TENTATIVE 2018

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, through the ongoing church planting efforts in our region, there are ALWAYS opportunities to partner with new church planters. For general information on planting you can call Mark Elliott at 402.551.0608 or mark@heartlandchurchnetwork.org

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**First Baptist Church, Carter Lake, IA:** This is a small congregation with a big heart for hurting people located in a unique transitioning community. Carter Lake, Iowa is completely surrounded by Omaha, NE due to shifts in the Missouri River decades ago and is home to socio economically polar opposites: extremely wealthy who are building and living in lake side homes and condos and lower income, blue collar working families.

**Construction projects:** trim on their building need to be repaired and repainted. The church has been helping the pastor’s daughter, Annette, with major house repairs and they are needing help to wrap up the project: finish installing a door and window, paint exterior, and install gutters.

**Contact:** Pastor Larry Hayes or his wife Marlene. Larry at 402-657-3564 or Marlene at 402-699-6218

**First Baptist Church Springfield Campus, Springfield NE:** Springfield is a growing bedroom community to Omaha and FBC Bellevue has planted a campus in this community. This is the only evangelical church in the community.

**Construction Projects:** The church is completing a major building renovation—the building was previously a sports bar. They still have several exterior renovations and a few minor interior projects that need to be completed.

**Ministry Projects:** City Park Bible club, block party, preach Sunday sermon, prayer walking and surveying. To enhance community awareness of the church by promoting events and identifying prospects for the church.

**Contact:** Pastor Carl Hubbert 402-708-7721 or at pearlyg8s@aol.com Carl is pastor of FBC Bellevue.

**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 they can use help with every phase of construction.

**Contact:** Pastor Kojo Allen at 402-312-8164 or 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.

- **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 two churches: Faithful Hearts Ministry which reaches out to the diverse inner-city and Arabic Community Church (primarily Sudanese church). It also is used 24/7 365 by Freeway Ministries as a discipleship house and outreach center and is effectively ministering to ex-cons, former drug addicts, and recovering alcoholics.
The Terrace Drive Property is home to two churches: God’s Missionary Baptist Church which is a predominantly African-American church and Changed Life Church which is striving to reach the local community as well as reaching out to young families.

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.

In addition the Heartland Church Network has the largest fleet of Disaster Relief equipment in the upper Midwest: two shower trailers, laundry unit, chain saw trailer, mud-out trailer, utility trailer and skid steer loader. These units can use routine maintenance, sanding, painting, and installation of new decals.

Infinity Church, Omaha: A church desiring to balance multiplying disciple making small groups with high quality large group worship.

  Construction Projects: Building sets on a large lot that needs major work on removing and trimming trees. The association has a fully equipped chain saw trailer that would be available

Ministry Projects: Bible clubs, basketball clinic, block party, prayer walking, community service and surveying. To enhance community awareness of the church by promoting events and identifying prospects for the church. And to reach into two major apartment complexes in an inner-city setting.

  Contact: Pastor Chestly Lunday at 417-861-4812 or at chestly.lunday@yahoo.com

International Church Christ Built, Omaha NE: This is a new church that was started June 19, 2016 in the Benson area.

  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 vlmcmorris12@gmail.com

Lake Cunningham Community Church (LCCC), Omaha: This is a new (1 year old) home church plant in north Omaha. Mission teams will be trained in prayer walking, street evangelism, survey work and Omaha culture upon their arrival. LCCC is also working with the Karen people (refugees from Burma) who live in an apartment complex in north Omaha. (Mission Teams will work with Woodbridge Church and Lake Cunningham Community Church simultaneously.)

  Ministry Projects: Prayer walking, survey work, street evangelism, Kids Klub, block parties, children’s ministry with Burmese refugees, doing service projects in a senior adult living facility, seeking out finding people of peace in new neighborhoods. Teams will also be charting new territory, seeking to find people of peace who would like to start a Bible Study in their own community, in the subdivisions around Lake Cunningham.

  Contact: Pastor Rick Posey at 402.718.0049 or rickandangieposey@gmail.com – (Rick is also the pastor at Woodbridge Church).
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 book case.
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 at pastorlassiter@gmail.com

New Beginning Community Church: This newer African American church outgrew their first building, and they bought a 16,000 square feet 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: Outside—Painting frame, door, and steeple, check door and threshold and on west side of building add 2 water faucets; Entry area—install drop ceiling; Fellowship hall—fix glass on door, clean up registers; Sanctuary—paint; Pastor’s Office—paint bathroom, install outlets, flooring, paneling, and install shower; Upstairs Hallway—cut out old radiator pipes and fill in holes; Upstairs classroom—caulk ceiling and windows and cover windows facing parking lot; Hallways—caulk ceilings and enclose duct work with sheetrock. Upstairs Women’s Bathroom—remove old wall board and install new drywall; Downstairs—install threshold for doors; Kitchen—fix holes in ceiling, upgrade electrical including installing 220 for dishwasher and stove, painting, rework anchors for partition to separate classrooms; Dining Area—paint walls and ceiling and enclose duct work; Downstairs Women’s Bathroom—scrape glue off floor, install baseboard molding, door closers, and switch plates; Men’s Bathroom Downstairs—install base board molding, door closers, and switch plates; Big Room—caulk windows; Stairwells, fill hairline fractures, painting, and ceiling needs retacking; Downstairs Office—clean and organize.

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

Second Baptist Church, Omaha: This is a predominantly African-American church in an established community.

Construction Projects: electrical work to hand lights in a beautiful older sanctuary and some painting.
Contact: Deacon Mason at 402-980-4891 (cell) or 402-453-7690 (home)

Sojourn Church, Council Bluffs: This is a newer church meeting in the Mall of the Bluffs.
  Construction projects: There are “World Changers” types of projects assisting senior and single adults with maintenance issues with 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 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 at evenson4@gmail.com

Westside Gretna Campus, Gretna, NE: A newer satellite 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 brian.haston@wchurch.tv

Westside Fremont Campus, Fremont, NE: A newer satellite campus of Westside Church, Omaha in the city of Fremont.
  Ministry Projects: We would love to have a mission team come this summer to help with our VBS! We don't have a set date on the calendar yet, we're really pretty open, but we're thinking either June 6-10 or 13-17 in the evenings from about 5-9pm.
  Contact: Bethany Norton at 402-216-3304 or bnorton@wchurch.tv

Woodbridge Church: This church was started a little over a year ago in an unassisted senior adult living facility. They have a weekly Bible Study on Thursday night and worship service on Sunday morning. (Mission Teams will work with Woodbridge Church and Lake Cunningham Community Church simultaneously.) Mission teams will be trained in prayer walking, street evangelism, survey work and Omaha culture upon their arrival.
  Ministry Projects: Service projects in senior adult apartments (vacuuming, dusting, cleaning cabinets, washing windows, etc.), hosting BBQ and inviting all the residents who live in the complex (119 apartments).
  Contact: Rick Posey at 402.718.0049 rickandangieposey@gmail.com (Rick is also the pastor at Lake Cunningham Community Church).

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 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 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 at openarmslincoln@gmail.com

Projects in other Communities

Crossroads Community Church, Red Oak, IA: This is a new congregation.
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 store front building and are doing a major remodeling. Sheetrock, mud & tape, paint, install floor covering, etc.

Contact: Pastor Ricky Rohrig, Sr. at 712-621-2460 or at pastorrickyaroehrigsr@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: 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: Remodel old balcony area so it can be used, tear out south end of lower level to make room for two restrooms and a furnace room, install handicap ramp or elevator.

Contact: Pastor Karl Forehand at 816-341-1710 or at kforehand@goldentriangleenergyny.com

Faith Family Baptist Church and Freeway Ministries 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 store front 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. The church is acquiring an adjoining property and it has some exterior stucco repairs that need to be made as well as general clean up and remodeling.

Contact: Carl Bartenhagen at 402-659-1822 or carl@bartenhagen.com

New Life Community, Friend, NE: Small town church in a community west of Lincoln. Date of service preferred to start July or August. Team size of 15-20.

Ministry Projects Evangelsim sports camp, VBS, backyard Bible club, ministry to youth, prayer walking, block party, or park event. These ministries are used to reach the community and give awareness of the church and to advertise events.

Construction Projects: Around the church building, we have window sills that need repair/replaced, landscaping, roof leaks by steeple, basement leak, and in the community servant evangelism projects for senior adults, single parent families, etc. such as painting, light construction, etc. This would give a positive awareness of the church in the community.

Contact: Pastor Martin Verwey at 402-947-1146 or at mverwey@alltel.net

Ogallala Community Church, Ogallala, NE: Small town church in western Nebraska.

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 at Douglee5151@Gmail.com

Otoe Bible Fellowship, Otoe, NE: A newer small town congregation. 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 at darrellcumpton@gmail.com

Sandhills Area of Nebraska: Joel Wentworth is 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 in a rural area—a skill that would enable him to serve bi-vocationally.

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: Mr. 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 maybe 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 at Douglee5151@Gmail.com