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Celebrating 10 Years of Ministry with BR-KC

By Dr. Rodney Hammer

Dear BR-KC Partners in the Gospel, It has been a joy and privilege to serve the Lord together for the last 10 years! I cannot believe that much time has transpired since Debbie, Luke and I returned from serving 18 years overseas as missionaries.

So much has transpired, so many blessings, so many ministries the Lord has engaged us in together and so many opportunities to encourage and be encouraged. You are a blessing to my family and I. When we moved back from overseas we had no money for a down payment on a house, but you risked loaning us that money and blessed us. You have supported us so generously and allowed me much room to initiate and challenge us as the Lord led.



From Left: Dr. Hammer & his wife, Debbie; Jennifer Hutton; & Gregg Boll

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The Lord challenged us together to bite off as much of the Great Commission as He would give vision, resources and faith to pursue. When the Lord led me to suggest Vision 2020 and selling our Association headquarters, you overwhelmingly bought in to God's vision that would stretch and challenge us. Together we formed ministry teams that developed equipping leaders resources and started such equipping ministries as [Williams-Farmer Preaching Fellowship](#), [African American Pastors Fellowship](#), the [Church Revitalization Cohort](#), [PlantKC](#), and other annual church and ministry leadership and ministry development opportunities. The Lord led us to partner with [Diakonos Counseling](#) to provide affordable, confidential counseling resources for pastors, ministers and their families. Together we have helped plant 43 new churches and increased resources to assist and revitalize established churches.



[Second Missionary Baptist Church](#) Choir leads worship

Local missional ministries were founded for gospel outreach such as [People Teams](#) ministry to immigrants, the International Welcome Center and the [Multi-ethnic Church Planting Center](#). Urban core needs continue to be addressed and [collegiate ministry outreach](#) expanded.



[Travis Hamm](#) shares a collegiate ministry update during the Business Meeting



From Left: Randy Messer, Nicole Brown, & David Fortner share about their recent Horn of Africa trip.

When the Lord revealed challenging needs and opportunities among refugees in the [Horn of Africa](#), and the opportunity to establish and support a Bible School, libraries, and church planting there, you wholeheartedly endorsed, volunteered, and invested financially. You have faithfully supported the partnership for church planting in Vancouver, Canada and the annual retreat for families there. When the Lord put on my heart that we should engage the fight against human trafficking, you stepped up and have supported the establishment and ongoing ministry of [Restoration House of Greater Kansas City](#) that continues to grow in scope and impact, and directly contributes to the rescue and restoration of sex trafficking victims.



From Left: Christine McDonald, Summer Arlint, and Steven Robinson from Restoration House at the Missions Fair

Because of your faithful response to God's leadership through prayer, partnership and generosity, we have engaged in much gospel ministry, mutual encouragement, and Kingdom expansion over the last ten years. I consider serving with BR-KC Baptist Association one of the greatest blessings of my life. Glory to God and thank you BR-KC!

Rodney L. Hanna

Partner Ministry Update:

Horn of Africa

by Nicole Brown

SHIRE, ETHIOPIA - It is the first day of the September 2018 session of the Bible class in Shire, Ethiopia. As we approach the classroom, we can hear prayers and beautiful songs reverberating to our ears. We enter the classroom, where we see some familiar faces and some new.

Upon completion of the student-led worship, we make introductions. Fourteen of the 35 students are refugees. Pastor David Fortner, along with Pastor Matthias Rosbrugh from [The Gathering Church](#), jump right in to teaching. Throughout the many hours together, friendships are made, deep questions are asked, and tests are taken. It is incredible to think where these future pastors will go and how many lives will be changed because of their obedience to the Lord.

Outside the classroom, we give clothes to 375 unaccompanied minors in camp Hit Sats. In a town nearby, Shire, 75 widows and orphans receive oil, flour, spices and some children's clothing.

Because of very generous donors in our Association, we are able to help a church plant in Sherraro build a place of

worship – the construction will be almost complete by January 2019! We attend the overflowing church on a Sunday morning and listen as the people tell how the Lord has saved them and changed their lives because of having an evangelical church to come to. This church is a plant off of a church plant – isn't God amazing!? He really is at work and the people in Ethiopia are hard at work winning the lost.

Countless pairs of shoes were donated prior to our trip, so of course, we equip many bare feet! As we walk the streets of Shire looking for feet in need of shoes, we have divine appointments with children, even helping outfit one young boy so he can attend school. The smiles on the faces of the elderly tell us how one pair of shoes – something that seems so minimal to us – can mean everything.

We return home, bodies tired but hearts full, thankful for the prayers that empower us to minister, the obedience to God that mobilizes BR-KC in this partnership, the financial gifts that make these trips possible, and the shoes that allow fellow humans to walk in comfort.



news & events

NOVEMBER

November 1 -Urban Pastors Fellowship Lunch
Noon @ **United Believers Community**
<https://goo.gl/eebGDa>

November 15 - Pastors Prayer Lunch
Noon @ **Grace Family Fellowship**
<https://goo.gl/ZHiCFR>

November 21- Office Closed for Thanksgiving

November 29 - Pastors Prayer Lunch
Noon @ **FBC Raymore**
<https://goo.gl/1ZqHXh>

JOB LISTING

Sycamore Hills is seeking a part-time Financial Secretary, 16 hours/week.
<https://goo.gl/LGPahB>

Sycamore Hills is seeking a part-time Youth Minister to work with 15-25 youth.
<https://goo.gl/ny11vj>

FBC Cleveland is seeking a full-time pastor and an interim pastor until the position has been filled.
<https://goo.gl/tKyLES>



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Loren & Tanya Hutchinson socialize with Bob Springate and Dr. Hammer at the Missions Fair



Sheriann Kessinger welcomes attendees



Combined Hispanic Worship Team leads us in song



John & Mary Lea Shore enjoy food & fellowship at the Missions Fair



Dr. Hammer gives closing remarks



Save the date!

Restoration House of Greater Kansas City

Hope Now Freedom Gala

JANUARY 12, 2019 | THE INTERCONTINENTAL KANSAS CITY



Join us for the 5th Annual Gala Event and VIP Social with Silent & Live Auction
Honoring Emily Russell, Missouri Attorney General's Office
VIP Social 5:00 PM
Dinner & Program 7:00 PM

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