

2020

MISSION

OPPORTUNITIES

"...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

-Acts 1:8b



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In addition to the projects listed below, with the ongoing church planting efforts in our region, there are ALWAYS opportunities to partner with new church planters or with churches in the revitalization process. For general information on planting or revitalization, contact Mark Elliott at 402.551.0608 (office), 402-680-0820 (cell), or e-mail at mark@heartlandchurchnetwork.org

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****Please keep in mind that churches and projects are constantly changing, so the following list is simply to get you started thinking about how you can serve alongside HCN.**

Omaha /Council Bluffs Area Projects

God's Missionary Baptist Church: This is an African American congregation that is in the process of building a new building. Many lost and un-churched people live in the area where they are building.

Construction projects: The congregation is in the midst of a building project. The metal shell is completed and initial framing has been done along with some conduit being installed. They can use help running wiring and installing sheet rock. Finances for material will dictate what they are able to do.

Contact: Pastor Kojo Allen at 402-312-8164 or e-mail at pkallen@yahoo.com

Heartland Church Network: HCN owns three properties in the Omaha area: HCN office building at 2100 South 51st Street, Omaha Baptist Center at 1030 South 24th Street, and Terrace Drive Property at 5036 Terrace Drive, as well as the Disaster Relief fleet.

- The **HCN Building** is where most of the mission teams who serve in the Omaha area stay. In addition to providing significant support to mission teams, this building houses the offices for HCN, hosts an International Campus Ministry, an Anglo church, a Sudanese Church, the Heartland Center for Continuing Education, and it has an efficiency apartment that is regularly used by church planting families as they transition into our area.
- The **Omaha Baptist Center** is home to three churches: Faithful Hearts Ministry which reaches out to the diverse inner-city, Camino a la Cruz which reaches the Spanish speaking community, and Arabic Community Church which reaches into the Sudanese community. The building is also used 24/7 365 by Freeway Ministries as a discipleship house and outreach center. This ministry is effectively ministering to ex-cons, former drug addicts, and recovering alcoholics.
- The **Terrace Drive Property** is home to God's Missionary Baptist Church which is a predominantly African-American church.
- HCN also has the largest SBC Disaster Relief fleet in the Midwest: two shower trailers, a laundry trailer, chainsaw trailer, mud-out trailer, skid-steer loader with trailer, rebuild trailer (in process), and a truck for deploying the trailers. The HCN Disaster Relief ministry

is in need of men and women to complete, update, and/or maintain this fleet: sanding, painting, repairing, providing routine maintenance, etc.

Often times a team will do ministry, outreach, and evangelism projects with one of our church planters and will assist us with some of our construction and maintenance needs. There is an extensive list of construction and maintenance items associated with these properties. You can talk to Darrell Cumpton, HCN's Property Manager, at 402-297-9442 or DoM Mark Elliott at 402-551-0608 for a complete list.

International Church Christ Built, Omaha NE: This is a church plant that was started June 19, 2016 in the Benson area. Services are Sunday at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Ministry Projects: Vacation Bible School, block party, prayer walking, and street evangelism. To enhance community awareness of the church by promoting events and identifying prospects for the church.

Construction: World Changers type of projects to minister to low income, single parent, or senior adult families.

Contact: Pastor Vernon McMorris Sr. at 402-208-8963 or e-mail at vlmcmorris12@gmail.com

LifeSpring Church, Midtown Campus: This is a newer campus of LifeSpring, Bellevue that has been functioning as a new church plant.

Ministry Projects: Vacation Bible School, block party, and prayer walking to enhance community awareness of the church.

Construction: The church meets in an HCN property that has a variety of needs.

Contact: Shane Lester at 6920-290-7830 or e-mail at ashanelester@gmail.com

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Omaha: This is a historic church in north Omaha that is completing phase three of a major building renovation and addition project.

Ministry Projects: Seeking assistance in growing our children's ministry and our young adults (college) ministry. We are able to handle VBS and BBC activity, however seeking creative ways to grow these two areas of our ministry work. We're open to whatever strategies others have found to be of value.

Construction Projects: Inside, we have the following projects:

1. We are converting a previous storage area into a gathering/prayer room and need to install a suspended ceiling and repair the plaster walls and baseboards. We have all suspended ceiling tiles and supplies on hand now.
2. We have two large stained glass windows that are being relocated to a new addition on the front of the church and we would like the remaining spaces to be converted to a display cabinet and the other to a bookcase.
3. Building an 18' long x 42" wide wooden ramp in our lower level from the stage to the floor; a drop of 18"

Contact: Pastor Ralph Lassiter 402-350-4800 or e-mail at pastorlassiter@gmail.com

New Beginning Community Church: This newer African American church outgrew their first building, and they bought a 16,000 square foot former Presbyterian Church building. The building needed a lot of TLC! Teams have assisted the church in the past and the building is looking much nicer, but still has some opportunities for improvement.

Ministry Projects: Vacation Bible School, backyard Bible clubs, block party, preach Sunday Sermon, prayer walking and surveying. The above will be used in the community to bring further awareness of the Church in their new area, to promote events and provide prospects for their Church.

Construction Projects: Miscellaneous needs.

Contact: Pastor Walter Jones at 402-598-7899 or e-mail at wrjallied@cox.net

People's Mission Missionary Baptist Church, Omaha: This is an older African American church in the revitalization process.

Construction projects: There are some minor repair and maintenance issues with their building.

Ministry Projects: Vacation Bible School, backyard Bible clubs, block party, prayer walking and other community outreach events.

Contact: Pastor Shawn Thompson at 531-210-2245 or e-mail at shawnv24@gmail.com

Sojourn Church, Council Bluffs: This is a newer church currently in the process of changing locations.

Construction projects: There are "World Changers" types of projects assisting senior and single adults needing maintenance on their homes.

Ministry Projects: The idea is to reach out to the community where the construction projects are being done and hold backyard Bible Clubs at a home or VBS in the park and host a Block Party event during the week.

Contact: Jim Parker 402-250-0911 or e-mail at jimhero@cox.net

TriPointe Baptist Church, Papillion NE: An innovative coffee house based congregation based in old town Papillion.

Ministry Projects: Easter outreach event, help lead a worship experience, prayer walking and surveying. To enhance community awareness of the church by promoting events and identifying prospects for the church.

Contact: Pastor Chris Evenson at 402-515-1412 or e-mail at evenson4@gmail.com

Westside Gretna Campus, Gretna, NE: A campus of Westside Church, Omaha in the growing city of Gretna.

Ministry Projects: Vacation Bible school, block party, prayer walking and surveying. To enhance community awareness of the church by promoting events and identifying prospects for the church.

Contact: Campus Pastor Brian Haston at 402-906-5166 or e-mail at brian.haston@wchurch.tv

Lincoln Area Projects

Community Harvest: This is a growing newer church that is working to reach an unreached unengaged people group from Iraq who live in Lincoln, NE.

Ministry Projects: The team's service will help support the church in reaching this people group through a VBS outreach and picnic for families. The picnic has been a great way to build relations with adults of this people group; last year over 150 people came to the picnic. Preferred team size is 10-25.

Contact: Pastor Mark Jones at 402-730-8528 or e-mail at dawsoncreek@windstream.net

Tri-Community Fellowship: A church ministering to three mobile home parks in north-central Lincoln. Team would work with both Tri-Community and Open Arms.

Ministry Projects: Bible clubs, soccer clinic, block party, help lead a worship experience, prayer walking and surveying. To enhance community awareness of the church by promoting events and identifying prospects for the church.

Contact: Pastor Thom Wright at 402-601-5804 or e-mail at thomaswright2g@msn.com

Open Arms Church: Smaller house church with a developing outreach to inner city. Team could also work with Tri-Community. Pastor Bob Vance would love to have a team come and help do a VBS/block party. In addition they sustained some storm damage, lost some shingles- They do have some replacement shingles. Plus they are looking at painting the outside of the house.

Contact: Bob Vance at 402-464-3589 or e-mail at openarmslincoln@gmail.com

Projects in other Communities

Crossroads Community Church, Red Oak, IA: This is a five-year old church doing a solid job of growing and reaching out in a small town—a very challenging church planting context.

Ministry Projects: The church has done a variety of outreach events to cultivate the community and could use help to staff these various events: county fair, community festival, VBS, block party, prayer walking, door to door, etc.

Construction Projects: They purchased a building and have completed major remodeling, but there are still some minor projects that need to be completed.

Contact: Pastor Ricky Rohrig, Sr. at 712-621-2460 or e-mail at pastorrickyrohriagr@gmail.com

Faith Baptist Church, Nebraska City, NE: This is an exciting church revitalization in Nebraska's oldest city and the home of Arbor Day.

Ministry Projects: Soccer clinic, prayer walking, survey, block party in both Nebraska City to strengthen the church and nearby Auburn to lay the foundation for a new church.

Construction Projects: Possibility that the church will be remodeling a different facility—that would provide framing, sheetrock, electrical, painting, etc. opportunities. Their current building could use a tear out on the south end of lower level to make room for two restrooms in what now is an oversized furnace room. They could also use a handicap ramp.

Contact: Pastor David Sohl 402-431-2617 or e-mail at davidjsohl@gmail.com

Faith Family Baptist Church of Tekamah, NE: This is a church in a small farming community that has a big heart for hurting people. They meet in a remodeled storefront building on Main street.

Ministry Projects: VBS, backyard Bible clubs, prayer walking, canned food drive, sports clinics, block parties, etc.

Construction Projects: A leaking roof has created a mess. Construction needs include roof repair, tear out, sheet rock, electrical, and paint.

Contact: John Hart 402-547-7294 or e-mail at imperserv@aol.com

Otoe Bible Fellowship, Otoe, NE: A small group meeting in a small town. This is the only SBC work in the county. These projects could be coordinated with work in Nebraska City.

Ministry Projects: Backyard Bible club, block party, prayer walking and surveying. To enhance community awareness of the church by promoting events and identifying prospects for the church.

Construction Projects: Carpeting, moving partitions and painting in a first unit building. This is a single-wide mobile home.

Contact: Pastor Darrell Cumpton at 402-297-9442 or e-mail at darrellcumpton@gmail.com

Sandhills Area of Nebraska: Joel Wentworth is a pastor and the coordinator for the Sandhills Baptist Association.

Rural Work Apprentice

What: A young man or young married couple willing to commit to a minimum of six months to learn about rural ministry in the Sandhills Area of Nebraska—a sparsely populated ranching/farming area. He or they would work closely with Joel Wentworth who grew up in the area and has 30 years of ministry experience in the area. Focus would be on discovering the culture, fitting ministry to culture, and gaining a burden for people in rural areas.

How: The apprentice would spend 20 hours of learning and ministering with Mr. Wentworth per week. The rest of the time would be used for learning a marketable trade that could be used Time Frame: This is flexible, but a September through August format would work best. The apprentice could learn the seasonal cycles in rural ministry.

Cost: Pastor Wentworth would help line up housing and the part-time work; therefore, the cost would be low for anyone who does not carry into the program a lot of personal debt. Some funding may be available through NAMB

Contact: Joel Wentworth at 402-340-3370 or email at joelwent@hotmail.com

Solid Rock Baptist Fellowship, Alliance NE: This is a Native American simple-church that is ministering to Lakota Sioux. If you visited this is what it would look like...1) a Meal, 2) then Bible Study and a Kids Bible Club on the 2nd Monday evening each month.

Ministry Projects: Team that does Recreation/VBS (we have the best results with recreation or sports team that do Bible study). They need to be self-contained in the park because we do not have a building.

Contact: Planting Pastor Doug Lee at 308-539-1170 or e-mail at Douglee5151@Gmail.com in a rural area—a skill that would enable him to serve bi-vocationally.