



2017-2018
MISSIONS
VISION + REVIEW



missions
at river city church

missionaries | missions teams | global projects

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MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT

U.S. MISSIONS

Josh + Allie Boman (Chi Alpha - Ball State)
Derek + Jordan Britt (Chi Alpha - IU)
Steve + Beverly Clindaniel (Native Americans)
Russ + Judy Cockrum (Chaplaincy)
Jay Covert (Church Planter - Urban Outreach)
Kevin + Brooke Foerstch (Chi Alpha - IU)
Linda Seiler (Chi Alpha - Purdue)
Paul + Lisa York (Chi Alpha Trainers)

Indiana Teen Challenge (Troubled Youth Rehab)
Lafayette Habitat for Humanity (Housing)
Matrix LifeCare Center (Crisis Pregnancy)
Trinity Life Ministry (Troubled Adult Rehab)
Evangel University (Springfield, MO)
North Central University (Minneapolis, MN)

WORLD MISSIONS

Matt + Eva Barlow (Nicaragua)
Dick + Jennifer (Africa)
Stuart + Wendy Brown (Mexico)
Steve + Rachel (Asia)
Bill + Melissa Chappel (Ireland)
Kelly Delp (France)
David + Amy (Asia)
Gary + Lori Ellison (Vanuatu)
Russ + Sarah Farhoud (Africa)
Rich + Wanda Ferguson (Peru)
George + Debbie Flattery (France)
Trent + Renee (Asia)
Joe + Laura (Asia)
Herb + Karen Johnson (Philippines)
Abraham + Sarah Liu (Japan)
Chris + Carol (Africa)
Rick + Gloria McCartney (Malta)
Michael + Beryl McNamee (Western Europe)
Jason + Andrea Morrison (Czech Republic)
Jeremy + Angie Perigo (England)
Scott + Erin Pongratz (South Africa)
Lisa Russi (France)
Bernie + Brenda Smith (Western Africa)
Forrest + Erica (Asia)
Kevin + Kathy (Middle East)
Chris + Amy Stubbs (South Africa)
Brett + Susan VanderMolen (Cambodia)
Greg + Lisa (Middle East)

MISSIONARIES FROM RIVER CITY CHURCH



JASON+ANDREA MORRISON
CZECH REPUBLIC
agmd.org/u/Morrisonprofile



BERNIE+BRENDA SMITH
TOGO
hereortogo.com



LINDA SEILER
PURDUE / IVY TECH CHI ALPHA
lindaseiler.com



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GREG+LISA
MIDDLE EAST



RUSS+SARAH FARHOUD
AFRICA
discipleafrica.com



SCOTT+JEAN HARFORD
PURDUE CHI ALPHA
www.xapurude.com

2017 GIVING HIGHLIGHTS

MISSIONS GIVING TOTAL
\$500,000+

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD RANKING
#33 out of 13,000+ churches

INDIANA RANKING
#2 out of 235



LIVE|DEAD
Christmas 2016
\$87,827.67
livedead.org



ONE DAY TO FEED THE WORLD
Easter 2017
\$27,730.52
convoyofhope.org/oneday



CALCUTTA MERCY
October 2017
\$30,016.33
calcuttamercy.org



FIRE BIBLES
November 2017
\$10,008.77
biblealliance.org

2017 PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

CONVOY OF HOPE – HAITI PROJECTS | \$25,700

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – UNITY BUILD | \$3,400

KING’S CASTLE, EL SALVADOR | \$5,000

PARIS MISSIONS TRIP GIFT | \$5,000

RIVER CITY CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTER | \$823,118

MULTISITE CHURCH PLANT

Our vision is to plant a campus of River City Church in West Lafayette in Fall 2018. This would be a new church location for River City Church. A pastor and worship team would lead the services while the sermon would be delivered live via high definition video from our main campus.

WHY ANOTHER CHURCH?

- We want to reach people.
- Multisite church planting is a proven, effective strategy.
- We are a great church with 90 years of history and would like to cast the net further.
- Churches are like people: Each has a unique DNA.
- We have assisted in the planting of 7 churches in our community, but this will be new phase of directly planting the DNA of River City Church in another area.

“ **The continual planting of new congregations is the most crucial strategy for the growth of the body of Christ. - Tim Keller** ”

MULTISITE TIMELINE + INVESTMENT

- January 2018 • Begin forming a leadership team from members of River City excited to bring a new church to West Lafayette
- April 2018 • Begin regular meetings with a launch team who will form the core of the new church
- August 2018 • Begin services in new location with entire launch team
- September 2018 • Grand Opening of new location

As a church we will invest financially and receive matching funds between \$30-\$45,000 to make this new church campus a possibility with a total budget of \$60-\$90,000. Initially in a portable location (such as a school), we will strive to provide an excellent church environment for all ages.

GIVING GOALS IN 2018

2017 CHRISTMAS OFFERING | Goal: \$100,000 (including matching funds)

December 2017

\$75,000 – Israel Missions Project

\$15,000 – Benevolence Fund at River City Church

\$10,000 – River City Church Building Projects

ONE DAY TO FEED THE WORLD | Goal: \$30,000

Easter Sunday (April 1)

Partnership with Convoy of Hope to feed the hungry in the developing world.

Every person will be challenged to give one day's wages to this cause.

FIRE BIBLE CAMPAIGN | Goal: \$15,000

November 2018

Partnership with Life Publishers to have Bibles printed in languages of unreached people groups.

Every person will be challenged to count the Bibles they own and match that by purchasing the same amount of Fire Bibles.

HAITI | \$5,000 gift x 2 (June & December)

EL SALVADOR | \$5,000 gift

2018 CHRISTMAS OFFERING | Project in China



PARIS | February 2017

Early in 2017, a team of 13 people, including 3 couples and 7 individuals, journeyed to Paris, France to assist The Bridge, an international, English-speaking church in the western suburbs of the city. Their main goal was to demolish and remodel office space, turning it into a community center for the church. At the end of the week, bathrooms had been completely retiled, most of the plumbing was complete, walls had been moved and rehung, and there was new flooring installed throughout the space. The church now has a permanent place of their own to use as a central location for their work throughout the city. A bonus for this team was getting to know Todd & Amanda Tyson. They led The Bridge as lead pastors before moving to River City Church in August 2017 where Todd now serves as the Executive Pastor.



HAITI | June 2017

A team of 19 went to Croix-des-Bouquets, Haiti to work in partnership with Convoy of Hope and the local Assemblies of God church. The team worked on the construction of the high school expansion, building a foundation for more classroom space. Members of the team were also able to minister to people in the village by digging kitchen gardens and by working alongside nurses to help provide free healthcare clinics and screenings for diabetes and blood pressure. They also provided meals for school children, and were able to donate computers to the high school computer lab.



EL SALVADOR | July 2017

A team of 13 River City Students went on a 9-day missions trip to San Salvador, El Salvador where they worked alongside Don and Terri Triplett of King's Castle Ministries. While there, they went to various communities and schools, leading a total of 7 programs for children and youth, reaching 700 people! In addition, they held two days of soccer tournaments which drew in crowds enabling them to minister to both the youth on the team and the spectators. Our team is the only team to have ever held these tournaments. They saw 110 decisions made for Christ while they were there as well as many healings! It was such a powerful, life-changing trip for both our team and the people in El Salvador.



HAITI

June 1-8, 2018

A group of 20-25 will be continuing partnership with a local Haitian church in Croix-des-Bouquets.



EL SALVADOR

Summer 2018

A team of students and leaders from River City Students will be returning to Castillo del Rey to do outreach alongside missionaries Don and Terri Triplett of King's Castle Ministries.



HAITI

November 30 - December 7, 2018

A team of 20-25 will be returning to Croix-des-Bouquets to further partnership with a local Haitian church.

Interested in joining a trip? Email MISSIONS@RIVERCITY.INFO

OUTREACH + INVOLVEMENT IN THE GREATER LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY

ADVENTURE STATION + S.T.E.A.M. ACADEMY | River City Church has two daycare/preschool programs that currently have 249 children enrolled.

BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP (BSF) | For 30 weeks of the year, River City Church opens its doors to hundreds of women involved in BSF, an interdenominational Bible study for women.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES | During the school year, the River City Student Ministries pastors attend FCA meetings and student lunch times.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT (GLS) | Each fall, River City Church is the host-site for the GLS, a 2-day event, open to anyone in the community, which provides fresh, actionable, and inspiring leadership content that is relevant both in and outside the church.

HEART2HEART | This ministry mentors, disciples, and provides for basic needs of incarcerated women re-entering our community.

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM AT PURDUE | Throughout the year, the International Community Ministry 'adopts' international students.

J.C. KIDS | Every week, this program ministers to 175 students in the community.

KLOTHING FOR KING'S KIDS | This mobile ministry distributes clothing and household items to local neighborhoods in need.

LIFE SKILLS CLASS PARTNERSHIPS | River City Church acts as a jobsite for various students in local Life Skills classes in our community.

RIVER CITY COMMUNITY CENTER | \$1,248,280 raised as of the end of October 2017.

CONVOY OF HOPE COMMUNITY DAY

On October 13, 2018, River City Church will host a Convoy of Hope Community Event. Convoy of Hope is a faith-based, humanitarian organization that has helped over 65 million needy people since its founding in 1994. This Community Event will:

- Provide \$1 million of goods and services to needy families in Greater Lafayette
- Allow neighbors to help neighbors
- Invite guests of honor (event participants) to experience a poverty-free day
- Introduce local resources for long-term solutions to poverty
- Bring together non-profits, businesses, churches, and government agencies
- Connect community needs with our community's solutions for lasting change

This event comes on the success of the 2016 event during which River City Church galvanized over 500 volunteers from 20 churches and 60 businesses and organizations from the Greater Lafayette Community to distribute free goods and services to approximately 2300, including:

- 135 flu shots
- 1,614 Children's shoes
- 1,410 Women's shoes
- 1,900 socks
- 12,000 smoothies by Plum Organics
- 250 Family portraits
- 266 haircuts
- 705 breast cancer consultations

The event not only served physical needs, but provided an opportunity to pray with 799 individuals.

If you would like to get involved, there will be a vision casting meeting on February 19, 2018. You may also connect with Terry Gilbert, the Greater Lafayette Convoy of Hope Event Coordinator, by emailing him at gilbert@rivercity.info

RIVER CITY COMMUNITY CENTER

The development of the River City Community Center continues with the launch of the Resource and Education Hub. This space will be used as a location for prayer groups, counseling sessions, small meetings, and classes on topics such as tax preparation, job search, and English as a Second Language. It will also house the River City Food Pantry, opening in early 2018.

In November 2017, River City Church, Adventure Station, and STEAM Academy generously gave over 5,000 pounds of non-perishable goods to help supply this food pantry. To supplement those gifts, we became an agency partner with Food Finders Food Bank. That partnership allows us to stretch our purchasing power of financial donations to as much as five times what a similar purchase at a local grocer might produce.

Anyone who is interested in serving at the food pantry can submit their contact information at the Connection Counter. We always welcome volunteers, and we are excited to be able to serve the greater Lafayette community in this way.

DID YOU KNOW?...

...We hosted two mobile food trucks in 2017. The trucks were sponsored by Duke Energy and Cargill. Combined, the mobile food pantries distributed over 17,000 pounds of food to approximately 275 families (an estimated 1375 meals).

**RESULTS
OF
LOCAL
OUTREACH
EVENTS
IN
2017**

EASTER WEEKEND SERVICES

Attendance: 1,160

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Attendance: 906 (indoor show) and 5000+ (outdoor event)

SUMMER BLAST

Attendance: 1,150

MOBILE FOOD PANTRIES

Families served: 275

Estimated number of meals: 1375

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS

Children served: 207

EVERYONE CAN HELP SUPPORT MISSIONS

ADULTS

Purchases at the café in the church lobby
Monthly missionary guest offerings
Monthly Missions Faith Promises
Missions Trips - giving, going, or praying
Attendance at Annual Missions Dinner
Christmas + Easter Offering participation

CHILDREN

Buddy Boxes + Buddy Barrels
Boys and Girls Missionary Challenge (BGMC)
Christmas + Easter Offering participation
Ongoing Contests + Campaigns

STUDENTS

Offerings to Speed the Light (STL)
Purchases at the Nexus café
Christmas & Easter Offering participation

WAYS ADULTS CAN SUPPORT MISSIONS

DID YOU KNOW?...

...Every time you purchase an item from the café (located in the church lobby), you are giving money to missions.

...Our church financially supports over 40 missionaries and ministries each month. Your monthly Missions Faith Promise giving makes this possible!

...Every month, a missionary guest or ministry is invited to share in the Sunday morning services. Any time you give money to one of these guests, the giving goes above and beyond our regular missions support.

...River City Church offers multiple missions trips each year. If you have a heart to tell the people of the world about Jesus, there are many opportunities for you!

...Twice a year, River City Church has a Missions Emphasis! These times are a great opportunity for you to learn more about the heartbeat of what God is doing all around the world through missions!

...River City Church chooses a different project each year for our Christmas and Easter offerings. Past projects have included One Day to Feed the World, human trafficking projects in India, and outreach centers in the Arab world.

WAYS CHILDREN CAN SUPPORT MISSIONS

Boys and Girls Missionary Challenge (BGMC) is the missions program for kids that instills a heart of compassion to reach the lost through praying, giving, and going. All funds raised through BGMC go to meet critical needs around the world such as feeding programs, water wells, Bible schools, curriculum, and whatever else a missionary needs in their part of the world.

Our missionaries can use BGMC funds for any ministry supplies that relate to evangelism and discipleship.

- Puppets, music, and video tapes
- Tracts, Bibles, and literature
- Sound systems, computers, & copy machines
- And a whole lot more!

WAYS STUDENTS CAN SUPPORT MISSIONS

Speed the Light (STL) is the Assemblies of God missions program for students which provides essential transportation and creative communication equipment for missionary evangelism. STL purchases cars, media and audio equipment, and printed materials for missionaries so that they can better fulfill the Great Commission and speed the light of the gospel to a world of darkness.

UPCOMING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

2018 LOCAL OUTREACH EVENTS AT RIVER CITY CHURCH

Eggstravaganza
March 31, 2018

Kids Day Camp / Vacation Bible School
June 12-14, 2018

Convoy of Hope Community Day
October 13, 2018

Christmas for Kids
December 8, 2018

SUMMER BLAST RECAP

For 3 nights in June, people from all over our community came to experience Summer Blast! It was a fun and amazing time of bounce houses, popcorn, snow cones, face painting, carnival games and life-changing messages, presented in unforgettable ways by the children's ministry team of River City Church each night.

During the event, over 70 people joined our serve-team, to welcome over 1,000 people to our campus. Over 100 of those who came were new to our church. But the greatest testimony is that over 90 men, women and children found Christ as a result!

LOOKING AHEAD

For the summer of 2018, we are focusing on helping our children take their next steps on their journey of being a Christian during a fun day-camp format. The details are still forthcoming. In the meantime, anticipate several mornings of team activities, competitions, chapel services, outdoor games, crafts, prizes and more! We are already looking to add people who love children, to join our serve-team... if that's you, contact us at: kids@rivercity.info

MISSIONS CONTACT INFORMATION

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