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WHAT YOU MISSED AT THE SPRING SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

By Gregg Boll, Director of Missions

Creating a culture of evangelism in your church was the theme of this year's spring semi-annual meeting. Dr. Gary Kendall shared an exciting evangelism tool for mobilizing your members to live missionally in their neighborhoods called Bless Every Home. An especially nice feature of this ministry is that there is an app pastors and the church can use to see the progress of their members in engaging their lost and unchurched neighbors with the gospel. Gary shared that a private donor has agreed to pay for up to 100 churches in the metro area to use the app and ministry. The donor only asks that the church have some "skin in the game" and invest \$200 in doing this strategy. Please contact Amy at amyc@kcbaptist.org if you're interested in being signed up to do this or for more information.....



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FBC LEE'S SUMMIT HOLDS RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATION

First Baptist Church of Lees Summit recently celebrated the completion of their sanctuary renovation project. Several members and community leaders marked the occasion Tuesday, April 30th at a special ribbon cutting ceremony. The project was completed before their target deadline of Easter 2024. First Baptist has been under ongoing renovation of the entire building including the education wing of the church.

This renovation project not only preserves the rich heritage of a congregation that pre-dates the incorporation of Lee's Summit itself, but also honors the beauty of one of Lee's Summit's oldest churches. As a church that has always served her community, they welcome local groups & businesses to use their space for community enriching events.



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FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE

By Martha Aligaz and Melete Ghile

James 1:27 (NIV) “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”

This is a story of six, which later became seven, children ranging in age from 18 months to 8 years old, that were born in Sudan and Dubai who became orphans due to their parents having died of illness, childbirth, or abandonment after escaping from the war and economic challenges in Ethiopia. Six of the children lived in the Ethiopian Community Center in Sudan under terrible conditions. They were desperate to be rescued.

The rescue came through a group of Ethiopian women, who lived in Kansas, and heard about the terrible condition the children were in. Every year this group of women attended the yearly Beza Christian Women’s Conference as well as getting together throughout the year to pray for God to give them direction to contribute to the community they live in and/or any other community. In 2018 the group heard about the children in Sudan and the conditions in which they were living. One example would be, one of the children’s fingers was bitten by a mouse while sleeping. The good news is, after the children moved back to Ethiopia God provided the means for her to have a surgery so that it will not be a constant reminder of her life of the past.

The 10 women then decided to form a non- profit organization, under the name of “Kansas Women of Faith” (KWOF), to support the children. More information can be found on their website, kansaswomenoffaith.org. The purpose of “Kansas Woman of Faith” is to bring hope and help to orphans in Ethiopia. They believe we are orphans adopted into the Kingdom of God.....



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