds and awareness for the Horn of Africa

Library being built in a refugee camp in northern Ethiopia. This group, led by Luke Hammer, now a Junior at Drake, made the 34 mile trek from Drake to Iowa State University in Ames in just over 12 1/2 hours, running the last mile and a half. Luke raised over $1000. This is Luke's second Walk. The first was in 2013 when he and a friend from Summit Christian Academy walked 28 miles raising a total of $1,500.

We had some of our churches host BBQ fundraisers last fall. **FBC Grandview, Antioch Southern, Oakwood and Noland Road** provided our team the opportunity to cook and serve fresh burgers and dogs. Free will offerings were received.

Future Goals

We are exploring the possibility of adding a medical aid component to future trips. God seems to be opening many doors and providing us opportunities to expand our missions and ministry efforts among the Eritrean and Ethiopian peoples. Please continue to pray for this ministry and for the teams that go. The next trips are January 4-16, 2016, and June 27-July 9, 2016. See our website for more information and application.

## Vancouver Partnership

***by Chane Hutton, BR-KC International Advocate for Vancouver (pastorchane@blueridgebaptist.com)***

As I write this I am in Vancouver. I am thinking of some ways to make a few points that might generate a bit more motivation from our churches to get involved in our partnership here. First, Canada is a foreign country. You may say well of course it is. And yet I

think we tend to see Canada in general as a friendly northern area rather than a genuine foreign place like we would Africa or say, South America. We also tend not to see it as a lost dark place. Its beauty and grandeur affects our ability to see it in this way. Maybe this might help. Vancouver itself has become 40% Asian. Mostly Chinese. Richmond is fast becoming the true China Town of North America. This really became apparent to me as I watched David Loveland, pastor of **Grace Heartland Community Church**, who came with me interact with Asian speaking people. David is fluent in Mandrian Chinese. It amazed me how they responded to a US citizen who spoke their language. It was also eye opening to tour Richmond and see how Chinese it is becoming. This people group among others is also spreading into our partnership areas of Coquitlam and Port Moody. Second, we have church planters in our partner areas that are losing financial resources that need to be replaced and continued in 2016. We have a new church plant launching as we speak in Port Moody. They need support on every level.

60% are of other ethnic descents. What is shocking is that over 40% of the total population of Vancouver say they have no religion. The rest is very superficial in their designations of their religious choices. Less than 2% say they are born again Christians. This is a foreign country, not just a friendly neighbor of the U.S. This means church planters, church partners, and mission groups are sorely needed. BR-KC Assoc. has chosen this Send City to partner with. Please consider committing money, mission teams, and other resources to this partnership. Please contact me or the BR-KC Association office if you are interested in doing this. This is not an after thought. It is a priority that I hope we will take seriously.

The 2015 Vancouver Church Planters Retreat was another great success attracting over 60 participants from the Vancouver area. This year we had a great team from the BR-KC Baptist Association which included members from **Blue Ridge Baptist, LifeQuest, FBC Blue Springs and FBC Grandview**. The retreat also featured Mark Wester from Denver, Colorado as the key note speaker. The retreat included worship, devotionals, rest and recreation, group interaction and very relevant topics to help and encourage these church planters.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership.

## Campus Ministry

***by Travis Hamm, Impact Ministries at UMKC and Rockhurst (travis@impactumkc.com)***

Impact is a ministry that brings the gospel of Jesus to the University of Missouri – Kansas City, Rockhurst University, and the surrounding neighborhoods.
This past year the students and community members of Impact accomplished much through the power of God for the fame of God. We began the school year baking 40

dozen cookies to deliver to neighbors (students and nonstudents) of Troostwood where my wife and I live. This simple act demonstrated to our neighborhood a desire to know and care for them. We welcomed over 70 people into our home whether that be through weekly Friday night dinners where conversations would occasionally provide opportunities to share the gospel, hosting Story of God gatherings where unbelievers learned alongside believers the Bible's overarching narrative of redemption, or various social events like a Super Bowl or Valentine's Day party that helped establish new friendships. We served our neighborhood by picking up trash every week, making preparations for a community garden, and teaming up with 20 other Rockhurst students to clean up the neighborhood park. We gathered regularly for prayer, Bible study, "family meals", small group accountability, and one-on-one discipleship.

This school year, in addition to our continued ministry above, we have launched Impact Intensives, a yearlong training for students who want to learn what it looks like to follow Jesus in every area of life. Impact Intensives combine Biblical teaching, small group discussions, hands on applications, group problem solving activities, and one-on-one mentoring for a holistic process of growth.

Also this school year, we have gathered students (Christian and non-Christian) together to raise awareness of Human Trafficking and partner with Restoration House of Greater Kansas City as well as partnering with Innovative Humanitarian Solutions to provide aid to Eritrean refugees in northern Ethiopia.

I am confident God will use these new ministries to make disciples, lead people to Jesus, and display the Kingdom of God to a hurting world.

Our ministry always welcomes your prayers. Specifically, join us in praying for many of the 17,000 UMKC students, faculty, and administrators; the 2,500 Rockhurst students, faculty, and administrators; and the thousands of surrounding community members to be saved. Pray for God to raise up laborers for the harvest (men and women in and around the universities to help us make disciples). Pray for wisdom for me and our leaders to know how best to proclaim and display the good news of Jesus. Pray for a growing affection within our community for God. Pray for protection from the Enemy's attempts to discourage, disunite, and destroy our community on mission.

If you would like to receive monthly newsletter updates about Impact, please e-mail me at -Travis@impactumkc.com or subscribe online at - http://eepurl.com/pGwp1

Thank you, BRKC, for your continued support of gospel ministry to the college campus and beyond.

## Campus Ministry

***by Carson Conover, Campus Ministries at Longview & Blue River Community College (carson@lifeconnectionkc.org)***

Blue River Community College

God opened up doors of opportunity to connect with a faculty member at Blue River this past spring. After explaining that she'd been disconnected from any kind of church since her college days, I invited her to join **LifeConnection Church** on a Sunday morning. She attended regularly for a couple months and even joined my small group this past spring. Additionally, I facilitated a Monday Bible discussion through John's Gospel with 7-10 students. One student brought her husband to LifeConnection and are currently attending. Another former student has connected with our church in the past year along with her fiance. I've been investing in him this past year on a weekly/bi-weekly basis to help him grow in Christ.

This semester is off to a great start. I've met many new students and see lots of ministry potential this fall. Just this week I met 4 students—none of whom are believers—who've accepted my invitation to join me for an Exploring God discussion group. We'll meet every other Wednesday on campus. We'll begin by considering the question, "Does my life have a purpose?" as we look to God's Word together.

Longview Community College

Last semester, I partnered with another student pastor in Lee's Summit and several students we've been investing in to launch The

Alpha Course. Alpha is a safe, no pressure environment best suited for students with doubts, questions, and objections to the faith. As a result, I've been able to establish a friendship with an Alpha guest who's currently the president of the Gay Straight Alliance at Longview. Though he's currently skeptical, he's open spiritually. He and I have plans to meet on Wednesday afternoons to read and discuss a Christian book together.

I'm also meeting with a small group of students on Thursdays at noon. We're gathering to plan and implement servant evangelism projects on campus—serving students with no strings attached in Christ's name. We'll also be inviting students to join an Explore God group that will meet every other Thursday on campus. Additionally, a Muslim joined us and invited me to dialogue with other Muslim students about faith on Thursdays. She expressed an interest in learning about the Bible and Christianity—how the two faiths are similar and how they're different. I think this is an incredible opportunity to share the gospel with Muslim students while building new friendships with them.

Please continue to pray for God's leading and discernment as well as divine opportunities to share Christ with students and faculty. Thank you!

## Ministry Team Volunteer Training

If you are interested in helping with or finding out more about some of our ministries, come to an evening session and we will explain how you can partner and volunteer. The dates are Tuesday, October 20th at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, November 17th at 6:30 p.m. This training will take place at the Association office and will cover the International Welcome Center, WMU Ministry, People Teams, Forest Avenue Family Shelter, Student Ministries, and more. Call the office at 816-795-1822 for more information.

## *RESOURCING CHURCHES AND EQUIPPING LEADERS*

***by Gregg Boll, Associate Director of Missions (greggb@kcbaptist.org)***

Over the last few years we have chosen to provide training opportunities for our churches and pastors based on feedback from surveys and personal conversations with them in order to be truly helpful and good stewards of the resources you give us. I want to personally thank Jerry Tharp, pastor of **Lone Jack Baptist,** for producing a survey to discern the greatest needs of our pastors and for catering the meals for this year's Williams-Farmer Preaching Fellowship and Leadership Training event.

Our churches have continued to desire VBS training for their workers which we provided in April with nearly 70 in attendance. Our pastors continue to express a desire for training in four basic areas: church revitalization; preaching; leadership; and encouragement/ fellowship. We have invited pastors to help us design these ministries and events and have offered the following exceptional opportunities:

- E3 Pastor's Luncheon – Pastors meet for lunch quarterly with other pastors in their area to share victories and burdens and pray for one another.
- Legacy Cohort – Pastors and key lay leaders meet monthly to learn and share ministry ideas for revitalizing declining or plateaud churches.
- In partnership with the Missouri Baptist Convention, we hosted a T4T Discipleship Training Conference at **Fellowship Greenwood** in March to model a disciple multiplying strategy being used by many of our missionaries overseas and by indigenous pastors and church leaders.
- In February, in conjunction with the Missouri Baptist Convention, we offered a Kingdom Diversity Conference at **United Believers Community Church** to explain how the Cooperative Program is a core value of Southern Baptists and the value of being a cooperating church.
- In April we hosted our annual Williams-Farmer Preaching Fellowship at **Wornall Road Baptist Church** led by Dr. Robert Smith, Jr., Preaching Professor at Beeson Seminary, along with a panel of gifted preachers from the area.
- Leadership Training Event – On September 8th Scott Patty, Pastor of Nashville's Grace Community Church led a seminar on how to develop an intentional discipleship strategy for enlisting and equipping future leaders in your church. We are currently planning another leadership training event for the spring of 2016.

Additionally, through our conversations with pastors we have learned that there is still confusion and a desire for information about how the church can protect itself from litigation and harassment in the wake of the Supreme Court ruling on same-sex marriage. We have been working with churches individually and referring them to good resources for amending their constitution and bylaws to address this threat.

Finally, we consult individually with several of our churches and their pastors each year providing requested information and guidance on the following:

- Conducting an effective pastor search process
- Helping pastorless churches find a quality interim pastor
- Advice on how to implement an effective outreach or discipleship ministry
- Resolving church conflict
- Intervening to help pastors dealing with personal crisis to find healing, personal assessment and professional counseling to restore them to fruitful ministry when possible.
- Helping churches self-assess and consulting to bring about a healthier church
- Helping struggling churches find stronger partner churches to come alongside them for support, encouragement and greater kingdom impact upon their community.

We are here to serve you and your church but we need your feedback to know better how to do that. We are honored when you reach out to us for assistance so let us know how we can serve you.

**WMU**

***by Ruth Carpenter-Association WMU Director; Lorraine Powers-Adult Missions Consultant; Kami Cheney-Student Missions Consultant; Sheriann Kessinger-Children's Missions Consultant; Ruth Carpenter-Preschool Missions Consultant; Sandi Malone-Secretary/Treasurer***

Several members of local WMU organizations traveled to St. Louis to join the Missouri WMU bus going to Baltimore for National WMU's final celebration of 125 years of WMU. The hometown of Annie Armstrong was a fitting place for remembering the history of WMU beginnings.

The Leadership Team has been busy the past two months with training new age level leaders throughout the state and helping new age level start-ups. If you have questions about GA's, RA's, Children in Action, Acteens or Mission Friends, Missouri Special Workers to contact are: Kami Cheney – Acteens; cheneykami@gmail.com; Sheriann Kessinger – GA's, RA's, CiA; askess@earthlink.net; Mission Friends – Ruth Carpenter – jimruthcarpenter@sbcglobal.net.

ESL clinics and helps have continued throughout the summer and fall. Watch for new clinics to be announced in the coming months. If you have questions or need information regarding ESL classes, you may contact Lorraine Powers at powerscl@yahoo.com.

For the past two years, our special needs focus has been on Human Trafficking and we are grateful that a way has been made for a Safe House to be located in the greater Kansas City area. Many area WMU groups will be planning "showers" for supplying the needs of maintaining such a ministry. Worldwide, WMU has been involved in assisting many to leave the world of human trafficking and extreme poverty by helping provide artisans around the world a conduit for their arts and crafts items and selling them at "fair trade" prices, thereby helping many to provide for their families.

## *ASSISTING COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION*

### Human Trafficking

***by Rodney Hammer, Director of Missions (rodneyh@kcbaptist.org)***

2015 has been a tremendous year for Restoration House of Greater Kansas City. Since our last annual meeting, we have hired our staff, held our first annual Hope Now Freedom Gala, started our volunteer program and opened our doors!

Meet our Staff Leaders

**September Trible, Executive Director**

September and her husband Scott live in Overland Park and are members of Antioch Church. In their former residence, they were members of a Southern Baptist Church and September was part of a Baptist women's ministry where she first learned of the problem of sex trafficking. September has been active for several years in the effort to combat sex trafficking, is well connected with leaders in the abolitionist/anti-trafficking movement in Kansas and Missouri – both private and government - and is personally involved in ministering to victims. Her heart for the Lord and for this ministry as well as her commitment, skills, background and competencies caused her to rise to the top of an excellent candidate pool as we sought the Lord for this important roll. We are thrilled the Lord led us to September!

**Christine McDonald, Program Manager**

Christine McDonald is an internationally recognized author and speaker on the social injustices facing underserved populations today. As a survivor of human trafficking, homelessness, and addiction, Christine - now blind as a result of a disease that forced her to choose between her unborn child and her eyesight - is on a mission to bring justice and awareness to the forefront of social change through education and unconditional love. Christine is the author of Cry Purple: One Woman's Journey through Homelessness, Crack Addiction and Prison to Blindness, Motherhood and Happiness and is the founder of ChristinesVision.org. She has also been featured locally and nationally on various media outlets, including NBC, CBS, FOX and NPR and sits on multiple local, state-wide and international level boards and committees, and is the recipient of the 2015 Mental Health Champions' Award for Addiction Disorders. Most recently, she was featured in an article in the Wall Street Journal.

**Wanda White, Trauma Therapist**

Wanda has a MA in Faith Based Counseling from Faith Bible College in Independence, Missouri. Wanda is CISM certified and also trained in Theophostic Prayer Ministry. She has worked at a Pro-Life Resource Center as well as a Christian facility for teenage girls dealing with at risk behaviors. Wanda is a deeply compassionate counselor, teacher, author and inspirational speaker. She is the author of Walk with Wonder.

Our other wonderful staff are...

**Brieanna Carbonneau, Residential Manager**

**Janine Montgomery, Case Manager**

**Mariah Morse, Respite Care**

**Volunteers** - no non-profit organization can function efficiently without the help of their volunteers. We want to thank everyone who has shown an interest in helping Restoration House, either by their financial support or giving of their time and other resources.

Hope Now Freedom Gala

January 17th, BR-KC partnered with KC Street Hope to host the first annual Hope Now Freedom Gala to raise support and awareness for Restoration House. The evening was a resounding success and featured local celebrities, elegant dinner, silent auction, comedy, live music and an inspirational message from new Program Manager, Christine McDonald. The event was held at the Arrowhead Stadium Club. We are so thankful to all who supported the gala, including BR-KC churches, local businesses, and many individuals. Our second event is scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 2016, again at The Arrowhead Club. This year's event will be even bigger than last year. Stay tuned for more details coming soon.

Grand Opening

Friday, May 8th was a day that saw the realization of a dream. Restoration House of Greater Kansas City celebrated its opening with a Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony held at the Beverly House of Hope. BR-KC and RHGKC staff, along with supporters, were present to help dedicate the ministry to the Lord. Gregg Boll led the ceremony sharing Psalm 10 as a Biblical reference to the horrors and answer to trafficking.

Monthly Meetings

RHGKC holds volunteer education and awareness meetings on the third Thursday of each month at **Heart of Life Church** in Lee's Summit. Volunteers are trained on important topics about sex trafficking. We have touched on topics such as Language Matters,

Deceptions Curriculum, Stories from Restoration House, Chosen videos and more. We also offer break-out sessions for volunteer teams such as food/clothing donation drives, maintenance, speaker's bureau and gala fundraising. If you are interested in learning more or volunteering, visit restorationhousekc.com.

## Forest Avenue Family Shelter

***by Ken Smith, Pastor Forest Avenue Baptist Church (jkensmith@aol.com)***

The Forest Avenue Family Shelter has been a Southern Baptist Shelter for 30 years. This year the shelter became the largest non-screening women's emergency shelter in the Kansas City Metro. This year, we have seen a 30% rise in the number of homeless women and children. As is well known, we have always taken people right off of the street. We do not screen them first. This has always included single women, single women with children, battered women, and sex trafficking victims.

We experienced the death of our boiler two months before the end of last winter was over. For two months we were without hot water due to no extra money to buy a hot water heater. These things caused us to have to turn away calls during this time. Giving for the past two years has been cut in half. As you know for 30 years we have operated with just enough money to pay lights, gas and water. The great staff we have had over the years have always been all volunteer. We are so grateful for the $300 the Blue River Kansas City Association sends us each month. While our giving has dropped since the end of 2013, our numbers have grown especially among women and children. Due to the shut downs we only kept 9,000 guest for the year. This meant about 4,500 less than we kept in previous years.

We have taken in to date $650 for the heating to be replaced. By God's grace two heaters have been donated. We now have learned that we need $12,000 for the duct work for the heating for the two floors. Based on the present rate of giving having heat in the shelter building is still pending.

We have had roughly 25 people saved over this past year. This too is down due to the closings. Presently we have seven people who are in our Deeper Life Discipleship Program. Again we are so grateful for the $300 we get monthly from Blue River Kansas city Association. We are also grateful for the churches who come and serve meals and do chapel each week.

# *CHURCH PLANTING*

***2015 Sponsored Churches***

**Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana de Independence** (**Beverly Hills**), Independence
**New Wave Ministries**, Raymore
**In God's Hand's Ministry,** Kansas City
**Grace and Truth**, Kansas City
**Heart of Life**, Waldo
**Grace Church**, Independence
**Oak Tree**, Lee's Summit
**Palabra Viva**, North Kansas City
**LifeConnection**, Northeast Kansas City
**Redemption Church**, Lee's Summit
**Mosaic Bible Fellowship**, Kansas City
**CrossRoads Bible**, Riverside
**The Pathway**, Raymore
**Jesucristo Verdad Y Vida**, Belton
**African Church**, Kansas City
**The Common Place**, Vancouver Coquitlam
**Multiethnic Church Planting Center** - Burmese, Karen, KC

***2016 Sponsored Churches***

**Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana de Independence** (**Beverly Hills**), Independence
**Heart of Life,** Waldo
**Grace Church**, Independence

**Oak Tree**, Lee's Summit
**Palabra Viva**, North Kansas City
**LifeConnection**, Northeast Kansas City
**Redemption Church**, Lee's Summit
**Mosaic Bible Fellowship**, Kansas City
**CrossRoads Bible**, Riverside
**The Pathway,** Raymore
**Jesucristo Verdad Y Vida**, Belton
**African Church**, Kansas City
**The Common Place**, Vancouver Coquitlam
**LifeConnection**, Grain Valley
**Manna Fellowship**, Kansas City
**Redeemed Ministries**, Kansas City
**Journey the Way**, Lee's Summit
**The Point**, Vancouver & Coquitlam
**Multiethnic Church Planting Center** - Burmese, Karen, KC

## Multiethnic Church Planting Center

***by Luis Mendoza, MECPC Director (planterluis@gmail.com)***

2015 has been a blessed and eventful year for the Multiethnic Church Planting Center (MECPC). We have concentrated our attention studying our community and their specific needs for the purpose of learning about them and being able to implement strategies that can help us to better minister to the international people groups.

Based on that objective, we created the International Welcome Center to provide support for internationals residing in Kansas City. We have been able to help with free services such as ESL classes, immigration/legal services, family support groups, driving lessons, healthcare and job development. Another objective is to build the necessary infrastructure and programs so local churches can actively contribute in this process; all of this with the intention of building bridges that will grant us the privilege of sharing the gospel with them and leading the international community to Christ. We are grateful for several churches that have become involved in this effort. They have helped us by providing some necessary items for the Welcome Center and they became actively involved in some of the events we have had throughout the year.

Every week we are providing ESL classes for the community, immigration assistance as needed, discovering, coaching and guidance for potential church planters on a regular basis, and eye clinics at least every six months. Through these efforts, we have developed a better relationship with the international community. We have been able to visit them at their homes and spend time with them, meeting their families and relatives and learning more about their personal situations and challenges. Also, as part of this strategy, we have seen at least 35 people come to Christ, 6 people rededicated their lives to Christ and many of them have given us the opportunity to share our faith with them. We are always looking for the persons of peace that will grant us the possibility of influencing and impacting a whole people group with the gospel and the transformation this can bring to the lives of a whole community.

The Multiethnic Church Planting Center has also been an instrument in God's hand to facilitate church planter assessments for international leaders. Last June we had our last assessment for potential Hispanic church planters. This year we also had the opportunity to open the doors of our facilities for the Emmanuel Karen Baptist Church, a group of Christian believers coming from Burma and belonging to the Karen tribe. They have been worshipping at the MECPC since last July. We have been providing coaching and advice for them in the process of how they can become an established church here in Kansas City. This group has been a blessing in our midst because their presence accomplishes one of the main objectives of the Center, allowing people from different cultures and backgrounds to worship God in their heart language in a safe and welcoming environment.

# VISION 2020 Grant Application

*Please use multiple applications for multiple requests.*

Church name _____ Date_____

Pastor's signature _____ E-mail _____

VISION 2020 ministry area: ___ Gospel Outreach ___ Resourcing Churches ___Assisting Community Transformation

___ Church Planting ___ Equipping Leaders

Amount requested: $ _____ (attached itemized list of how money will be spent)

Purpose (use back of form if more room is needed)_____

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Date needed _____

Other sources of income that will address this need: _____

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Anticipated results of this need being met: _____

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If this grant is for an event, what follow-up plan do you have for the event? _____

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Contact person (if other than pastor) _____

Contact person's E-mail _____

When was the last time the church received a VISION 2020 Grant? _____

Do you understand that the church must send a report to the Association about the result of the grant's use within one month of its use and that no future grants will be awarded until this report is received at the Association office? ___Yes

(For office use. Don't write below this line)

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Date received _____ Amount approved $_____

Date scheduled for review _____ ___ Returned for more information ___ Tabled ___ Denied

Reason for denial _____

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Date approved by Vision 2020 Ministry Team _____

Date approved by Finance/Admin Committees _____ Date check sent _____

**2016 GRANT SCHEDULE**

Quarter 1:
Deadline for Submission – February 1
Ministry Teams Review – February 11
Administrative and Finance Committee Review and Approval – February 17
Grant Checks Written – February 24

Quarter 2:
Deadline for Submission - April 4
Ministry Teams Review - April 14
Administrative and Finance Committee Review and Approval - April 20
Grant Checks Written - April 27

Quarter 3:
Deadline for Submission - August 5
Ministry Teams Review – August 11
Administrative and Finance Committee Review and Approval - August 17
Grant Checks written – August 24

Quarter 4:
Deadline for Submission - October 7
Ministry Teams Review - October 13
Administrative and Finance Committee Review and Approval – October 19
Grant Checks written – October 26

# BR-KC 2016 Yearly Planning Calendar

## January

1 New Year's Holiday (office closed)
12 Legacy Cohort, 10 a.m. @ **Blue Ridge**
14 Ministry Teams, 11 a.m. @ office
18 Martin Luther King Day (office closed)
21 Restoration House Monthly Awareness Meeting, 6 p.m. @ **Heart of Life Lee's Summit**
23 Restoration House Fundraising Gala @ Arrowhead North Club
28 Executive Board Meeting and New Committee Member Orientation

## February

1 1st Quarter Grant Requests due
4 E3 Pastor's Lunch, noon @ **Faith Baptist**
9 Legacy Cohort, 10 a.m. @ **Blue Ridge**
11 Ministry Teams, 11 a.m. @ office
17 Administrative and Finance Committee Meeting, 3 p.m. @ office
18 E3 Pastor's Lunch, noon @ **South Haven**
Restoration House Monthly Awareness Meeting, 6 p.m. @ **Heart of Life Lee's Summit**
19 Pastor/Staff/Spouse Appreciation Banquet, 7 p.m. @ **Raytown First**
20 Horn of Africa Fundraiser
24 1st Quarter Grant checks written
25 E3 Pastor's Lunch, noon @ **Calvary, Blue Springs**

## March

3 E3 Pastor's Lunch, noon @ **Sycamore Hills**
8 Legacy Cohort, 10 a.m. @ **Blue Ridge**
10 Ministry Teams, 11 a.m. @ office
17 Restoration House Monthly Awareness Meeting, 6 p.m. @ **Heart of Life Lee's Summit**
24 VBS Clinic, 6:30 p.m.
25 Good Friday (office closed)

## April

4 2nd Quarter Grant Requests due
12 Legacy Cohort, 10 a.m. @ **Blue Ridge**
14 Ministry Teams, 11 a.m. @ office
20 Administrative and Finance Committee Meeting, 3 p.m. @ office
21 Restoration House Monthly Awareness Meeting, 6 p.m. @ **Heart of Life Lee's Summit**
27 2nd Quarter Grant checks written
28 Executive Board Meeting

## May

5 E3 Pastor's Lunch, noon @ **Faith Baptist**
10 Legacy Cohort, 10 a.m. @ **Coventry Estates**
12 Ministry Teams, 11 a.m. @ office
19 E3 Pastor's Lunch, noon @ **South Haven**
Restoration House Monthly Awareness Meeting, 6 p.m. @ **Heart of Life Lee's Summit**
26 E3 Pastor's Lunch, noon @ **Calvary, Blue Springs**
30 Memorial Day (office closed)

## June

2 E3 Pastor's Lunch, noon @ **Sycamore Hills**
15 Finance Committee Meeting, 3 p.m. @ office
13-15 SBC Annual Meeting, St. Louis
16 Restoration House Monthly Awareness Meeting, 6 p.m. @ **Heart of Life Lee's Summit**

## July

4 Independence Day (office closed)
21 Restoration House Monthly Awareness Meeting, 6 p.m. @ **Heart of Life Lee's Summit**
28 Executive Board Meeting

## August

5 3rd Quarter Grant Requests due
9 Legacy Cohort, 10 a.m. @ **Coventry Estates**
11 Ministry Teams, 11 a.m. @ office
17 Administrative and Finance Committee Meeting, 3 p.m. @ office
18 Restoration House Monthly Awareness Meeting, 6 p.m. @ **Heart of Life Lee's Summit**
24 3rd Quarter Grant checks written

## September

3 E3 Pastor's Lunch, noon @ **Faith Baptist**
5 Labor Day (office closed)
8 Ministry Teams, 11 a.m. @ office
13 Legacy Cohort, 10 a.m. @ **Coventry Estates**
15 E3 Pastor's Lunch, noon @ **South Haven**
Restoration House Monthly Awareness Meeting, 6 p.m. @ **Heart of Life Lee's Summit**
22 E3 Pastor's Lunch, noon @ **Calvary, Blue Springs**
29 E3 Pastor's Lunch, noon @ **Sycamore Hills**

## October

2 BR-KC Annual Meeting
7 4th Quarter Grant Requests due
11 Legacy Cohort, 10 a.m. @ office
13 Ministry Teams, 11 a.m. @ office
19 Administrative and Finance Committee Meeting, 3 p.m. @ office
20 Restoration House Monthly Awareness Meeting, 6 p.m. @ **Heart of Life Lee's Summit**
24-26 MBC Annual Meeting
26 3rd Quarter Grant checks written

## November

3 E3 Pastor's Lunch, noon @ **Faith Baptist**
8 Legacy Cohort, 10 a.m. @ office
10 Ministry Teams, 11 a.m. @ office
17 E3 Pastor's Lunch, noon @ **South Haven**
Restoration House Monthly Awareness Meeting, 6 p.m. @ **Heart of Life Lee's Summit**
23-25 Thanksgiving Holiday (office closed)

## December

1 E3 Pastor's Lunch, noon @ **Calvary, Blue Springs**
8 Ministry Teams, 11 a.m. @ office
13 Legacy Cohort, 10 a.m. @ office
14 Finance Committee Meeting, 3 p.m. @ office
15 E3 Pastors Lunch, noon @ **Sycamore Hills**
24-31 Christmas Holiday (office closed)

# E3 Meetings

## Equip Empower Encourage

Lunch and fellowship for Pastors and Staff

Noon to 1 p.m.

## 2015

November 5

Antioch Southern

Harrisonville

November 12

Second Missionary

Grandview

December 3

Oak Tree

Lee's Summit

## 2016

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|---|---|
| 2/4 | Faith, Harrisonville |
| 2/18 | South Haven, Belton |
| 2/25 | Calvary, Blue Springs |
| 3/3 | Sycamore Hills, Independence |
| 5/5 | Faith, Harrisonville |
| 5/19 | South Haven, Belton |
| 5/26 | Calvary, Blue Springs |
| 6/2 | Sycamore Hills, Independence |
| 9/1 | Faith, Harrisonville |
| 9/15 | South Haven, Belton |
| 9/22 | Calvary, Blue Springs |
| 9/29 | Sycamore Hills, Independence |
| 11/3 | Faith, Harrisonville |
| 11/17 | South Haven, Belton |
| 12/1 | Calvary, Blue Springs |
| 12/15 | Sycamore Hills, Independence |

*Association Office*

# Vision 2020 Ministry Teams

*11:00 a.m. - Noon*

## 2015

- *October 8*
- *November 12*
- *December 10*

## 2016

- *January 14*
- *February 11*
- *March 10*
- *April 14*
- *May 12*
- *August 11*
- *September 8*
- *October 13*
- *November 10*
- *December 8*

# Legacy Cohort

## All meetings begin at 10 and include lunch

## 2015

October 13—BRKC Office, Lee's Summit

November 10—BRKC Office, Lee's Summit

## 2016

January 12—Blue Ridge, Independence

February 9—Blue Ridge, Independence

March 8—Blue Ridge, Independence

April 12—Blue Ridge, Independence

May 10—Coventry Estates, Independence

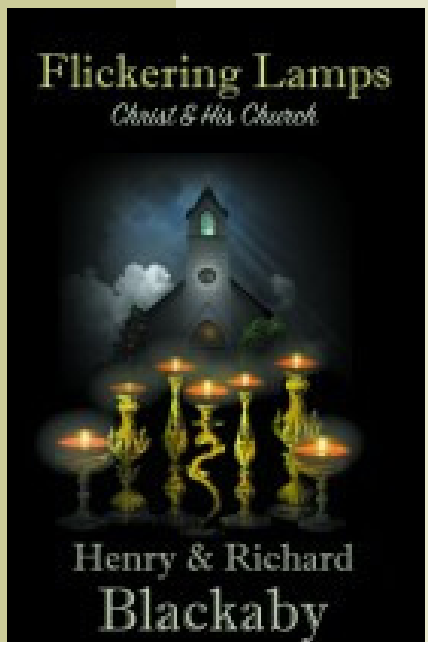
August 9—Coventry Estates, Independence

September 13—Coventry Estates, Indepen.

October 11 — BRKC Office, Lee's Summit

November 8—BRKC Office, Lee's Summit

December 13—BRKC Office, Lee's Summit



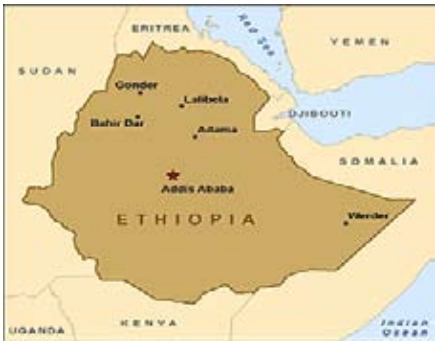
# International Partnerships

## *Horn of Africa*

Mission trips

January 4-16, 2016

June 27-July 9, 2016




Trip information and application available at www.blueriver-kansascity.org/partnership-ministries/horn-of-africa/

## *Vancouver*

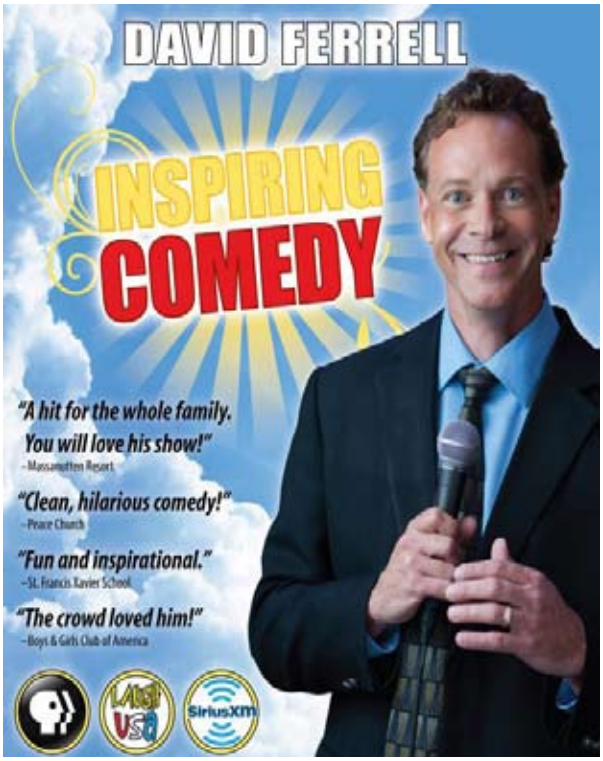
Church Planter Retreat

February 4-6, 2016

If interested in participating, contact the association office at 816-795-1822.

# One Entertainer...Two Events

For over 20 years, comedian and motivational speaker David Ferrell has shown audiences that comedy can be clean and funny. In additional to his uproarious tales about everyday life, David delights audiences with hilarious impressions of famous celebrities, cartoon characters, farm animals and many more!
*The Inspirational Country Music Awards* nominated David for **Comedian of the Year**, alongside Mark Lowry, Dennis Swanberg, Chonda Pierce and some of the biggest names in clean comedy.




## 7th Annual
## Pastor/Staff & Spouses Appreciation Banquet
## Friday, February 19, 2016
## 7 p.m.

**First Baptist Church, Raytown Atrium**

## Horn of Africa Fundraiser
## Saturday, February 20, 2016
## 6 p.m.

**Location t.b.d.**

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