

# MISSIONS & MINISTRY

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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."**

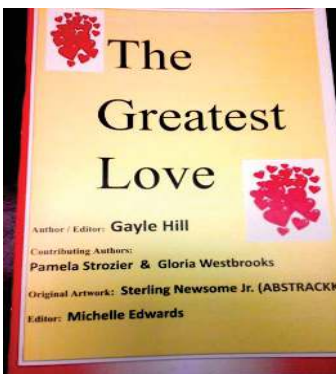


## Vision 2020 Grant Money... Helping Churches and Communities

Each quarter, the BR-KC Baptist Association gives away over \$29,000 to assist churches in their efforts to impact their community and the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. This money is provided by the Vision 2020 Grant Fund, made possible by the sale of the Association's Mission Center in 2014. During the fourth quarter of 2015, **United Believers Community Church** applied for three grants from the Association's Vision 2020 Grant Fund. Below is a report on the use of these funds.

### Gospel Outreach

We printed 1,000 children's books and disseminated them to six urban schools and within the radius of 29th Street to Truman and Van Brunt to Prospect. This wide



array was catapulted by nearly 125 volunteers who made sure homes were touched with the Gospel. The book is evangelistic in nature and creative in its instructional content. Also, the material content was developed by current and former school teachers and administrators. To note, the artwork throughout the book

was produced by a locally well-known artist.

### Church Planting

We have planted a sister congregation called **CONNECTIONS CHURCH**. This unique ministry meets congregationally on Saturday evenings at 5:30 pm for a one hour service. Also, it reaches an audience daily through their web-based ministry inclusive of YouTube, live stream, On Demand, and

<b>30 Minute Word</b>	<b>Hour of Power</b> KCMO location 5445 E. 29th St.
<b>Tuesday's</b> 6:30-7:00	<b>Saturday Live</b> 5:30-6:30 pm

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various social media outlets. This congregation will grow numerically and the grant has provided us the ability to reduce our rent for their service by 50%, buy new equipment (speakers, sound board, etc) due to shared space and technology use and provide an electronic keyboard to aid them in their weekly service. On a regular and consistent basis, we continue to impart hope and encouragement to the pastor



and core leaders by providing them resources and insight on how to perform effective ministry.

Additionally, we hosted a roundtable of church planters and small churches and gave out and touched eight congregations with cases of Bibles for evangelism, seven urban pastors with on-going formative development in their ministry context and gave each of them trustworthy content and research from our African American Pastors Fellowship on a national

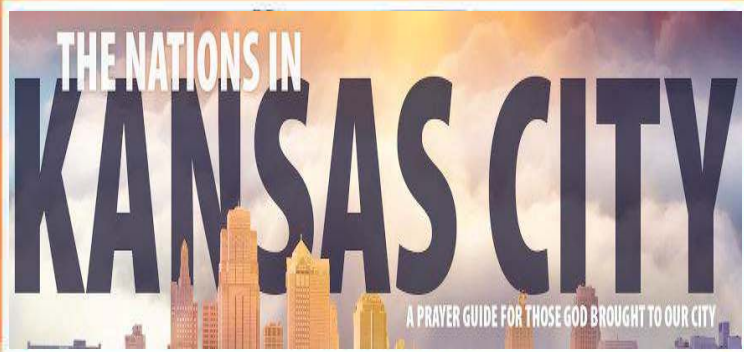
level. We are meeting presently with seven pastors going through the book Disciples Path. They are given

a free copy and kit and we discuss how to make our front door approach to church and Christ (assimilation process) more fluid and effective.

### Resourcing Churches

We are grateful for this allocation of funds that helped us to complete a \$50,000 capital improvement renovation to the former Greendale Baptist Church property currently known as United Believers Church,

North Campus. The grant funds helped us to settle the remaining debt owed. Thank you BRKC for partnering with us to beautify the church and improve the look of this community!

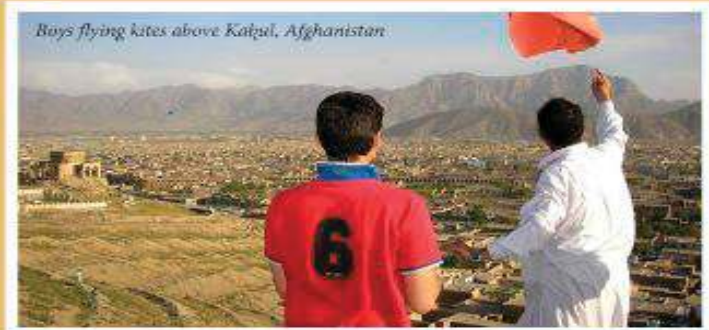


Afghanis Data	Data	Rank
% Non-Christian Overseas	99.9%	10
Believers in KC	Few	9
Evangelical Witness	Some	8
Population in KC	Small	4
Access Overseas	Dangerous	9
<b>Total (Average)</b>		<b>8</b>

## ABOUT 10

Afghan families live in the Northland and a couple in Raytown. Some of the men originally came to America after working with the US military in the Middle East. They worship at a local mosque integrated with other people groups. The LORD is opening the door for friendship and ministry for those who seek to reach them for Christ.

- + Praise God for saving and using one Afghan for His Glory
- + Pray for fruit and new birth among this people group.



Boys flying kites above Kabul, Afghanistan

## Church Planter Spotlight

by Rick Friesen, Pastor

**Manna Fellowship** came to Belton, Missouri via a slight detour from Africa.

In 2013, Pastor Rick Friesen left the staff of a vibrant suburban church to answer God's call to missions. Although he lives in the Kansas City area, Rick has traveled the nation and the globe to raise funds and awareness to combat Africa's spiritual and physical hunger.

As a director for Manna Worldwide, a global missions and relief agency, Rick partners with individuals and churches to start nutrition centers, orphanages, water purification systems and congregations throughout Africa.

The work in Africa was challenging and rewarding. Yet God had more in store.

Nearly 20 years ago, Rick accepted the call to local pastoral ministry. He still felt that calling, but the work in Africa was urgent. He wrestled in prayer, trying to resolve the tension. Something had to give. Or did it?

God eventually revealed to Rick that, through Christ's power, he could serve both causes. Soon after, Manna Fellowship Church was born in Rick's living room in 2015 and now meets in a dedicated building in Belton. It's a unique church dedicated to meeting the spiritual and practical needs of Belton, Raymore, Peculiar and Cass County. Yet it has a vision that extends around the globe.



We chose Belton because it's a community with many practical needs. 16 percent of the population lives below the federal poverty level. Nearly 10% of the community is Hispanic. Yet it's diverse, with neighborhoods spanning nearly all income groups.

We started with 8 people in our home. We are now in a building with more than 100 attending.

In the past year we've discovered the meaning of Ephesians 3:20, that God is able to do more than we can ask or

imagine. Here are some things we are grateful to God for:

- We worship in a rent-free building.
- The church has been able to bring Pastor Rick on full-time.
- We've been able to reach our community through works of mercy.
- Our congregation has generously supported an orphanage in Kenya and five missionaries.
- We've been able to support Missouri Baptist causes on a monthly basis.
- Finally, we've seen 10 salvations and 20 baptisms.
- 16 people have gone through a one-on-one systematic discipleship ministry.

Our biggest prayer request is that we will put God first and make a noticeable impact in our community—we want to meet spiritual and practical needs. We also will have to make a decision by this fall to go to two services or look for a larger meeting space where we can still worship together in one service with room for growth.

Manna Fellowship is pleased to be a church-planting partner with the North American Mission Board, a member of the Missouri Baptist Convention and member of BR-KC Association.



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# Executive Director Report

Dear Partners in Missions,

Missions and Ministry is cooking as we head quickly toward summer!

**RESTORATION HOUSE OF GREATER KANSAS CITY** - This crucial ministry to adult women who've been victimized by commercial sexual exploitation has seen its first baptism of a recovering trafficking victim! Praise the Lord with us for His wonderful healing grace. Pray that she and our other residential and non-residential program participants will grow in grace and faith, have continued strength and healing, and know the Lord's hope and restoration. Please also pray with us for a new "house mom"/house manager needed at the "Beverly House of Hope," our residence and safe house. The job description is at [www.restorationhousekc.com](http://www.restorationhousekc.com).

Additionally, we are experiencing financial challenges with this extensive, intensive, and expensive but critical ministry. We need \$30 dollar per month donors to supplement our other fundraising efforts. Our goal is 100 monthly donors of \$30 per month. If you'd prayerfully consider becoming one of these crucial monthly donors, please email [jenniferh@kcbaptist.org](mailto:jenniferh@kcbaptist.org) to learn how you can set up your monthly automatic donation.



A big thank you to Antioch Church of Overland Park for their



sponsorship of the Run For 1 Event. We received \$7000 from this very successful event. Also, we would like to thank Monte McGeorge and Lenexa Christian Center for organizing the Restoration Benefit Motorcycle Ride. They raised over \$1000 for Restoration House. Thanks to all the riders and runners!

**HORN OF AFRICA TEAM GETTING READY TO GO** - Another excellent team of BR-KC'ers and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary professors are preparing to head to Ethiopia! This summer's team will have two professors from Midwestern Seminary. They will teach at the BR-KC founded and supported Shire, Ethiopia Bible School in partnership with Shire Evangelical Church in northern Ethiopia, Tigray region. They will be accompanied by three Seminary students who will join representatives from BR-KC churches **Noland Road Baptist** and **United Believers**. The team will not only teach in the Bible School, but also help with construction of additional space for the Bible School and Shire church, conduct VBS in the Shire church, and



also minister to Eritrean refugee children and the churches and people in the Eritrean

Refugee Camps of Northern Ethiopia. Please pray for this team as they travel and serve from June 27 until July 11, 2016.

## 2nd Quarter Grant Report

Gospel Outreach	The U Church	\$ 1,609.73
	Blue Summit	\$ 1,600.00
	Impact Ministries	\$ 1,150.00
	United Believers	\$ 1,609.72
Resourcing Churches	Belvidere Heights	\$ 2,984.72
	Grace & Truth	\$ 2,984.73
Assisting Comm. Transformation	Wornall Road	\$ 2,477.09
	Grace & Truth	\$ 507.64
	Restoration House	\$ 2,984.73
Church Planting	LifeConnection Northeast	\$ 750.00
	Grace Church	\$ 1,000.00
	Pathway	\$ 2,180.00
	The U Church	\$ 2,039.45
Equipping Ldrs	Plaza Heights	\$ 1,600.00
Flex Funds	Grace & Truth	\$ 1,492.36

## Campus Ministry Update

*Carson Conover, Longview/Blue River*

We baptized five people on Easter Sunday. Among those baptized was a college student at Blue River Community College named Dillon England.



I first met Dillon last fall when I invited him and several of his friends to participate in an Explore God discussion group. He then agreed to read the Gospel of Mark with me over a two month period. He and his girlfriend Britany have been attending our church on Sunday mornings ever since. He recently decided to put his faith in Jesus and follow Him in baptism.

Since Dillon's baptism, we've been spending time together every week going



through a Bible study for new believers called "Just For Starters". He's learning to read the Bible, memorize Scripture,

and pray. Will you pray for Dillon's ongoing growth in Christ?

I spend time on campus weekly at Longview Community College. I often converse with Muslim students. A few weeks ago, a student named Walla mentioned that she'd graduated from a private Muslim school nearby. She mentioned that her teacher once invited a Christian pastor to dialogue with her students about the Christian faith. I said that I'd love the opportunity to do the same. The next time I saw Walla, she said her teacher wanted me to come.

So, I visited the Islamic School of Greater KC! I spoke to 20 students from the 9th-10th grade class for an hour and 45 minutes. We were also joined by the principal and three teachers. I was given

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## News from the churches

**Congratulations to Travis and Britney Hamm on the birth of their daughter. Adeline Grace was born on April 28th at 4:45 a.m. She was 18 1/2" and weighed 7 lb. 2 oz.**

**FBC Buckner** is looking for a full-time Daycare Administrator to help open and administrate their new Son-Shine Daycare & Preschool. Contact pastor@fbcbuckner.org or call 816-650-5632 for more information.

**FBC Buckner** has a Baldwin Organ to donate. Organ works but needs repair. Call church at 816-650-5632.

**FBC Buckner** will be starting Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University classes on Monday, June 20th at 6:30 p.m. for 9 weeks. Call 816-650-5632 to register.

**Armour Heights** in Kansas City is looking for a bi-vocational pastor. Send resumes to 7900 Jarboe, KCMO 64114 or call 444-4534 for more information.

**Coventry Estates** in Independence is looking for a part-time Associate Pastor with duties relating to youth. Send resumes to the church at 17133 E. 39th Street S., Independence, MO 64055 or email to dbradley4@me.com.

**The U Church** in South KC is looking for volunteers on June 11th to help with painting and yard work at a nearby school. If interested in helping, contact Pastor Gary Jones at 816-709-0319.

## People Teams Needs List

- Youth group to help with multi-cultural youth night on 6/25 or 7/2 and then another group on 7/30 or 8/6.
- Men to be mentors on Tuesday nights for a gym night and Bible study with middle and high schoolers from various nations.
- Donations of Gatorade, Kool-Aid, chips and non-perishable snacks.

Contact Andrew Huesing at andrewhuesing@gmail.com or 770-654-1463.

## Campus Ministry

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30 minutes to share the Christian faith, so I shared the Gospel from creation to the cross. They were very hospitable and very engaged in conversation. Check out a response I received.

*"Peace be upon you Carson! My name is Jeannine. I am a teacher at ISGKC and a graduate student at KU. I was at the school when you came to visit during the prayer and although I wasn't in the class you spoke in, I heard many great things about the wonderful dialogue that took place! I hope you enjoyed your visit and I would love to come visit your church sometime In Shaa Allah (God willing) with Sr Maisa. I LOVE learning about different faiths, specifically finding connections between Christianity and Islam. I do a lot of interfaith work and I would love to unite our communities. Thank you for coming. You are always welcome back and I look forward to meeting your community sometime! God bless you and your family."*

Will you pray for Muslims at MCC campuses and the Islamic School of Greater KC?

## VBS Kids Helping Kids

### Missions Offering



Would your church consider donating your VBS offering to the Restoration House Home for Minors? Contact Jennifer at jenniferh@kcbaptist.org for more information.

## April Financial Report

	Current Month	Year-to-Date
Receipts from churches	\$33,505.69	\$130,501.63
Other Income	13.64	46.68
Total	\$33,519.33	\$130,548.31
Less Expenses	( 36,339.45)	(156,571.33)
Balance as of April 30, 2016	(\$2,820.12)	(\$26,023.02)
Budget \$467,420.19 Annual	\$38,951.68 Monthly	\$155,806.72
Budget Receipts + other income		130,548.31
Receipts compared to budget 84%		(\$ 25,258.41)

## Calendar

June	July
2 E3, Sycamore Hills, Independence	4 Office Closed for Holiday
13-15 SBC Annual Meeting, St. Louis	28 Executive Board Meeting, Oakwood
22-25 mb125 conference, Skyline Baptist Church, Branson	

*E3, Ministry Teams and Legacy Cohort meetings are taking the summer off. We will resume in the fall.*