

KCKBA

Connections

Winter 2011

Kansas City Sends Thirty-four Short-term Missionaries to Jamaica

When the word 'Jamaica' is heard, people think of nice hotels, sandy beaches and a warm climate—a place of relaxation away from the norm of life. That, however, was not the Jamaica that a team of Kansas City area short-term volunteer missionaries experienced during a week of evangelistic ministry.

In a KCKBA partnership with International Commission, volunteers from Rutlader Cowboy Church of Louisburg, Edgerton Southern Baptist Church, Spring Valley Baptist Church, Sterling Acres Baptist Church, Antioch Baptist Church of Harrisonville, First Baptist of Peculiar, and First Baptist of Archie joined together on mission to Jamaica. The group traveled where tourists never go and shared the Gospel with those who would listen. They took the gospel to people in their homes, on the street, in the market place, and in some cases in a local bar, down dirt paths, and even up goat trails. The teams shared the love and redemption of Jesus to a country that is oppressed by the darkness of Satan. They shared about the Light who can bring life. The daily routine of each participant became that of talking to anyone who would listen. God opened doors for members of the team to go into the schools to not

only present the gospel, but to offer an invitation and lead students and teachers in the sinner's prayer. Pastor Welby Jones made the comment that the gospel is so simple that one can hear it the first time and accept it for a life changing event. Pastor Ernie Cecil said, "God still moves with the simplicity of the gospel of Christ. It is tremendously effective when it is shared personally. The Lord used this group to lead 56 people to the Lord in 5 short days." Pastor Larry Heenan remarked that the residual effect of this experience has far more impact than 100 revival meetings laid one on top of another. He went on to say that it was like "being placed in the midst of the book of Acts—that is seeing first hand the dramatic and life changing work of God among a pagan people." One of the Jamaican church members remarked, "You have shown us that we can still reach people with the gospel. We pledge to continue doing what you have done while here with us." It was a week of sharing Jesus in areas where tourists

never go or even see in the travel advertisements.

International Commission enlisted the team to serve in 42 Baptist churches leading Jamaicans to the Lord. The Kansas City area team was divided into 12 groups, and at the end of the week, they turned in the numbers of

those who prayed to accept Christ as their Savior. The totals added into the Kingdom of God were 1,434. What a week to see so many come to the Lord for Salvation!

International Commission offers, to those who accept

the call from God to go, opportunities to participate in evangelistic mission trips. If you are interested in accepting one of those opportunities to share Jesus in another country, contact Scott Mayse at ScottM@IC-World.Org or 913.731.0539. The next trip in which KCKBA will partner with International Commission is to Lima, Peru, July 22–August 1, 2011. Peru planning meetings at KCKBA are scheduled for February 24 and March 17.



KCKBA CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD

Welborn Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas has a church bus for sale. It is handicap capable and in excellent condition. If interested in purchasing the bus, call Larry Griffin (church trustee) at 913.287.6557 or Elliott Eley, 816.807.5506.

Longview Baptist Church, Lee's Summit, Missouri is seeking a part-time Minister of Music to plan and lead the congregational singing and arrange for special music for Sunday morning services and to assist with the Easter and Christmas programs. Please forward your resume to Minister of Music Search Committee by email to jim-patty@att.net or 1300 SW Longview Road, Lee's Summit, MO 64081.

Haven Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas is accepting resumes for a bivocational Pastor of Worship to lead the church to worship God through contemporary and traditional music, scripture, drama, and other means by building upon current music and worship programs. Applicants must be a born-again, Bible-believing Christian whose lifestyle exemplifies Christ-like love and behavior. Must also be male and have training and experience specific to the job tasks. For more information, contact Pastor Andrews, donandrews@havenbaptistkc.org.

Valley Fellowship, Leawood, seeks a Children's Director. This person will design, implement and administer a dynamic children's ministry from birth to fifth grade. The job is for approximately 20 hours per week. Send resumes to: 14840 Metcalf, Overland Park, Kansas 66223, or office@valleyfellowshipkc.org.

Transitioning from Traditional to Missional

Brad Brisco, Church Planter Strategist

This month, we will look at the sixth of nine elements that are necessary when attempting to transition a traditional church to a more missional direction. These nine points are certainly not conclusive or comprehensive; however, I do hope they can provide a significant starting point that enables churches to become more externally focused.

1. Start with Spiritual Formation
2. Cultivate a Missional Leadership Approach
3. Emphasize the Priesthood of All Believers
4. Focus Attention on the Local Community
5. Don't Do it Alone
- 6. Create New Means of Measuring Success**

The church must move beyond measuring success by the traditional indicators of attendance, buildings and cash. Instead we must create new scorecards to measure ministry effectiveness. These new scorecards will include measurements that point to the church's impact on community transformation rather than measuring what is happening among church members inside the church walls. For the missional church it is no longer about the number of people active *in the church* but instead the number of people active *in the community*. It is no longer about the amount of money *received* but it is about the amount of money *given away*.

A missional church may ask how many hours has the church spent praying for community issues? How many hours have church members spent with unbelievers? How many of those unbelievers are making significant movement towards Jesus? How many community groups use the facilities of the church? How many people are healthier because of the clinic the church operates? How many people are in new jobs because of free job training offered by the church? What is the number of school children who are getting better grades because of after school tutoring the church provides. Or how many times do community leaders call the church asking for advice?

Until the church reconsiders the definition of ministry success and creates new scorecards to appropriately measure that success, it will continue to allocate vital resources in misguided directions.

to be continued next month

For more information on missional churches, visit www.kckba.org and click on the link to **Missional Church Network** or contact Brad Brisco, 913.599.4455 or brad.brisco@gmail.com.

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Church Contributions to KCKBA for 2010

	Jan 10	Feb 10	Mar 10	Apr 10	May 10	Jun 10	Jul 10	Aug 10	Sep 10	Oct 10	Nov 10	Dec 10	TOTAL
47th Street BC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
83rd Street BC	0.00	161.91	131.29	113.23	130.84	152.81	117.48	266.70	0.00	0.00	149.79	228.82	1,452.87
Bethesda Missionary BC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Blue Valley BC	0.00	1,340.62	1,133.26	1,135.57	1,447.12	1,507.27	1,252.77	1,161.66	1,421.28	1,146.26	1,471.63	3,668.93	16,686.37
Bykota BC	78.43	59.98	113.19	173.75	77.07	80.37	73.60	78.62	96.54	64.73	96.98	78.57	1,071.83
Calvary So. BC, Gardner	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	225.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	225.00
Calvary BC, Lenexa	0.00	284.39	230.21	0.00	230.03	0.00	478.85	791.36	279.82	210.17	195.20	1,009.13	3,709.16
DeSoto Community Ch.	423.69	0.00	0.00	189.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	613.13
Dynamic Life Baptist	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
Eastside Church of the Cross	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Edgerton BC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Emmanuel BC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,000.00	6,000.00
Emmanuel Chinese BC	0.00	0.00	1,700.00	0.00	0.00	1,700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,700.00	5,100.00
Fellowship BC	393.34	490.31	397.96	353.56	433.34	481.91	340.26	379.54	481.42	368.67	423.09	346.48	4,889.88
First BC of Shawnee	0.00	252.41	207.20	215.66	87.55	361.26	219.46	74.94	96.18	76.10	705.56	51.13	2,347.45
First BC of Bethel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
First Family	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
First Hmong BC	0.00	58.64	0.00	97.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	220.13	0.00	0.00	323.61	699.66
First Korean BC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
First So. BC, KCK	168.00	0.00	317.00	103.00	0.00	147.00	287.00	173.00	145.00	112.00	183.00	122.00	1,757.00
First So. BC, OP	0.00	1,303.75	793.24	899.01	1,129.86	962.57	837.03	804.51	1,004.73	854.73	944.75	1,699.67	11,233.85
Grace BC, Gardner	0.00	0.00	1,275.00	0.00	570.00	530.00	845.00	0.00	670.00	405.00	0.00	1,535.00	5,830.00
Grace Fellowship, Leavenworth	0.00	0.00	0.00	180.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	183.15	0.00	363.15
Haven BC	0.00	761.51	1,351.15	0.00	744.00	0.00	1,416.37	0.00	1,291.74	642.50	710.16	1,451.74	8,369.17
Iglesia Bautista La Esperanza	0.00	151.94	61.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	213.09
International Community	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
IronHorse Community	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	2,500.00
Lansing BC	0.00	687.27	594.93	548.54	629.76	776.16	550.84	500.87	638.91	506.96	951.59	353.42	6,739.25
Leavenworth BC	0.00	226.00	395.66	0.00	212.21	230.06	196.26	177.59	207.85	170.41	217.71	386.04	2,419.79
Leavenworth Hispanic	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Leawood BC	0.00	358.00	290.74	302.12	390.69	422.82	295.39	329.03	365.31	307.85	387.28	996.78	4,446.01
Lenexa BC	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	12,000.00
Metropolitan BC	80.73	95.97	99.86	85.43	103.74	115.00	90.00	82.92	143.02	96.41	111.83	95.30	1,200.21
Mission Creek BC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mt. Olive Missionary BC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nall Avenue BC	1,660.79	1,348.93	1,594.64	1,869.53	1,467.74	1,389.35	1,833.00	1,716.05	1,606.45	1,474.93	1,568.64	2,338.71	19,868.76
New Beginnings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Hope BC	0.00	85.93	83.17	89.36	0.00	114.42	103.87	97.06	0.00	220.54	150.32	0.00	944.67
New Life BC	50.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
New Light Bethel BC	0.00	0.00	27.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.50
No. Overland Park BC	0.00	27.50	0.00	27.50	0.00	27.50	55.00	27.50	0.00	55.00	27.50	27.50	275.00
Osawatomie So. BC	69.30	0.00	128.40	178.46	0.00	0.00	145.42	133.62	355.14	0.00	142.70	191.89	1,344.93
Outpost Cowboy Ministries	0.00	200.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	1,100.00
Parkway BC	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,519.89	0.00	0.00	1,434.36	0.00	0.00	1,581.94	0.00	1,484.51	6,020.70
Pearl Street BC	0.00	1,220.16	926.03	1,171.82	933.92	863.71	671.97	948.31	1,196.32	621.92	1,050.54	1,253.34	10,858.04

Blue Valley Baptist Church Accepts the Acts 1:8 Challenge to Become Missional

Pastor of Administration and Outreach David Neely, Blue Valley Baptist Church (BVBC), submitted the following report about how they are focusing on becoming a missional church as directed in Acts 1:8.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8 (NIV)

In their Jerusalem (local missions), BVBC is showing God's Love by meeting the personal, spiritual, emotional, & relational needs of people and using that as an opportunity to share Christ—thereby, advancing God's Kingdom throughout the Kansas City metro area. They meet local service needs by partnering with Harvesters Community Food Network, Newhouse Shelter, Safe Home Shelter, Lighthouse Maternity Home, Advice and Aid Pregnancy Center, Southern Baptist Ministries, FBC Stillwell Food Pantry, Rose Brooks Center, Mission Adelante, City Union Mission, and through Kids in Service projects with City Union Mission and Hope House. They also partner with the Greater Chinese Church of Kansas City.

In their Judea (state missions), BVBC is a part of the Kansas-Nebraska Southern Baptist Convention which is involved in ministry throughout both Kansas and Nebraska. The church supports the ministries of crisis pregnancy centers, children's homes, retirement facilities, camps, and disaster relief efforts.

BVBC goes into their Samaria (national missions) by being involved in mission efforts throughout the United States. They have participated with Operation Christmas Child, Gideon's Bible distribution, and through ministries of the North American Mission Board (NAMB) such as 9th Inning Ministries College World Series baseball missions in Omaha, NE, World Changers in New Orleans, LA, Baptist Global Response hunger funds in the USA. They continue to explore areas where they can impact their Samaria.

And the final directive is to the ends of the earth (international missions). BVBC is developing strategic partnerships with work in South Asia and Africa. They continue to explore where God wants them to be involved in other countries of the world. BVBC has church members working through Living Water International in El Salvador, and partnerships with International Commission in Brazil and Rwanda. Others in the BVBC family have participated on mission teams to Haiti, Ethiopia, India, China, Kenya, Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania, Southern Sudan, Zaire, South Africa, and Thailand. Many members also provide support to World Vision, Campus Crusade, the Jesus Film Project, Compassion International, Alpha Children's Ministry in India, Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child International, Baptist Global Response, and the Southern Baptist International Mission Board (IMB). BVBC will also have a Christian presence at the Infopoverty World Conference at the United Nations in New York City. They continue to explore opportunities for sending mission teams to other areas of the world to meet critical human and spiritual needs.

Editor's Note; Sometimes sharing information such as this leads to partnership with other churches or perhaps inspires other churches to examine their mission. KCKBA would like to hear from you as to how God is using your church in Kingdom growth through Acts 1:8. Please send information and reports to www.kckba.org.

Sharon BC	0.00	200.00	100.00	0.00	200.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	1,200.00
The Master's Community	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	1,900.00
U Church	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
Valley Fellowship	0.00	535.14	460.54	403.83	619.88	549.53	485.11	479.43	597.06	587.53	587.53	5,612.18
Vista BC	0.00	645.42	425.70	543.83	537.41	741.42	507.34	761.09	628.77	848.60	848.60	6,542.85
Welborn BC	162.66	278.89	187.68	172.80	168.70	389.41	353.55	354.05	268.69	436.71	436.71	3,234.50
West Haven BC	0.00	500.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	6,000.00
Westside Family	2,083.00	2,083.00	2,083.00	2,083.00	2,083.00	2,083.00	2,083.00	2,083.00	2,083.00	2,083.00	2,087.00	25,000.00
TOTAL	6,344.94	14,532.67	17,403.50	14,231.61	15,021.86	17,000.57	18,073.84	14,343.69	16,198.94	27,377.41	27,377.41	190,516.00

The State of Church Health Presents Urgent Need to Plant New Churches

At the 2010 annual celebration of the Kansas City Kansas Baptist Association (KCKBA), Church Starter Strategist Brad Brisco cited statistics on church health and spoke on the need of church planting in light of the declining number of churches in the United States. He also spoke on the Southern Baptist Convention's (SBC) church ratio to population in the Kansas City area. In the summary below, you will see that the first set of numbers reflects the church to population ratio for all denominations, while the second set of statistics speaks specifically to the ratio of SBC churches to current population.

In 1900, there were 28 churches for every 10,000 Americans.
In 1950, there were 17 churches for every 10,000 Americans.
In 2000, there were 12 churches for every 10,000 Americans.
In 2005, there were 11 churches for every 10,000 Americans.

Furthermore, in the United States over 70 churches close their doors permanently every week.

In the state of Mississippi, there is a ratio of 1 SBC church for every 1,300 people. In the state of Oklahoma, the ratio is 1 SBC church for every 2,000 people. In Arkansas, the ratio is 1 SBC church to every 2,300 people. With that in mind, what would be a healthy ratio of SBC churches to population ratio for the Kansas City area? 1 to 3,000? 1 to 4,000? Maybe 1 to 5,000?

Are you aware that in Spring Hill, which has a population of 5,500 there is no SBC church? Did you know that Roeland Park with a population of 7,000 has no SBC church? Or Bonner Springs with a population of nearly 12,000 has no SBC church? Furthermore, consider these SBC church to population ratios for several of the cities in our association:

Lenexa is 1 church to every 15,000 residents
Prairie Village is 1 church to every 22,000 residents
Olathe is 1 church to every 30,000 residents
Overland Park is 1 church to every 45,000 residents
Shawnee is 1 church to every 60,000 residents

Brisco closed his presentation with the following, "I want to challenge you and your church to ask, 'What can we do to be involved in church planting?' If you have further questions, please contact me at bradb@kcbaptist.org."

God at work through KCKBA Churches...

Fellowship Baptist Church, Olathe, sent a missions team to the Sudan, January 1–15. They provided leadership and evangelism training with an existing church and evangelism in an area where a new church is planned. The team was there when Southern Sudan voted to become a new country.

Lenexa Baptist Church and Pastor Steve Dighton shared their facilities so that **Desoto Community Church** led by Pastor Matt Maestas could have a Baptism Celebration Service on Sunday afternoon December 19.

Westside Family Church, Lenexa, will host an Adoption Funding Forum on Thursday, March 3 at 7:00 PM. A CPA will explain in detail all available federal and state (Kansas and Missouri) tax credits. They will also present information on grants and alternative ways to fund adoptions. This event will be informative for those considering or in the process of adoption.

RSVP Now for KNCSB's VBS

Jumpstart Clinic

Get a **JUMPSTART** on planning your 2011 Vacation Bible School (VBS)! Discover great ideas, teaching helps, and have fun at VBS



Jumpstart on February 26, 9:45 AM–3:00 PM. Jumpstart has a new location this year and will be held at Webster Conference Center in Salina, Kansas. For reservations contact Barbara Spicer (bspicer@knscb.org or 800.984.9092) or download a registration form at www.knscb.org, click on "Church Ministries" then "Bible Study."

Training will be available for LifeWay's **Big Apple Adventure: Where Faith and Life Connect**. The two-hour base conferences will be offered for VBS Directors/Pastors; Spanish Preschool and Children's VBS; VBS Music; Preschool VBS; Younger Children's Bible Study; Middle Children's Bible Study; Preteen VBX Bible Study; Children's Missions; Children's Crafts; and Youth VBS. Afternoon electives include more rotations plus other VBS enrichment conferences.

The cost is \$12.50 if postmarked by February 14 or \$15.00 for late registration. This fee includes conference materials and a light lunch. For additional information about VBS curriculum or the VBS Jumpstart Clinic, contact KNCSB Marie Clark, 800.984.9092, mclark@knscb.org, or email Debbie Carter, debbiec@here2serve.org.

January Birthdays

- 01 David Neely, Blue Valley Baptist Church
- 04 Angie Moreno, Emmanuel Baptist Church
- 08 Mike McKinney, Leawood Baptist Church
- 09 Steve Tan, Emmanuel Chinese Baptist Church
- 09 Rick McCarley, Osawatomie Southern Baptist Church
- 16 Wesley Vance, Lenexa Baptist Church
- 17 Rick Rooks, First Southern Baptist Church, KCK
- 21 Rich Arnold, Leavenworth Baptist Church
- 22 Bucky Hitchcock, First Southern Baptist Church, OP

February Birthdays

- 01 Kevin Ross, Pearl Street Baptist Church
- 04 Richard Sowards, retired
- 07 Laura Staver, Leawood Baptist Church
- 09 Ralph Hansen, North Overland Park Baptist Church
- 20 David Weldy, First Baptist Church of Shawnee
- 24 Carl Garrett, Rutlader Cowboy Church

January Ministry Anniversaries

- 01 D.J. Castilleja, Pearl Street Baptist Church, '09
- 01 Judy Dearwester, Westside Family Church, '99
- 01 Dick Dearwester, Westside Family Church, '99
- 01 Russ Preston, Sharon Baptist Church, '90
- 01 Kenny Warren, Nall Avenue Baptist Church, '07
- 01 Dale Baker, Calvary Baptist Church, '09
- 02 Nathan Rose, Leavenworth Baptist Church, '08
- 07 Ben McDaniel, Grace Fellowship, '07
- 15 Wesley Vance, Lenexa Baptist Church, '08
- 22 Edmond Thomas, Lenexa Baptist Church, '07

February Ministry Anniversaries

- 01 Carl Hunker, Emmanuel Chinese Baptist, '88
- 01 Steve Gabrielse, Valley Fellowship, '08
- 01 Jeff Wolfington, Leavenworth Baptist, '08
- 17 Ralph Hansen, North Overland Park Baptist, '07
- 26 Steve Dighton, Lenexa Baptist Church, '90

Church VBS Dates Are Needed!

In the spirit of partnership, churches often share VBS dates with KCKBA. The association offers free VBS publicity at www.kckba.org. Also, through the website, there is an opportunity for churches to connect and share decorations, materials, and sometime VBS workers! Visit the VBS page at www.kckba.org to send VBS dates and times. Also, include the name, phone number, and email address of your 2011 VBS Director.

KCKBA VBC Clinics

Tuesday Evening
April 12, 2011
Nall Avenue Baptist
6701 Nall Avenue
Prairie Village, KS
7:00–9:00 PM

Saturday Morning
April (TBA), 2011
Haven Baptist
10638 Parallel
Kansas City, KS
9:30–11:30 AM



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