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CANNOT TELL YOU HOW BLESSED Sally and I feel to be back in Colorado and serving the churches of this great state! Though I have not been “on the job” for very long, the Lord is beginning to establish a vision in me for the work here in Colorado. I have had the great privilege of meeting with pastors and leaders in the various regions of our Centennial State. And in the diversity of these areas, I have heard needs expressed which are unique to each context.

What is being reinforced for me is what you already know; No one approach will work for everyone. The western side of the state does not look like the eastern plains. The people near Royal Gorge do not think like those in Ft. Collins. Even the Denver Metro Area has unique needs when compared to those of Colorado Springs. It has become apparent that ministry strategy which is not informed by the needs of the local area will not be effective. But more than that, I have become even more convinced that ministry strategy which is not created in collaboration with local leaders will never last.

It is from this I believe the Lord is bringing into focus a vision for how we can add value to our churches that is based on their own unique needs as they seek to reach people for Christ. When I came to the Colorado Baptists Annual Meeting last October, I shared how I desired to work with pastors and regional/associational leaders to find solutions to their specific needs. For me, this is not just a desire but a genuine passion! We do not just need to work for a common goal, we need to own the work God has called us to as ministry partners. And the only

way we will own the work together, is to share in the development of the work together.

One of my favorite narratives in Scripture comes from Nehemiah 3:1-4,6. It is the account of how people from various regions, and diverse walks of life, came together to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Merchants worked alongside officials. People from the hill country worked beside those from the valleys. Priests and goldsmiths gave their all in the work before them. And for me the climax of this passage is found in Nehemiah 4:6, “So we built the wall and the whole wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.” And why did they own the work? I believe it was because they all had an equal part in it. They worked in front of their own homes, but they also worked for the good of all. And in this passage, we see the power of partnership.

I have had the privilege of seeing the Lord bring this kind of powerful partnership first hand. I have witnessed how invigorating it is when people have a voice in creating what they will carry out. I have experienced how involvement breeds camaraderie and

how camaraderie brings authentic partnership. My life was genuinely impacted as I watched pastors of different backgrounds and cultures coming together, not because they naturally had anything in common, but because they knew they needed one another to reach their cities for Christ. This is my heart for Colorado Baptists! To see

the power of partnership realized in all corners of our state and effective Gospel ministry celebrated by all.

What has been true of Southern Baptists for years has been our cooperative spirit. It is what has made us unique among other denominations. No other denomination does missions as effectively as we do because of this cooperative spirit. No one else does church planting like we do because of this cooperative spirit. In these ways we have all experienced what partnership can accomplish. Let us carry this on as we strive together to reach our great state for Christ. We really are better together!

God's Blessings,

Mike Proud
Executive Director



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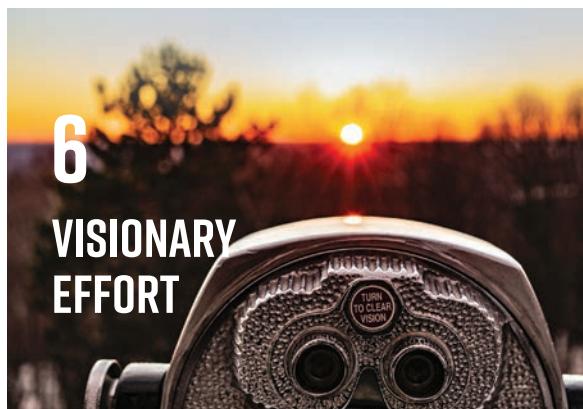
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CONTROVERSIES DU JOUR

BY MARK SPENCE

President of Colorado Baptists

Customer: "What is the soup du jour?"

Waiter: "It is the soup of the day."

Customer: "That sounds good. I'll have that."

IT IS A GREAT DAY to be a Colorado Baptist. Across our national convention, Cooperative Program giving is up. Churches broke records left and right in their giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Our family of churches continues to send new missionaries all over the world and plant churches throughout our nation. Yet not all is right in the SBC. Too frequently, a new controversy riles up the factions. How is a good Baptist to respond?

We need to recognize that there always have been controversies "du jour." I'm old enough to remember when Calvinism was the controversy of the day. Some alleged that one could not be Calvinist and Southern Baptist. Hogwash, but it is par for the course when some are more interested in controversy than in the gospel.

Of course, there are doctrines that require firm responses. These matters of first importance are what

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make us Christian. We must be resolute in standing for primary doctrines such as the physical resurrection of Jesus Christ, the virgin birth, the problem of sin, and reality of Hell. Responding to any controversy related to what makes someone a Christian is worth it as long as we address the issue in a godly manner.

We must also stand firm for what makes us Southern Baptists. A church can practice baptism by effusion (sprinkling) and remain Christian, but a Baptist church should not. If a church wants to submit to a presbytery, they are fully within their right to do so. However, they should not retain "Baptist" in their name. In a similar fashion, an egalitarian should feel uncomfortable with the BFM 2000. Controversy re-

lated to what makes a church Southern Baptist is worth it, again, as long as we address the issue in a godly fashion.

However, not every disagreement should rise to the level of controversy. It is possible to be Reformed, or Arminian, and be a Southern Baptist. The same goes for dispensational, amillennial, or postmillennial (I think) in your eschatology. Not even cessationism is a requirement to be SBC. It is right and good for the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 to be strict on what it means to be a Christian and



a Southern Baptist. It is also right and good for the BFM 2000 to ensure freedom on the rest.

Which (finally) brings us to the point I am trying to make: How can we respond to the contemporary controversies du jour in a godly fashion? First, let me speak to how we shouldn't respond. Often, I am surprised at how pastors or other church leaders disagree. We have gotten into the habit of threatening the denomination in ways that we would never permit church members to threaten us.

One example of this is from those who wield their Cooperative Program (CP) dollars as a weapon. If so-and-so isn't fired, or if such-and-such isn't done, some pastors lead their church to withhold CP giving. Imagine the chaos in the local church if

a pastor acquiesced to similar demands of a church member. I have told more than one church member that their membership and their tithe is not a weapon. The denomination cannot, and should not, submit to a church, large or small, who wields their membership or their CP giving as a weapon. Instead, we must treat our fellow pastors and denominational leaders as we would want our church members to treat us.

One benefit of right doctrine is godly character. Believing right things about God has a positive impact on our character. Therefore, if you or I were consistently to respond to controversy with ungodly character, you or I need to ensure our doctrine is actually right.

Through his Word, God defines godly character in a few

different ways. The fruit of the spirit includes patience and kindness. James encourages us to be slow to speak and quick to listen. Take a moment and reflect if these characteristics have been true of you during the controversies of the day.

Not everything is going great in our family of churches. Evangelism efforts, as reflected in baptism numbers, are down in the SBC. This should be the main controversy of the day. It should consume our time and our keyboards. The enemy loves to distract us from the Great Commission through non-essential controversies du jour. Let's return to focusing on the Great Commission and responding to necessary controversies with godly character.



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Iglesia Real Colorado celebrates 6th anniversary

Iglesia Real Colorado celebrated their 6th anniversary in January. They had a wonderful day gathering with community and celebrating all that God has done in and through their church. We can't wait to see how God continues to use this community to make his name known!



Harvest Community Church celebrates new life

Harvest Community Church in Olathe had a great 2021 and was able to celebrate 19 individuals taking the next step in their faith through baptism. They are now enjoying walking alongside these individuals and helping them to grow and learn in their relationship with Christ.

Valley Life Church celebrates kids ministry

It's been a long season of regulations and precautions that have shut down many ministries within churches due to the pandemic, but Valley Life Church in Fraser celebrated being able to re-start their kids' ministry during the holiday season.



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Is God doing something exciting in your church?

Do you have something worth celebrating?

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VISIONARY EFFORT

BY PATRICK HALL

Cross Fellowship - Black Forest, CO

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO SUSTAIN A VISIONARY EFFORT?

Let me suggest four principles: clarity of purpose, know the desired outcome, focus on what affects the results, and harness the power of momentum. I believe that every pastor and church leader within our state desires deeply to do something great for God and in today's culture it is all too easy to get distracted from what matters most. We are so easily pulled into the daily news cycle, or the countless secondary issues the culture uses to occupy our energy and efforts; distracting us from what we are designed to do. We exist to live on mission to reach the people in the state of Colorado with the gospel.

In times like these it has never been more important to stay focused on the vision of Jesus, and of Paul, to reach our Jerusalem here in Colorado.

BUT HOW DO WE DO THIS?

I. HAVE A CLARITY OF PURPOSE

Jesus left no doubt for us what his visionary purpose was in Luke 19:10 when he said, “For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost.” There has never been more competing ideas on what we should be about than there is today. The reality is, in this current environment we have a tendency to drift away from what was Jesus’ primary purpose. It is no surprise that Jesus gives this same primary purpose to the church in Acts 1:8, “You shall be my witnesses.” In times like these, we must make sure we have crystal clear clarity on our purpose.

2. KNOW THE DESIRED OUTCOME

What is a successful outcome? Church planting, multisite expansion, community outreach or social programs. Within the church there are many good activities, good programs, and good intentions, but does that match the visionary purpose of Jesus and the vision God has given your church? The key is to focus on what matters and to have the courage to lay aside good things for the greater visionary purpose. Jesus knew what he came to do and he never wavered on the outcome he was seeking to create. That outcome was a movement that created disciples. In John 15:16 he said, “I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit.” He made clear the outcome and that he desires the same from us. We must not lose sight of this purpose in the forest of never-ending distractions.

3. FOCUS ON WHAT AFFECTS RESULTS

How often do we focus on the wrong measures of effectiveness? Many times, we are enamored by what we are trying to produce, and we never talk about what

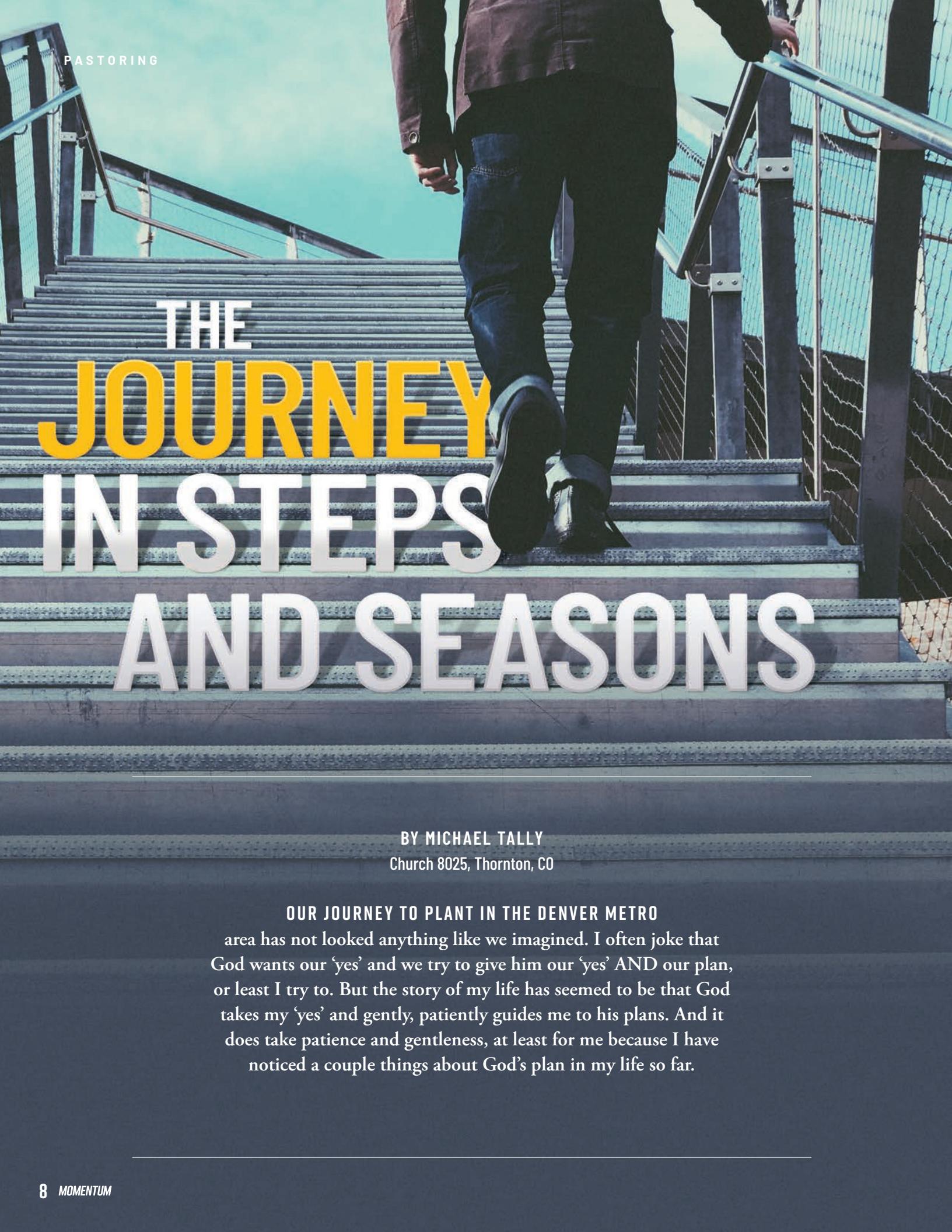
the activities are that produce the results. Was there a more focused person on results than the Apostle Paul? In Philippians 3:13-14 he said, “but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead I press on toward the goal.” Paul is demonstrating for us the power of focus. He was focused like a laser on what was most important knowing the results would happen. Within these words is a call to focus on what matters, but also to acknowledge that we have a propensity to move to that which can distract from a vision. What is your one thing that deserves laser focus to accomplish what God has called your church to do?

4. HARNESS THE POWER OF MOMENTUM

The cumulative power of a sustained effort, in a focused direction, creates momentum that becomes a visionary movement. To sustain a visionary movement over the long term, we must do everything possible to not remove the energy of momentum from our efforts. When starting a freight train, it takes the combined effort of multiple 4000 horsepower locomotives, but once it is going it becomes an unstoppable force of momentum that can blow through anything in its path. Hebrews 12:1 says to “lay aside every encumbrance... and let us run with endurance the race set before us.” Purposely identify that which will remove momentum. Here are some suggestions: avoid large vision shifts, be cautious to start over from scratch, continue the good work of those that have come before you, and do not stop moving forward.

God promises in Ephesians 3:20 that he is “able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think.” I know if we apply these principles, we can cooperate with him to bring about his kingdom vision in Colorado.

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THE JOURNEY IN STEPS AND SEASONS

BY MICHAEL TALLY
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OUR JOURNEY TO PLANT IN THE DENVER METRO

area has not looked anything like we imagined. I often joke that God wants our 'yes' and we try to give him our 'yes' AND our plan, or least I try to. But the story of my life has seemed to be that God takes my 'yes' and gently, patiently guides me to his plans. And it does take patience and gentleness, at least for me because I have noticed a couple things about God's plan in my life so far.

1) He only shows me the next step:

*"The heart of man plans his way,
but the Lord establishes his steps."*
—Proverbs 16:9

My nature would love to have the full plan from beginning to end. Maybe you are like me and want to know the end so you can better plan the road to get there. But God continually shows me a step at a time. Maybe that is because my faith is not strong enough to know the challenges ahead, maybe it is because I'm hardheaded enough to try and plan out each step along the way and then only be willing to take the steps I have planned, or maybe it is a combination of both. Either way, in this journey to be obedient to what God is calling us to do we often only see the next step, one step at a time. And as difficult as that may be at times, we can and should embrace it because as James tells us, the testing of our faith produces perseverance, and in pastoring one of our greatest needs is perserverance.

The second thing I have come to see in God's plan for my life is...

2) He keeps me places for a season:

My experience is that God has shown me a next step and then kept me in a place for a season. I'm not saying that God wants us to move locations or switch jobs all the time, I'm simply saying that each step of obedience we take is for

a season. During that season God teaches us, he shapes us, he does something in us that is only for a season and then he shows us the next step, which brings about the next season. Often that next step and season is in the same place, but God begins to teach us something new.

With church planting and in our current state of affairs I have found this especially true. There are seasons of celebration and seasons of frustration. Seasons of significant decision making and season of transition. But each of those seasons only last for a while and each season seems to prepare us for the next season. Our faithfulness to God and to his calling in the middle of both the encouraging and difficult seasons is what matters. So, it doesn't matter if you are a planter, revitalizer, pastoring a 10-year-old church or a 100-year-old church, you should embrace the season you are in and know that God is using it to make you a better leader.

All of this to say that what I have most discovered in following God's plan, no matter how little he may reveal to us, or how long the season lasts, he is more interested in who we are than what we do. And maybe that best explains why we only see one step at a time and each step lasts for a season. Because with each new step and new season God is doing something new in us. He is making us to be more like him and when we

have listened and grown, he moves us on to the next step and the next season because God is never done working in our lives.



OFFER OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE JESUS' LOVE

BY CLAUDEAN BOATMAN
Literacy Missions Ministries Coordinator

ABOUT 2,000 AFGHANS ARE EXPECTED TO RELOCATE in Colorado as part of the United States resettlement of refugees from Afghanistan. This is a golden opportunity for Colorado Baptists, especially those in the metro area, to invest in the eternity of these displaced families.

One very practical way to help new refugees is offering English classes. English as a Second Language ministries can build bridges between non-English speakers and believers, all while helping new English speakers obtain skills needed to navigate their new homes. Colorado Baptists can be on the front lines of ministry with those who have been torn from all they know and are facing difficult adjustments.

How can a Colorado Baptist church begin a ministry to Afghans? Here are some first steps churches can take.

- ▶ Seek God for direction. Pray specifically for neighborhoods in which Afghans are being resettled and ask God to help you determine practical ways to connect with them.
- ▶ Equip volunteers to teach English. A 12-hour English as a Second Language Basic Workshop is necessary to learn the basic steps of teaching English to beginners. More importantly, it teaches volunteers how to share their faith in a cross-cultural setting. A hybrid workshop, a combination of online and in-person training, is also available. Both workshops are taught by a certified workshop leader specially trained through the National Literacy Missions Partnership and Send Relief.
- ▶ Be prepared to go to the Afghan community rather than asking them to come to the church for English classes and other ministries. Women, especially, are needed to build relationships with and teach English to Afghan women. Cultural constraints and fear of the unknown make it necessary for Christian women to be willing to meet Afghan women literally where they live. Going into their homes or apartment complex community rooms to teach English speaks volumes about their value to Jesus.
- ▶ Live life along with the refugees; let them see Jesus' love in your life. In working with resettlement agencies, churches are going to be told they cannot proselyte. However, if Christians are asked about their faith, they are free to share. Be willing to pray for opportunities to share Jesus and wait for them patiently. Your authentic walk with Jesus will open doors for witnessing.



Several metro area church leaders and Send Relief's Denver Ministry Center are exploring ways to meet the practical needs of Afghan refugees.

Request more information about potential ministry opportunities from Derick Sherfy at derick@theoakschurch.net.

For information about English as a Second Language ministries, contact Claudean Boatman at ColoradoWMU@ColoradoBaptists.org.

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Colorado's Newest Mission House

BY MATTHEW PERRY Arapahoe Road Baptist Church - Centennial, CO

We are often surprised at how God opens his plans for ministry. In this case, this is a ministry of hospitality to Kingdom frontline workers—our missionaries. How thrilled we are that God has given us as Arapahoe Road Baptist Church in Centennial, CO (ARBC), this opportunity to minister to and connect with missionaries from all over the world to help them have a “Sabbath” in their work for Christ.

Since ARBC purchased this property in 1982, God has used this to fulfill his work in a variety of ways: the pastor's office, a location for ladies' Bible study, a classroom for ESL, a Youth House, the site of several 4th of July picnic celebrations, and a home for an associate pastor and his family. Most recently, ARBC felt a calling to use the location as a mission house for IMB missionaries while stateside on sabbatical. We've hosted missionaries from international locales such as Spain, Southeast Asia, and Bolivia.

COVID showed ARBC the need for this mission house from a different perspective. Josh and Jennifer Armstrong and their children were ready to leave for the foreign mission field but had their flight cancelled due to newly-imposed lockdowns at their intended destination. Here's their story:

In March of 2020, like everyone else, our world was turned upside down when everything began to lockdown due to COVID-19. But our problems were different. We had just sold everything and uprooted our family to move overseas; the pandemic left us in limbo and homeless. With three kids in tow, we just needed a place to land and feel "at home" for a few months while we waited for things to settle down enough to travel internationally. It was here where Arapahoe Road Baptist Church stepped up to help our family.

In the entire state of Colorado, mission homes are scarce. ARBC is only one of a handful of homes listed available to missionaries with the International Mission Board.

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When we contacted the church to inquire about a temporary placement in the home, they didn't have good news at first; they said that the house was currently in renovation. With this additional news, we were honestly unsure where we would go while still trusting the Lord along the way. Kathy Peterson, who was in charge of overseeing the ARBC mission house project, said she would get back to us on what she could do. Within a day, she let us know that they would speed up renovations, furnish the house largely through local donations from church members and local businesses, and have it ready for us to move in within two short weeks!

We arrived at the mission house in the middle of a looming pandemic with so much unknown, but we were blown away by the swiftness of ARBC's team in the middle of restrictions and lockdowns. The entire ARBC family was so gracious and humble towards our family every step of the way, thinking of every detail that might make us feel comfortable, and more importantly, "at home." It was such a blessing to have this house for some months before heading overseas, giving our children a place to relax inside and play

outside in a large backyard each day during this pandemic.

Today, Pastor Matthew Perry from ARBC continues to check in on us and shares prayer requests. While we were only there a short couple of months, ARBC truly feels like a church we feel connected with, and we are deeply grateful for the church family we gained there in Centennial, Colorado.

Matthew Perry, lead pastor at ARBC, has been shocked and blessed by this ministry. "At first, I was skeptical about the need for another mission house. Now, I've been blessed and overwhelmed at how this ministry of hospitality has helped both missionaries and ARBC. I'm so grateful for our church and its willingness to be a part of this Kingdom endeavor."

For more information about the Mission House at Arapahoe Road Baptist Church, please contact arbcmisionhouse@gmail.com.



Colorado Baptists Disaster Relief Deploy to the Marshall Fire in Lafayette and Superior, CO



BY DENNIS BELZ

CBDR State Director



On New Year's Day, CBDR received a request from Boulder County and The Salvation Army to deploy our feeding units to the Lafayette YMCA to feed the evacuees from the Marshall Fire, a fire that destroyed over 1,000 homes. Our food provision teams along with our set up crew were able to deploy and begin providing meals in less than 12 hours. Even with the big snow storm our teams continued to meet the needs of the evacuees. At the time of print, the feeding report was 9,323 meals provided.

In the week following the fire, the local DAC (Disaster Assistance Center) was opened in Lafayette and we were asked to deploy our Mobile Semi Feeding unit to feed the evacuees that were coming to get assistance from FEMA, Boulder County, and the local government agencies. The first night of our operations our water lines froze and we did not have access to water. A contractor had seen our team trying to work on the problem and asked a few questions. Within a few hours, the contractor and his construction crew came and built an insulated skirt around the unit to keep our water lines from any further freezing. When asked for a business card he said, "I don't want anything for this work, I am thankful that you are here to help others. I lost my friend in a fire in 2013 and want to do this to help you to be able to continue your ministry."

What a blessing this was! Now we have this material to use that will allow us to continue to use our semi feeding unit in the cold weather. Our CBDR and WY feeding teams have been committed and done an excellent job in this ministry working sometimes in the single digit weather. (Oh, the semi unit does have heat!)

Inside at the Disaster Assistance Center a young couple who lost their home came up to our table and asked for prayer. This has been a great part of the ministry that our teams of volunteers are doing to bring: Help, Hope and Healing to the communities.

A week after the fire started we were able to begin working on doing assessments with property owners and begin the ash out process, which is different than our usual clean-up efforts of complete cleanup of all metal and ash. We are only allowed to sift for items of importance to the owners without moving any debris and not causing any ash to be flying around due to the environmental issues. This is a dangerous situation due to the snow and mud in many of the foundations. We are making safety our main priority on the properties. We have been able to find lots of personal items that owners were looking for especially jewelry. Some items include:

Diamond rings, necklaces, gold and silver coins, collector baseball cards in plastic containers, candle arbors, \$20 bills, silverware, pictures, and many other items. Of the first 80+ homes that have been sifted there were only two homes in which the fire had burned so hot that nothing could be found.

At this present time of writing we have completed 423 jobs and have been able to give out 300+ Bibles and pray with many of the owners. We have also seen 15 individuals come to trust in Christ through salvation!

We are certain there will be much more to report in the next issue of the *Momentum!* Thank you for your prayers and financial gifts to help us continue to complete the ministry to those that lost their homes in the Marshall Fire.



A young girl that came to give us stuffed toys to give to children that lost all their Christmas gifts in the fire. She was so pleased that she could help in this way!

BY THE NUMBERS

1,729

VOLUNTEER DAYS

12,592

VOLUNTEER HOURS

88

GOSPEL PRESENTATIONS

15

SALVATIONS

648

PRAYERS

300+

BIBLES GIVEN

423

JOB COMPLETED

9,323

MEALS PROVIDED

WE ALWAYS NEED PRAYER AND VOLUNTEERS.

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LARGE IMPACT IN A *Small Town*

BY JEFF AND TAMMY BACHMAN

Harvest Community Church - Olathe, CO

ON DECEMBER 29, 2011, our family moved from Texas to Olathe, Colorado to plant Harvest Community Church. Over the years we have seen many great things happen while advancing the Kingdom. This past December we celebrated 10 years of ministry in Olathe. The last couple of years have been a little challenging with Covid, but Harvest Community Church has continued to make strides to impacting our community with the gospel.

Last Fall, we held community revival services with Randy Fair. One of the boys from our youth group invited his mother to attend services with him. She showed up every night of the revival services and came



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forward to accept Christ. About two months later she passed away due to non-covid related health complications. We are so thankful for her life, her salvation, and her excitement to follow Christ. Our church was packed from wall to wall for her memorial service where more people heard the good news of the gospel.

In September, we were able to partner with Calvary Baptist Church in Delta, Colorado and Shield 616 to provide the Olathe Police officers with free emergency tactical gear. This gear was of the highest quality and something that our local police department would not have been able to afford on their own. This outreach event also provided an opportunity for the members of Harvest Community Church to adopt local police officers to pray for and support.

With the help of Colorado Mission Offering funds, our church was able to host our annual Vacation Bible School during the summer of 2021, give out 72 backpacks to kids at the Olathe Elementary School at the beginning of the school year, set up our National Day of Prayer Drive-Through Event, and help host the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Fields of Faith event. These funds are a huge blessing and allow us to do more than we ever could have imagined!

In the small town of Olathe, Harvest Community Church was able to see 19 people baptized in 2021 as well as identifying several others that are ready to take that next step of faith. God is at work!



There are many avenues that God has opened over the years to further the gospel in our little community of Olathe that have resulted in large impact, the above examples are just a few of the most recent. Jesus is alive and moving in Western Colorado and our family is honored that God called us here 10 years ago to be a part of the large impact in this small town.

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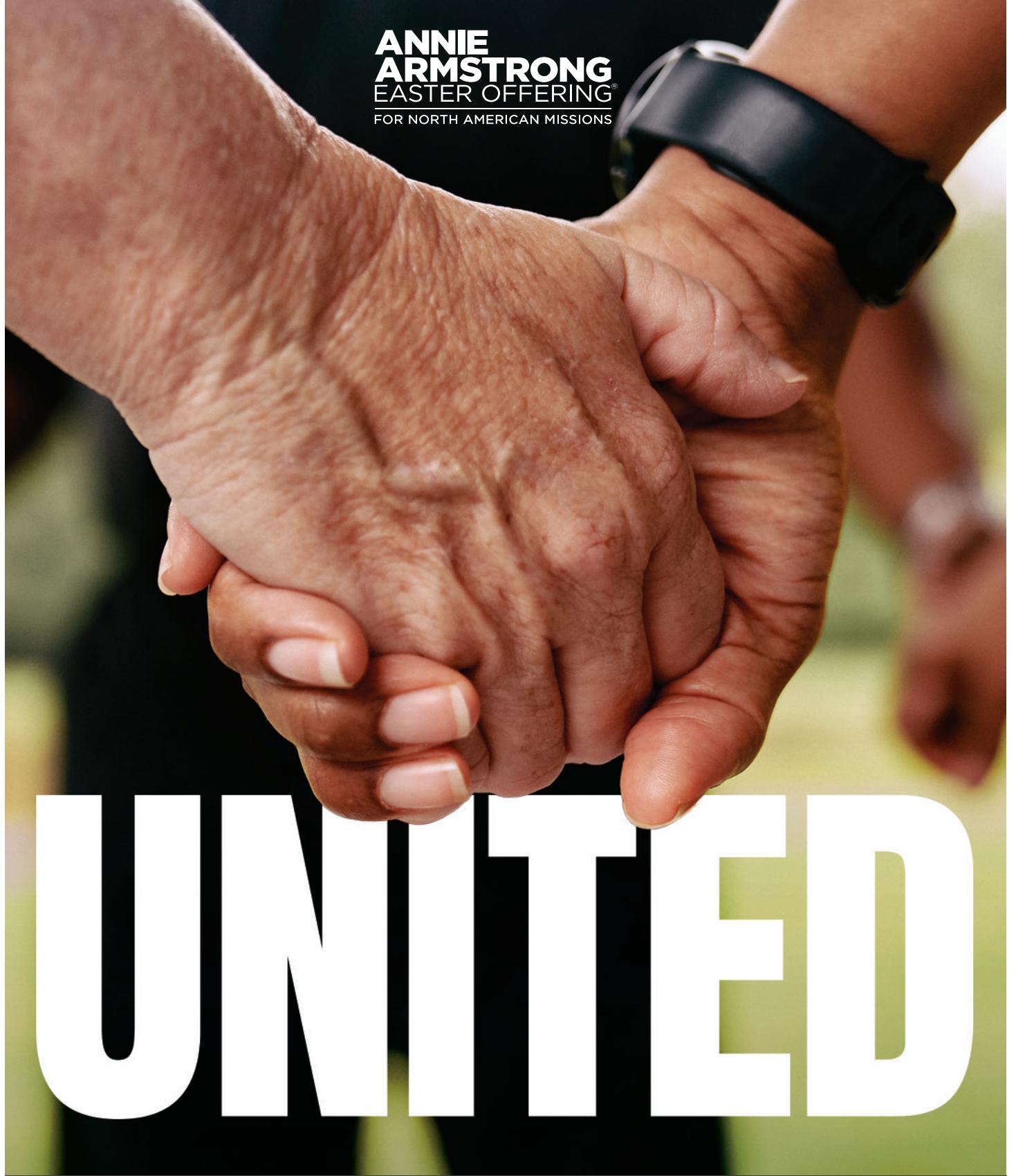
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State Missions and Ministries

Messengers from local congregations vote to retain a specific percentage for state missions and ministries and forward the balance to the SBC. State missions and ministries can include evangelism, church planting, children's homes, Christian higher education, compassion ministries, disaster relief, church health, age group ministries, and missions education.



Southern Baptist Missions and Ministries

The SBC compiles the gifts forwarded from state conventions for missions and ministries across the United States and around the world. Southern Baptist missions and ministries include North American and international missions, theological education, ethics and religious liberty, and general operating expenses.

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— MATTHEW 28:19

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