

Blue River-Kansas City
Baptist Association

Semi-Annual Meeting



April 14, 2024
Church at Three Trails

**Spring Semi-Annual Meeting
April 14, 2024
Church at Three Trails**

Welcome and Prayer	Brian Grout, Pastor of Church at Three Trails
Business Session	Greg Washington, Moderator
Credentials Committee	Gregg Boll, Director of Missions
Finance Committee	Greg Guthrie, Chairman
Personnel Committee	Doug Schildknecht, Chairman
Director's Report	Gregg Boll, Director of Missions
Praise and Worship	Church at Three Trails
Evangelism Tools	
Love KC	Dr. Gary Kendall, Founder
Panel Discussion	Victor Boll, South Haven, Pastor of Discipleship/ Evangelism and Mobilization
	Dr. Gary Kendall, Love KC
	Gregg Boll, DOM
Closing	Andrew Huesing, People Teams

Report of the Credentials Committee

This spring the Credentials Committee has met with two churches desiring membership into the Association.

After meeting with and reviewing these two churches, the Credentials Committee would like to present The Fount and 2819 Life Church for full membership:



The Fount
918 Baltimore Ave, Floor 3
Kansas City, MO 64105
Pastor Jim Hayes



2819 Life Church
Pastor Emmanuel Joseph

Submitted by the Credentials Committee
Stephen Conley
Wayne Geiger
Gary Jones
Randy Messer
Ray Stewart
Roger Smith

Report of the Finance Committee

Date : 04/08/2024
Time : 5:41:40 PM

Blue River Kansas City Baptist Association
Balance Sheet
March 2024

Page : 1

Accounts

Assets		
Cash & Cash Equivalents		
101000 - Commerce Checking Account	\$150,308.83	
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents		\$150,308.83
Investments		
130002 - Change in Value of Investments	\$41,258.24	
140000 - Charles Schwab	\$169,795.98	
Total Investments		\$211,054.22
Total Assets		\$361,363.05
Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds		
Liabilities		
Tax & Liabilities		
201000 - Federal & FICA Tax Withholding	\$687.08	
201500 - State Tax Withholding	\$209.00	
Total Tax & Liabilities		\$896.08
Total Liabilities		\$896.08
Fund Principal		
270000 - Unrealized Losses & Earnings on Inv	\$37,872.16	
299999 - BRKC Fund Principal	\$162,408.27	
Receipts Over (Under) Expenses	\$41,524.47	
Total Fund Principal and Receipts Over (Under) Expenses		\$241,804.90
Restricted Funds		
Total Temporary Restricted	\$118,662.07	
Total Restricted Funds		\$118,662.07
Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds		\$361,363.05

Blue River Kansas City Baptist Association
Analysis of Revenues & Expenses - YTD Budget Info
March 2024

Note: The Report Option to include Open Transactions is selected.

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	MTD Budget (This Year)	MTD Budget Remaining (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Budget Remaining (This Year)
Revenues						
301000 - Member Contributions	\$29,694.17	\$40,653.38	\$10,959.21	\$94,223.91	\$121,960.14	\$27,736.23
302000 - Estate Gift	\$41,414.03	\$0.00	(\$41,414.03)	\$41,414.03	\$0.00	(\$41,414.03)
308000 - Interest & Dividends	\$613.34	\$0.00	(\$613.34)	\$1,145.66	\$0.00	(\$1,145.66)
309000 - Miscellaneous Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4.50	\$0.00	(\$4.50)
Total Revenues	\$71,721.54	\$40,653.38	(\$31,068.16)	\$136,788.10	\$121,960.14	(\$14,827.96)
Expenses						
Gospel Outreach						
412200 - Partnership Missions	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00
414100 - Refugee & Immigrant Ministrie	\$362.00	\$333.33	(\$28.67)	\$1,086.00	\$999.99	(\$86.01)
417000 - Andrew Huesing/People Tear	\$1,330.00	\$1,333.33	\$3.33	\$3,990.00	\$3,999.99	\$9.99
College Ministry						
405000 - Collegiate Impact	\$3,583.30	\$3,583.33	\$0.03	\$10,749.90	\$10,749.99	\$0.09
Total College Ministry	\$3,583.30	\$3,583.33	\$0.03	\$10,749.90	\$10,749.99	\$0.09
Total Gospel Outreach	\$5,875.30	\$5,849.99	(\$25.31)	\$17,625.90	\$17,549.97	(\$75.93)
Resource Churches						
421400 - Discipleship Resources	\$337.69	\$291.67	(\$46.02)	\$721.96	\$875.01	\$153.05
421600 - Media Center	\$169.97	\$141.67	(\$28.30)	\$419.91	\$425.01	\$5.10
422200 - Minister - Church Relations	\$243.35	\$500.00	\$256.65	\$1,443.37	\$1,500.00	\$56.63
435000 - Auto - Executive Director	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
435200 - Auto - Associational Director	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$375.00	\$375.00
435900 - Auto - Administrative Assistan	\$0.00	\$16.67	\$16.67	\$0.00	\$50.01	\$50.01
436110 - Church Revitalization Ministrie	\$500.00	\$416.67	(\$83.33)	\$1,593.23	\$1,250.01	(\$343.22)
436120 - Church Intern Scholarship	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$1,500.00	\$900.00
Woman's Missionary Union						
408000 - Age Level Development	\$120.00	\$83.33	(\$36.67)	\$120.00	\$249.99	\$129.99
408800 - Training	\$145.70	\$0.00	(\$145.70)	\$145.70	\$0.00	(\$145.70)
409400 - Literature/Supplies	\$26.99	\$83.33	\$56.34	\$26.99	\$249.99	\$223.00
409600 - Postage	\$0.00	\$33.33	\$33.33	\$0.00	\$99.99	\$99.99
Total Woman's Missionary Union	\$292.69	\$199.99	(\$92.70)	\$292.69	\$599.97	\$307.28
Total Resource Churches	\$1,743.70	\$2,216.67	\$472.97	\$5,071.16	\$6,650.01	\$1,578.85
Assist Comm. Transformation						
401100 - Elos Urban Ministries	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
401200 - Disaster Relief	\$2.30	\$41.67	\$39.37	\$6.90	\$125.01	\$118.11
401500 - Human Trafficking	\$3,333.33	\$5,416.67	\$2,083.34	\$10,083.31	\$16,250.01	\$6,166.70
Total Assist Comm. Transformation	\$3,435.63	\$5,558.34	\$2,122.71	\$10,390.21	\$16,675.02	\$6,284.81
Church Planting						
411100 - Multi-Ethnic CPC	\$1,666.65	\$1,666.67	\$0.02	\$4,999.95	\$5,000.01	\$0.06
412600 - New Hispanic Work (Blue Spri	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
414520 - Future Church Plant	\$400.00	\$416.67	\$16.67	\$1,200.00	\$1,250.01	\$50.01
414810 - 2819 Life Church - Emmanuel	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
414820 - Overflow Church - Alan Findle	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
415000 - Other New Works (Luis Sanch	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Total Church Planting	\$3,866.65	\$3,883.34	\$16.69	\$11,599.95	\$11,650.02	\$50.07
Equipping Leaders						
421000 - Leadership Training	\$314.15	\$333.33	\$19.18	\$1,249.62	\$999.99	(\$249.63)
422400 - Conferences & Special Events	\$802.55	\$416.67	(\$385.88)	\$4,502.55	\$1,250.01	(\$3,252.54)
Total Equipping Leaders	\$1,116.70	\$750.00	(\$366.70)	\$5,752.17	\$2,250.00	(\$3,502.17)
Administration						
401450 - Digital Media	\$0.00	\$62.50	\$62.50	\$15.16	\$187.50	\$172.34
401800 - Association Emphasis	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
436000 - Conv/Training - Executive Dire	\$807.39	\$125.00	(\$682.39)	\$932.39	\$375.00	(\$557.39)
436200 - Conv/Training - Assoc Directo	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$375.00	\$375.00
436600 - Conv/Training - Admin Assista	\$0.00	\$20.83	\$20.83	\$0.00	\$62.49	\$62.49
451000 - Office Supplies	\$96.83	\$83.33	(\$13.50)	\$360.04	\$249.99	(\$110.05)
451500 - Postage - Administrative	\$97.10	\$62.50	(\$34.60)	\$229.10	\$187.50	(\$41.60)
452500 - Legal Fees	\$0.00	\$166.67	\$166.67	\$0.00	\$500.01	\$500.01
452600 - ACS Accounting	\$362.00	\$350.00	(\$12.00)	\$1,086.00	\$1,050.00	(\$36.00)
452800 - On-line Giving Fees	\$70.82	\$62.50	(\$8.32)	\$164.09	\$187.50	\$23.41
455000 - Miscellaneous Administrative	\$12.97	\$833.33	\$820.36	\$131.00	\$2,499.99	\$2,368.99
Total Administration	\$1,447.11	\$1,991.66	\$544.55	\$2,917.78	\$5,974.98	\$3,057.20

Blue River Kansas City Baptist Association
Analysis of Revenues & Expenses - YTD Budget Info
March 2024

Note: The Report Option to include Open Transactions is selected.

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	MTD Budget (This Year)	MTD Budget Remaining (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Budget Remaining (This Year)
Operations						
441500 - Janitorial Supplies	\$0.00	\$16.67	\$16.67	\$0.00	\$50.01	\$50.01
442500 - Maintenance & Repair	\$126.73	\$166.67	\$39.94	\$179.39	\$500.01	\$320.62
443500 - Vehicle Maintenance	\$0.00	\$166.67	\$166.67	\$56.44	\$500.01	\$443.57
444000 - Insurance - Property	\$556.26	\$416.67	(\$139.59)	\$1,662.28	\$1,250.01	(\$412.27)
444200 - Insurance - Vehicle	\$99.90	\$225.00	\$125.10	\$299.70	\$675.00	\$375.30
444300 - Insurance - Workman's Comp	\$125.54	\$166.67	\$41.13	\$432.12	\$500.01	\$67.89
444500 - Equipment	\$206.86	\$208.33	\$1.47	\$620.58	\$624.99	\$4.41
445000 - Electricity	\$247.93	\$166.67	(\$81.26)	\$608.92	\$500.01	(\$108.91)
445500 - Telephone/Internet	\$390.60	\$291.67	(\$98.93)	\$1,171.80	\$875.01	(\$296.79)
446000 - Water	\$15.21	\$14.58	(\$0.63)	\$44.78	\$43.74	(\$1.04)
446200 - Trash Pick Up	\$71.50	\$54.17	(\$17.33)	\$212.00	\$162.51	(\$49.49)
Total Operations	<u>\$1,840.53</u>	<u>\$1,893.77</u>	<u>\$53.24</u>	<u>\$5,288.01</u>	<u>\$5,681.31</u>	<u>\$393.30</u>
Personnel						
431000 - Executive Director	\$7,083.34	\$7,083.33	(\$0.01)	\$21,250.02	\$21,249.99	(\$0.03)
431200 - Associate Director	\$0.00	\$5,416.67	\$5,416.67	\$0.00	\$16,250.01	\$16,250.01
431300 - Assoc Director Housing	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00
431800 - Administrative Assistant	\$3,398.40	\$2,825.55	(\$572.85)	\$11,179.70	\$8,476.65	(\$2,703.05)
432000 - Financial Secretary	\$334.08	\$334.08	\$0.00	\$1,002.24	\$1,002.24	\$0.00
433200 - Annuity - Exec Director	\$708.32	\$708.33	\$0.01	\$2,055.15	\$2,124.99	\$69.84
433400 - Annuity - Assoc Director	\$0.00	\$541.67	\$541.67	\$0.00	\$1,625.01	\$1,625.01
434200 - Payroll Tax Expense (FICA)	\$285.54	\$250.00	(\$35.54)	\$931.93	\$750.00	(\$181.93)
434400 - Christmas Bonus	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Total Personnel	<u>\$11,809.68</u>	<u>\$18,509.63</u>	<u>\$6,699.95</u>	<u>\$36,419.04</u>	<u>\$55,528.89</u>	<u>\$19,109.85</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$31,135.30</u>	<u>\$40,653.40</u>	<u>\$9,518.10</u>	<u>\$95,064.22</u>	<u>\$121,960.20</u>	<u>\$26,895.98</u>
Net Total	\$40,586.24	(\$0.02)	(\$40,586.26)	\$41,723.88	(\$0.06)	(\$41,723.94)
Other Expenses - Unbudgeted						
601000 - Schwab Management Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$199.41	\$0.00	(\$199.41)
Total Other Expenses - Unbudgeted	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$199.41</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>(\$199.41)</u>
Net Operating Total	\$40,586.24	(\$0.02)	(\$40,586.26)	\$41,524.47	(\$0.06)	(\$41,524.53)

Blue River Kansas City Baptist Association
 Summary of Restricted Accounts
 March 2024

Accounts	Beginning Balance	Restricted Revenue	Restricted Expenses	Ending Balance
Temporary Restricted				
Miscellaneous Designated Funds				
230503 - Assoc Director Ministries	\$1,750.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.06
230504 - Student Ministry Support	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
231000 - Mission/Ministry Support Club	\$278.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$278.33
235600 - Church Funeral Assistance	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22.00
235700 - Human Trafficking Home	\$177.95	\$588.04	\$0.00	\$765.99
Total Miscellaneous Designated Funds	\$2,278.34	\$588.04	\$50.00	\$2,816.38
Administrative Grants				
241100 - Robert D. Meade Memorial Fund	(\$412.68)	\$0.00	\$400.00	(\$812.68)
241300 - Robert Lee Rosell Memorial Fund	\$2,236.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,236.73
241500 - Tierney Endowment Fund	\$1,334.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,334.38
242400 - Disaster Relief	\$3,408.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,408.30
Total Administrative Grants	\$6,566.73	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$6,166.73
Church & Community Grants				
245100 - Rheubin L. South Missions Offering	\$12,903.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,903.41
246100 - Refugee/Immigrant	\$540.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$540.00
246300 - People Team Support	(\$200.00)	\$950.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Total Church & Community Grants	\$13,243.41	\$950.00	\$0.00	\$14,193.41
Temporary In & Out Funds				
247000 - Miscellaneous Designated	\$1,902.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,902.77
247300 - Horn of Africa Missions	\$3,160.34	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,660.34
247301 - Vancouver Partnership Mission	\$1.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.15
247304 - Ethiopian Child Sponsorship	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$105.00
247305 - Shire Church Child Sponsorship	\$11,730.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,730.00
247307 - Children's Project of Ethiopia	\$3,959.03	\$480.00	\$0.00	\$4,439.03
Total Temporary In & Out Funds	\$20,858.29	\$480.00	\$1,500.00	\$19,838.29
WMU In & Out Funds				
247400 - WMU Training Event	\$77.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$77.00
247600 - WMU Mission Fund	\$475.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$475.93
247800 - WMU Girl's Camp	\$1,694.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,694.67
248000 - Misty Ernst Memorial Fund/WMU	\$3,171.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,171.49
248100 - WMU Job Corp	\$68.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$68.91
Total WMU In & Out Funds	\$5,488.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,488.00
Board Restricted Funds				
242600 - Housing Grant - Executive Director	\$19,985.45	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$18,735.45
243000 - Capital Improvements(Rockwood Sale)	\$2,016.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,016.38
247200 - Block Party Trailer Rental	\$6,220.36	\$125.00	\$417.06	\$5,928.30
247700 - Portable Baptistry Rental	\$612.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$612.42
249100 - New Works	\$8.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8.46
VISION 2020				
280000 - VISION 2020	\$42,858.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42,858.25
Total VISION 2020	\$42,858.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42,858.25
Total Board Restricted Funds	\$71,701.32	\$125.00	\$1,667.06	\$70,159.26
Total Temporary Restricted	\$120,136.09	\$2,143.04	\$3,617.06	\$118,662.07

Written Reports

Director of Missions Report—Gregg Boll

The six months since our last meeting in October flew by rather quickly. Still, some amazing Kingdom wins have happened in and through our BR-KC churches in that short time. Rather than exhaust you with a lot of verbiage, I'll just bullet point some of the highlights, albeit not exhaustive.

- Preached Easter Send-Off service at our Multi-Ethnic Church Planting Center at Palabra Viva celebrating the Karen (Burmese) Church finding their own building and launching out on their own.
- Engaging regularly with the Send City Missionary, Matt Miller, to lead our BR-KC churches to be a part of the metro strategy for church planting and developing sending churches.
- Was invited to help with NAMB's regional church planter assessment of potential new church planters.
- Working with the Associational Personnel Committee in process of calling an Associate Director of Missions.
- Attended the AIM (Associations in Metropolitan Areas) Conference and learned much from fellow Directors of Missions about best practices for Metro Associations.
- Held Disciple-making Strategy Meeting with current IMB Missionary who taught the IMB Foundations strategy all missionaries are trained in.
- Meeting regularly with other KC Metro DOM's (Clay Platte Baptist Association and Kansas City Kansas Baptist Association) to develop a metro strategy and to coordinate work.
- Was invited by the Missouri Baptist Convention to help develop the Resound Discipleship Process. It will be introduced to our churches this fall.
- BR-KC was a named beneficiary in a man's will and he left us a substantial gift. Working with the Finance Committee for Kingdom minded stewardship of this gift. We are planning to invest this through our BR-KC Churches for greater Kingdom growth.
- BR-KC continues to host and/or resource the monthly Pastors Huddle and Theological Cohort. Mark Clifton of NAMB leads the Huddle and Pastor Jason Allen leads the Theological Cohort.
- Began a triannual conference with Dr. Steve Pringle, President of Diakonos Christian Counseling to address emotional/mental health of our pastors and to equip pastors/church members to deal with emotional health issues of church family.
- Involved in helping Lenexa Baptist Church adopt Spring Valley Baptist Church which was relaunched as Reach Raytown with Jonathan Slade as pastor.
- Helped Central Baptist with their relocation to the former Bales Avenue Baptist church.
- Invited to preach for the Martin Luther King Memorial Day Service in Blue Springs, MO.
- Continue to serve as Vice-Chairperson on the Board of Rehope anti-trafficking ministry. Attended graduation of several formerly trafficked women at Rehope Farms.
- Feed My Sheep Pastoring Conference hosted by Wornall Road Baptist Church. BR-



KC provided the meal and I and some of our pastors were in attendance. Next FMS conference is November 4. Watch for registration announcement.

- Attended several churches/pastors anniversaries and ordinations

Student Ministry Report—Travis Hamm, Collegiate Impact

In the last three years since the official formation of Collegiate Impact, we've grown from three staff members—myself, my wife, and Kerissa Breisch—to nine. We've grown from ministering on one campus to seven. We're inching toward our goal of bringing the hope and peace of Jesus to the 85,000+ college students in our metro area.

But make no mistake: college ministry isn't easy. It never has been. Ministry on the college campus can be lonely and discouraging. The student population is highly transient, which makes it challenging to develop leaders and build sustainable ministries, especially on our community college campuses. And this year, more than any other in my 17 years of doing college ministry, we've encountered significant opposition and hostility from campus administrators and faculty.

It is clear that the enemy does not want us doing this work. He has tried to keep us from becoming or remaining student organizations. He has tried to stand in the way of us reserving spaces to use on campus where we can meet students or hold Bible studies. He has tried to scare us in the form of anonymous threatening emails.

It's no surprise why. College students are more open to discussing matters of faith and spirituality than I have ever seen. They are more willing to pour out their questions and stories to us. And they are hurting more than ever. In 2023, 38% of Missouri college students reported feeling overwhelmed or unbearably stressed, 70% battled anxiety, 55% were depressed, 30% had panic attacks, 25% contemplated suicide, and 2.1% attempted suicide. These statistics are heartbreaking, but they aren't just numbers to us. They're names and faces of students we interact with on our college campuses every day. We hear their stories. We listen to their fears. We answer their questions. We hold space for their doubts. We shoulder their pain.

This generation of college students is thirsty for hope. Hungry for love. Longing for direction. Searching for meaning.

And we have the joy of bringing good news to them. Jesus brings hope. Jesus gives love. Jesus gives direction. Jesus brings meaning.

I sense that a tipping point is on the near horizon when this openness among college students will become a floodgate of revival on our campuses. I am praying for that day. I want to be prepared for that day.

That's why we're passionate about partnering with local churches in the discipleship of students. That's why we want to equip and mobilize church leaders and members to effectively reach and disciple 18-25 year-olds. And that's why we're striving to have a gospel ministry presence on every one of the 16 college campuses in Kansas City.

We're working toward that goal, but we aren't there yet. The enemy is trying hard to stop us. He's certainly made our jobs more difficult this year, but God is bigger. Despite the challenges we've faced, we celebrate all that God has done in and through our ministries.

Below is a big picture snapshot of what God has done through Collegiate Impact cumulatively this year. Thank you, BRKC, for being by our side every step of the way. We couldn't do it without you.

The Impact 2023-2024

Gospel Saturation



Life Transformation



*Such as sharing the gospel for the first time, going on a mission trip, leading Bible study for the first time, a call to vocational ministry, overcoming area of sin, etc.

The Impact 2023-2024

Church Participation

22

Churches That Assisted Our Ministries On Campus

11

Students Who Went to Church for 1st Time or Started Attending Regularly

5

Students Who Became Church Members

15

Students Paired through Befriend-a-Student

Ministry Multiplication

3

New Staff Members

2

New Student-Led Bible Studies

14

New Student Leaders Raised Up

2

New Student-Led Initiatives

Numbers as reported by staff and some student leaders/volunteers from August 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024. The true numbers are likely much higher as not every conversation and decision gets reported, and we don't get to see all the fruit!

Behind every number is a name, a face, and a story.

People Teams—Andrew Huesing

People Teams is excited to release our second prayer guide for the people groups in KC! When the first one came out in 2014, many of the people groups had no known believers in KC, but God has saved or moved a few believers here since then, so this prayer guide gives prayer requests from them in their own voices. You can download a digital copy of the booklet or order printed prayer guides from the Association at \$2.50 each (just the cost of printing).

People Teams hosted some volunteer teams from Faith Christian Academy and FBC Choctaw to do prayer walking and teen events with kids from many cultures.

We continue to reach out to Muslims with the Gospel. Pictured is a trip to God's Mountain with a Somali family that is still Muslim. Many newcomers have come to Kansas City through the Southern border. Regardless of the political concerns, we have had the opportunity to share the Gospel with them. A dozen Muslim men from Mauritania came through. Two helped with a ministry work project and heard the Gospel. This week a Somali newcomer also heard the Gospel and shared his phone number. Because Ramadan is concluding, asking any Muslim why they are fasting is a great conversation starter that can lead to truth being shared. I encourage you to ask someone that question.



Meeting with Christians who converted from Islam is also a big part of People Teams ministry. Discipleship is messy, but it is the heart of ministry to unreached groups. They suffer so much in threats and rejection from their families, so believers need to become their new families.



We also continue to have weekly soccer and Bible study groups on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The vision for these groups is to ground kids in the Gospel so that they can live as disciples of Jesus. Through the years, we have taken mission trips and also taken kids out visiting families at their homes to share their faith. High school and college young men are encouraged to help with the elementary kids so that they can stretch their ministry muscles by serving. We are preparing for a camping trip May 10 led by these high school and college guys. I'm encouraged by those who are stepping up in ministry. Like Jesus said, some will

produce 100, 60, or 30 times. Others will bury their opportunities or make excuses. Such is the case with all ministry, but I am very encouraged by those who are stepping up in leadership within these groups and within the community.

WMU—Linda Graham, Director

We hosted seven Montana Southern Baptist Women, getting them to Warrensburg so they could attend the Missouri WMU Missions Celebration at First Baptist Church. We provided transportation to and from the event, as well as missions projects for them to do.

We had our annual meeting on March 14th at Calvary, Blue Springs with 20 in attendance. Our meeting was about collecting ideas that other groups could use in their own meetings. Darlene Scott did enlistment ideas. Lorraine Powers did monthly meeting suggestions. Sheriann Kessinger did prayer and giving and promotion of state offerings suggestions. We collected \$304.00 to give to Madge Truex and Alberta Gilpin funds at MO WMU. I showed them internet aids to help them with their programs.

We are here to help you. Just call us.
Linda Graham. 816-358-1347
Lorraine Powers. 816-719-0566
Sheriann Kessinger. 816-260-0696

Disaster Relief—Chris Houghtaling, BRKC DR Admin

Local opportunities....historic Texas fire.... Lahaina Maui fire.....

The late fall and winter months are typically a season of a reduced level of activity for Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers.

During this time, we give ourselves an opportunity to rejuvenate and prepare for the upcoming tornado and hurricane seasons.

There is never truly a time off however. We continually maintain preparedness to respond to needs both near and far.

* In recent months we have taken care of tree issues for a few local residents who were in much need of help including an elderly widow of a pastor.

Her yard accumulated several issues that compounded over time involving the need for chainsaw work on trees.

She didn't know what to do. She didn't have means for a resolution, so she did nothing. Then one day the "God Who Sees" brought it to the attention of one of our volunteers.

Several team members responded to help this precious woman who has lived a life of faithful service.

She was deeply impacted by this unexpected display of love.

* In response to the historic fire in Texas, Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief began seeking donations of much needed hay for several thousand cattle suddenly left without food.



One of our team members was among the drivers who drove long hours back and forth to deliver 11 semi truck loads of life sustaining hay helping to prevent further losses for these ranchers.

* Prior to the Texas fire, the news was filled with horrific stories of the Lahaina Maui fire which claimed 101 lives.

In November and December our team members were among the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers who donned Tyvek suits, respirators, goggles, gloves.... full PPE (personal protective equipment) to be there as homeowners saw the charred remains of what was left of lifelong memories for the first time.

We watched God take them from a state of deepest distress and despair to the beginning of a long road to healing as we listened, gave hugs, and sifted through ash and debris looking for items that were special to them in hopes of finding something that could be salvaged.



For some, barely recognizable items were a treasure, because it was "something".

For a few, there were delights brought by unexpected finds.

For all, a peace of mind came from knowing if something was there, it would have been found by our systemic process. It gave them the closure they needed.

The ministry of presence was powerful!

A team member walked alongside two ladies as they retraced the steps along the path their brother/cousin took as he ran for his life to the place where they were told his body was found in the street.

Somehow finding his shoes nearby brought their family deep peace and joy. To hold this favorite brand of shoes in their hands brought precious memories of much teasing - saying they were going to steal his shoes.

It was a personal item with personal memories of this man described as "the biggest grouch, but he had the biggest heart and would do anything for his family. Always insisting on helping, but grouching the whole time!"

A team member sat with a veteran with PTSD who was reminded of war zones he had experienced as he looked upon the scene and recounted the story he was told of where his wife died. He shared how she always had an optimistic outlook which is something he always struggled with.

A deep spiritual conversation ensued which was followed by the discovery by another team member of a PERFECTLY intact cross necklace.

An extremely rare occurrence!

It was the gift he had given her for their most recent anniversary. February 14th, Valentine's Day.

A perfect symbol of the spiritual conversation that pointed to a focus on Jesus as the key to hope and optimism in a world of troubles.

We show up and God does God sized things. That is who He is and what He does!

There is always so much more that could be said...come join us and see for yourself up close and personal.

Contact our Director Roger Masters at (816) 352-6108 to learn more.

Multi-Ethnic Church Planting Center—Luis Mendoza, Director

Training and Developing Leaders

In 2024, with the assistance of several churches and organizations, we were able to begin an accredited educational opportunity for pastors, leaders and potential church planters with basic biblical knowledge and training. We currently have 56 students enrolled in these classes, which are offered at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary through the CLD (Contextualized Leadership Development) Program.

We would like to carry out multiple objectives through these efforts: (1) help pastors already serving in ministry to improve their Bible teaching abilities and their leadership skills, (2) help prepare leaders and workers to serve in positions of leadership in local churches, and (3) aid in the discovery, development, and training of potential leaders to plant more Hispanic churches in the Kansas City area and beyond. We have identified at least five people that could help us to accomplish this last objective. Hopefully, the first group will be graduating this coming December.

Ministering to the International Community

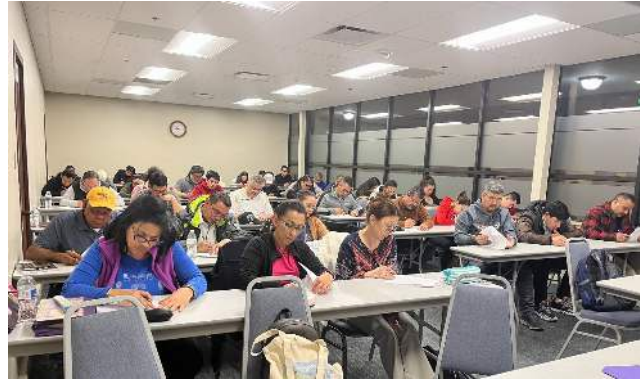
With the aid of Vision 3:16 Ministries, we had our spring eyeglass clinic last month with a great turnout. We served more than 120 people with eye screenings and provided glasses for them. With this clinic being a fantastic opportunity to share the gospel with the attendees, 36 people made professions of faith and we are in the process of following up.

Furthermore, last month, the Karen Church (a church plant from Myanmar) was able to become fully independent as a church. They had been using the facilities of Palabra Viva Church/Multicultural building for almost ten years. During this time, the Multicultural Ministry was able to guide them through the process of growing and becoming a sister church. We had a beautiful and significant celebration on Easter Sunday, giving thanks to God for allowing us the possibility of partnering together in ministry for all these years.



Planting More Churches

As mentioned before, the Multicultural Ministry is committed to helping plant more Hispanic and international churches in the Kansas City area and beyond. We have recruited some Hispanic leaders through the CLD program (mentioned above), and we are helping those leaders to develop and sharpen their ministerial skills. In fact, three of them are already helping us to do church planting groundwork. The plan is to find two or three new locations where the Hispanic population has increased significantly in the last two years and commission these leaders to help us engage the community with the gospel presentation, as well as evangelistic outreach events. These activities include guidance for parents and couples, as well as basic skills on how to live a more meaningful and productive way in the United States.



In addition, as part of the international evangelistic efforts, we are collaborating with local leaders and pastors to reach out to other people groups that do not speak Spanish. With this intention, we have created a team. We are discovering the specific needs other people groups represented in the Kansas City area might have and developing a strategy to fulfill some of them. All of this is with the attention of creating relationships and bridges that will eventually allow us the possibility of sharing the gospel with them. I would like to express my gratitude to all the churches of Blue River Kansas City for allowing the possibility of ministering to the international community living in Kansas City.

Our Impact

REHOPE BY THE NUMBERS 2023

RH

2023 was a year of REHOPE advancement and preparation for REHOPE action in 2024.

As REHOPE Farms operated at nearly maximum capacity for the majority of the year, the cottage community continued to take shape, albeit slower than anticipated. We officially broke ground on the cottage community. Grading is done, and the barn pad is ready for concrete.

REHOPE leaders raised awareness and provided training at multiple locations and venues throughout the year and strengthened ties with local universities, health care systems and churches.

REHOPE Farms was awarded the Safe House Project's Gold Certification and deepened its network with Rescue America, receiving referrals from them often.

FOR 2023

Participants In Long-Term Residential Recovery	33	Total Referrals Provided	290
Participants In Non-Residential	4	Total Medical, Legal, Counseling, etc. Appointments Kept	1,185
Total Adult Participation	37	Total Miles Driven	22,000+
Total Minors/Juveniles	10		
Total Service Requests	428		
Total Screenings (for potential intake interview)	250		
Total Intake Interviews (for potential participant intake)	62		



Adult Meals Served	14,107
Minors Meals Served	4,521
Total Meals	18,628



“ I discovered just how deeply God loves me at REHOPE. And now I'm learning to love myself.”

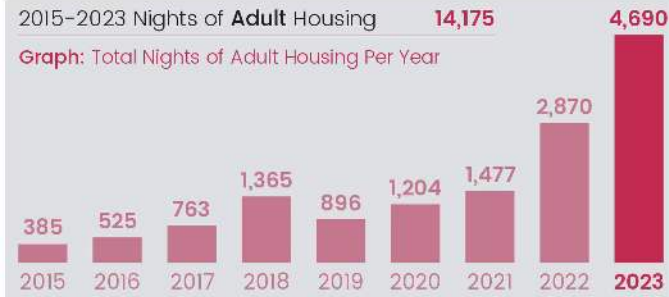
REHOPE BY THE NUMBERS 2015 - 2023

Total Hours of **All Group Learning** **13,616**



2015-2023 Nights of **Adult Housing** **14,175**

Graph: Total Nights of Adult Housing Per Year



2023 **Minor Bed Nights** **1,211**

2023 **Total Nights of Housing** **5,901**

PERSPECTIVE FROM 2015 - 2023

Residential Participants **170**

+ **35 Minors** = **205 New Total**

Non-Residential **31**

Service Requests **2,272**

Services Provided **1,942**
being outreach, crisis beds, hospitals, referral, etc.

Referrals Only **1,048**

Meals Served **48,876**

Medical Appointments **724**

“ I never would have moved past what happened to me if it weren't for REHOPE.”

SURVIVORS MOVING FORWARD

Program Graduates **14**

Completed 1 Year **25**

Employed by RH Farms: **5**

IN 2023

Attending High School **3**

Attending College **2**

Certifications **3**

Therapy Hours **1,027**

2015 - 2023 1-3 Year Program **Graduates** **39**



Free Evangelism Resources

The North American Mission Board offers numerous resources available to churches to aid in evangelism. Visit the NAMB Store online to order your church a free kit!



3 Circles



Who's Your ONE?

