



2025

MISSIONS

at cross city



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BECAUSE I GO TO THE FATHER.”

john 14:12

LETTER TO CROSS CITY

Much more. The birth of the church was launched on the promise of “much more.” Jesus made a remarkable statement to His disciples:

“Truly, truly I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father.” John 14:12

Jesus went on to teach about prayer and the Holy Spirit which, together, unlock the “much more” of the church.

By prayer and the Spirit’s power, greater works would take place. As I look through these testimonies in the next few pages, I see ministries born and sustained this way. They all share several things in common:

One: they are gospel ministries. Every one of these ministries exists to proclaim the gospel. Like the first disciples, who gave “testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all” (Acts 4:33), these works are centered on Christ. Nothing changes lives, or the world, like the good news of Jesus.

Two: they began with the Spirit’s prompting. Each ministry traces its beginning to the Spirit’s leading. Acts 16 gives us a model: Paul and his companions met behind closed doors until a vision directed them to Macedonia. They concluded, “God has called us.” God still works this way. Mid Cities Women’s Clinic began after Jimmy Draper preached on abortion and the Spirit stirred people to act. The Spirit prompted Jack Terrell to begin KiDs Beach Club®. He moved in our church to launch 6 Stones. Again and again, God

has led in specific, tangible ways. The “much more” of the Spirit has been on display in the life of Cross City Church.

Three: they depend on prayer. Prayer both starts and sustains every ministry. Prayer moves people to give, to serve, and to go. Without it, the work cannot advance. With it, lives are changed and the impossible becomes reality.

THE CALL FOR US

Jesus’ promise of “much more” was not limited to His first disciples—it is ours today. These ministries remind us that He still works through prayer, through His Spirit, and through those willing to believe His promise.

So the call is simple: believe. Believe that He can and will do “much more” in your life and in your church. Believe enough to pray, to give, and to step forward when prompted by the Spirit.

*“Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh...”
Hebrews 10:19–20*

Join us in praying for a fresh movement of God in our day. Be part of the “much more” that Jesus promises.

john meador
LEAD PASTOR

CALLED TO SERVE

Church Family, God is calling us into something more—beyond comfort, beyond routine, and beyond our walls. We are Called to Serve in our neighborhoods, across our nation, and throughout the world.

In Galatians 5:13, Paul urges, “. . .through love, serve one another.” This is not just a suggestion, it’s a holy invitation. Serving is an expression of the gospel in action. It’s how we make the love of Christ visible in broken places.

CALLED TO serve

Jesus modeled this kind of servant-hearted love when He washed His disciples’ feet and said, “For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you” (John 13:15). Service is not beneath us, it’s our calling!

In our own city, there are families in need, students seeking mentors, and people searching for authentic connection. Across our nation, communities are struggling with brokenness and division; and around the world, there are still people who have never experienced the tangible love of Christ.

This is our moment! Not to shrink back, but to step forward in obedience and love.

So, I’m asking you: where is God calling you to serve? Is it one of our neighborhood outreaches? A mission trip? A local partnership? A national disaster response? A global project? See the stories in the upcoming pages and ask God to show you where you could serve! No act of service is too small when it’s done in Jesus’ name.

Let’s be the Church that doesn’t just gather, but goes. Let’s be the people who don’t just meet in our congregations, but we meet with people outside our walls, worshiping together as we serve with joy for the sake of the Kingdom!

WILL YOU JOIN ME?

gloria irving
MISSIONS MINISTER



UPCOMING TRIPS

local

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA | JUNE 21-27, 2026

Cross City will partner with GraceWorks Alaska to share the life-transforming message of Jesus. We will minister to non-churched people by sharing Bible stories, feeding the hungry, leading recreation ministry, doing crafts, and enjoying worship.

international

CAÑAS, COSTA RICA | JUNE 1-7, 2026

Cross City will partner with two church planters to provide evangelism, discipleship, and leadership training. The trip will be led by Cross City Español but is open to all members.

KABANJAHE, INDONESIA | JUNE 17-28, 2026

Cross City will partner with local churches and organizations to engage in community development across North Sumatra through recreational ministry, health and wellness programs, and leadership training.

KAWANGWARE, KENYA | JULY 15-24, 2026

Cross City will partner with The Bucket Ministry to share the gospel of Jesus Christ, distribute lifesaving water filters, and follow up with discipleship all within the Kawangware slum near Nairobi, Kenya.

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA | OCTOBER 12-21, 2026

Cross City will partner with IMB missionaries, Steven and Lynn Montalvo, to assist with construction at Northmead Baptist Church's missionary guest house. In doing so, our team will evangelize, witness, and serve the Malawian community.

MINISTRIES

local

- MID CITIES WOMEN'S CLINIC
- 6 STONES
- KIDS BEACH CLUB
- EMBRACE GRACE
- HOPE IS ALIVE
- TEXANS ON MISSION

global

- INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD
- THE BUCKET MINISTRY
- HOPE AND HELP INTERNATIONAL
- WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS
- SEND RELIEF
- VIA NATIONAL
- WAY OF GRACE LIBERIA

CALLED TO FREEDOM

There are three distinct moments in scripture where God displays his willingness and eagerness to reach down into the mess, pick us up, and show His pursuit of us. At creation, he formed man out of dust; in John 9, Jesus heals a blind man using dirt and spit to create mud and place it upon the man's eyes; in John 13, Jesus offers to wash the disciple's feet, a messy task often done by servants. We all have examples in our own lives where God has met us in the depths of our mess, called our name, and walked us forward as we said "yes" to His will and His way.

Tristan "TJ" McDonald has a story much like this—where God knelt in the middle of the mess, picked him up, wiped his tears, and called him by name to something far greater than he ever imagined.

"Before I knew Christ, I had 16 years of incredibly hard drug addiction, spent time in many jails and prisons across the country, experienced severe homelessness and dereliction. I got my first felony at 14 for car theft, my best friend was murdered in a drug deal at 16, and honestly, everything was down

from there. I eventually spent time in and out of mental institutions for attempted suicide. I had absolutely no hope.

After two years of living in an abandoned liquor store, stuck in a horrible cycle of crime, I found myself totally alone in a single-man jail cell. I was withdrawing from fentanyl, on my knees, bawling my eyes out, begging and praying to a God I wasn't sure was even real to save me. I cried out that if He showed me where to go and what to do, I would follow Him. I would remove the negative influences in my life and be a vessel of His will. I would be whoever He wanted me to be.

That's when it happened. I got out of jail and received a link to Hope Is Alive (HIA) from a family member. I knew this was from God. I didn't have a clue what Hope Is Alive was, but I heard it was a Christian sober living home, and I knew this was God's direction for my life.

I had an incredible, indescribable spiritual awakening while working through a 12-step program. God showed me that I was controlled by fear and self-obsession, and only HE could change that. Drugs weren't



my problem—they were my solution, when in reality the ONLY solution was surrendering my hopelessness to the Lord and allowing Him to change my life. I now speak at rehabilitation centers to invite others to experience the hope that I’ve found in Christ.

Recently, a few guys from the DFW HIA home and I volunteered for the Not Ashamed service, and as we walked through what the morning would look like, my heart was tugged by God to embrace a total redirection of my life, to be born again, and to give my life to Jesus fully. I was so excited and even invited my family to attend!

While we were listening to Pastor John, the Lord spoke to my mom’s heart through Romans 6:4, “Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism

into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.” She had been baptized as a child, but was never baptized as a believer and follower of Christ. So, when the time came, she stood up, followed Pastor John’s invitation to be baptized that day, and declared that ‘Jesus is my Lord, and I am not ashamed!’

I was able to change my life, and as a result, my mom came back to Jesus—how unbelievable is that? It still doesn’t feel real. I am filled with so much joy and happiness! God has changed my life; He has poured value, love, and grace into me. The scared, sad, lost person I was for so long has been born again, and I’m a man who walks with the Lord, has hope, and is truly unashamed!”

tj mcdonald





CALLED TO OBEY

“I had forgotten what the Lord’s will looked like.”

That thought hit me hard as we stepped into the slums of Kawangware and Athi River. The noise, the smell, the weight of need—it was overwhelming at first. But as we started walking, praying, and delivering the gospel, something deeper began to stir in me. The children ran up with bare feet and wide smiles—not because we brought gifts, but simply because we were there. I saw moms with nothing still praising God. I saw joy where the world says there should be none. And suddenly, it all started to make sense.

Each home we entered was a chance to witness the gospel in action. We didn’t just hand out clean water, but we were able to deliver the Living Water to hundreds of people in one day. I remember one man telling us that he had been praying for a sign that God hadn’t forgotten him. That hit me. We weren’t just visiting; we were the answer to prayer. And not because of who we are, but because of who God is. Watching people who had only been drinking clean water for a week, holding their hands as they prayed for Jesus to

be their Savior—it was more real than anything I’d known or experienced before.

Here at home, we tend to complicate things. Life moves so fast, and we often let distractions, schedules, and opinions cloud what really matters. But in Nairobi, we experienced something different. A simpler world. Yes, the people in Kawangware and Athi River fight every day just to meet basic needs, but somehow, in the middle of all that struggle, the gospel remains clear. They don’t overthink it. They live it. It’s as simple and powerful as: “Jesus loves you, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.”

This trip showed me that the Lord’s will isn’t always loud or obvious. Sometimes it looks like walking through mud, sharing a story, or giving your time to someone who feels invisible. It’s in the simple, faithful steps of obedience. So, to finish, I don’t just remember what the Lord’s will looks like now—I’ve seen it, and I won’t ever unsee it.

cole muckleroy



6 stones

CALLED TO HELP

Pam Shawl, a member of Cross City, has been a faithful advocate for 6 Stones, putting in many volunteer hours and inviting others to join her. But her path to this place of passion and strength began in the shadows.

Pam's first marriage was difficult. As time went on, hidden truths began to surface—her husband's drug addiction, a criminal record, and eventually, a prison sentence. After some time, Pam and her husband divorced, and Pam was left a single mom with two kids. Making ends meet was a struggle. Even with government support, there were moments when she couldn't provide the basics like school supplies or a Thanksgiving meal. But in those hardest moments, God showed up! Through the kindness of a local food bank, He met her needs and reminded her she wasn't alone.

Pam remarried but lost her second husband in 2010. The sorrow of her loss coupled with the pressure of daily life led

Pam to a dark place. When she was at her lowest, God gave her a friend in Gene Shawl. Gene brought her to Cross City and volunteered at 6 Stones. Pam needed the support and encouragement of a loving body of believers, and she needed the purpose that volunteering with 6 Stones provided. God rescued Pam from that dark time and gave her an outlet to help others in their dark moments. Since then, Pam and Gene have married, and they now serve side-by-side as 6 Stones Ambassadors.

Pam loves that 6 Stones not only provides for physical needs but also helps people move out of poverty. Her journey was long, dark, and lonely, but God redeemed it and gave her the ability to offer a helpful hand to others who are hurting in similar ways.

katy wissinger



send relief

CALLED TO EMPOWER

My husband Clay and I are serving as IMB missionaries with Send Relief in Kenya and East Africa. Send Relief is a collaboration between the International Mission Board (IMB) and the North American Mission Board (NAMB) to provide compassion ministry both in the U.S. and around the world. We're part of the international team, and one of the core aspects of our ministry is service.

We partner with local churches and fellow missionaries to serve the surrounding communities, striving to be the salt and light that Jesus calls us to be in Matthew 5:13-16 as we share the hope of the gospel.

One memorable project we were part of involved supporting a local church in Kenya alongside a volunteer team from California. The team came to help with ministry plans the church had already been working on, including an effort to clean up trash along the roads in their community.

The conditions were tough. The trash smelled horrible—it was wet, muddy, and seemed never-ending. But the team, together with church members, didn't

quit. They kept picking up trash for hours, motivated by love and a desire to serve.

Afterward, we all met back at the church and broke into smaller groups to go door-to-door and share the gospel. As we were visiting nearby apartment buildings, a young man showed up at the church, curious about why these Americans were out helping Kenyans clean up trash.

That question led to a powerful conversation with the pastor—and that very day, the young man gave his life to Christ!

Through the consistent efforts of this local church, others in the community have also come to faith, joined the church, and some have even stepped into leadership roles.

Clay and I are excited to continue walking alongside this church, and others like it, empowering them to serve their communities and share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

lydia steelman

statistics



southern baptist convention

10 % OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS, TOTALING MORE THAN **\$719,000** ANNUALLY



cross city missions fund

10 % 6 STONES **10 %** KIDS BEACH CLUB **10 %** MID CITIES WOMEN'S CLINIC **70 %** GENERAL MISSIONS

6 stones

905 HOMES IMPACTED THROUGH CPR SINCE 2009
6,500 6 STONES VOLUNTEERS
3,155 STUDENTS SERVED THIS YEAR
2,192 CPR VOLUNTEERS IN 2024-2025
5,949 FAMILIES SERVED IN 2024
21,803 INDIVIDUALS SERVED AT NEW HOPE PANTRY IN 2024



kids beach club

79,093 KBC BIBLES HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED AND **10,322** KIDS HAVE MADE JESUS THEIR FOREVER FRIEND. **128,363** KIDS HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE **28,369** VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE GIVEN TIME TO LEAD.



mid cities women's clinic

MORE THAN **79,000** CLIENTS SERVED SINCE **1984**. IN **2024** THERE WERE **1,095** GOSPEL PRESENTATIONS, **270** MEN WERE SERVED, **2,293** WOMEN WERE SERVED, AND **814** CHOSE LIFE FOR THEIR BABY.



international mission board

3,577 MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED
1,656 UNIQUE PEOPLE GROUPS ENGAGED
1,609,869 PEOPLE HEARD THE GOSPEL
144,964 NEW BELIEVERS
68,828 PEOPLE BAPTIZED
282,692 PEOPLE DISCIPLED

STATS REFLECT 2024 DATA



athi river

2,295 PROFESSIONS OF FAITH **324** PEOPLE HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED
75,870 DISCIPLESHIP LESSONS TAUGHT **58,697** INDIVIDUAL GOSPEL SHARES





CALLED TO SHARE

Just over 20 years ago, KiDs Beach Club® (KBC) began as an extension of the children's ministry at Cross City Church.

Nineteen years ago, KBC became an independent non-profit ministry with one mission: to give every preteen boy and girl a life-changing Jesus experience.

Today, Beach Clubs® meet weekly in public schools across the country. Designed for third through sixth-grade students, each Club teaches biblical character and Scripture memorization through engaging stories, fun games, and hands-on activities.

One powerful example took place last October at Lakewood Elementary School in Euless, a Beach Club® sponsored by Cross City Church. That day, 13 students sat quietly on the gym floor, captivated by the Bible story being shared. As is the custom in Beach Clubs®, the leader explained how each child could make Jesus their forever friend.

After leading them in a simple prayer of salvation, the leader invited anyone who had asked Jesus into their heart to stand up boldly and walk across the gym to join him and the Club leader. What happened next was extraordinary: 10 of the 13 children stood up unashamed and made their way across the gym.

Hebrews 4:12 says, "For the word of God is living and active..." And on that day, the Holy Spirit proved it by moving powerfully in the hearts of those Lakewood students.

You don't have to cross an ocean to reach the unchurched—there is a huge mission field right here around us. KiDs Beach Club® needs YOU to help share the message of Jesus to children in our own community.

craig vanbekker



CALLED TO PRAY

In June, God opened the door for Cross City Español to support two church planters in the rural community of Cañas, Costa Rica. A team of 12 traveled from San José and drove three hours to reach this area, where we focused on three main goals: evangelism, leadership training, and ministering to families.

As a church, we’ve been growing in our prayer life, and on this trip, we witnessed the power of prayer firsthand. The community is largely made up of Catholics and unbelievers, and during our prayer walks, we witnessed many open their hearts—welcoming prayer and listening to the gospel. God moved through the training sessions as well, stirring local new believers to deeper commitment.

One powerful moment came during our final gathering. Luis, a new believer, shared that he had never prayed for more than five minutes in his life. But after the last session, he stayed up all night talking to God, overwhelmed by a renewed desire to dedicate his family and life to Christ.

Our support for this church plant continues in a region deeply in need of the hope of Jesus. Please join us in praying that God will raise up a local team to carry the gospel forward and transform this community for His glory!

nelly juarez

CALLED TO CARE

Heidy, her husband, and their young child fled Honduras in search of safety. Back home, she had been an attorney, and he owned a security company. But after surviving a violent attack that left a bullet lodged in his body, they knew they had to leave everything behind and start over in the U.S.

As they pursued asylum and worked hard to rebuild their lives, Heidy began to feel unusually tired. Could she be pregnant? The thought was overwhelming and it certainly wasn't part of their plan. Facing the uncertainty and fear, they believed abortion might be their only option. Desperate for guidance, Heidy searched online and found MCWC.

From the moment Heidy and her husband walked through the doors, they were met with warmth and compassion. Using a translation tablet, the staff made sure they were heard and supported. When Heidy saw the positive pregnancy

test, she broke down in tears. Her husband stood beside her, emotional and speechless, then gently said, "We're going to make this work."

Volunteers prayed with them and shared the gospel. Later, Heidy opened up and shared with her counselors that during her first pregnancy, she had been harshly judged by her church—an experience that drove her away from her faith. But at MCWC, she felt something different: peace.

"I knew my faith was growing," she said. "I knew my husband was supporting our baby. God had sent me to the right place. I heard what I needed to hear. If I hadn't come here, I would have had an abortion."

Because of your time and support, Heidy found a caring place that offered her true hope instead of despair, and she chose life.

keith cotton



CALLED TO LOVE

She used the glass of a closed storefront as a mirror, brushing her blonde hair on the street. Her few belongings sat nearby. When we offered her lemonade, she drank it quickly and asked for more. As I wiped the juice from her hand, questions filled my mind: Where had she been all day? Does she have a place to wash her hands, much less her hair? Does she have a family to go home to? I wanted to know her story, but all I learned was her name: Marianna. She was somebody's daughter, sister, cousin, friend.

We met many like Marianna during our time in Hamilton, Ontario. I found that sharing drinks and talking with them about Jesus was not difficult, as those we met were friendly and receptive.

Throughout our trip, we served in various ways—engaging in refugee training,

learning about homelessness, distributing cold drinks and food, inviting neighbors to church events, and sharing the gospel in parks and on the streets. English as a Second Language (ESL) classes using Bible stories helped immigrants practice English and feel welcomed. Kids played in the park while moms connected with our team and the Send Relief staff. Every interaction was an opportunity to love like Jesus.

“Loving others is an expression of loving Jesus.” The words leapt from the page of our daily devotional. That’s why we were there! Whether at home or away, God has not called us to live in a bubble, but to get out of our comfort zone and meet people who may look different than us. It’s what Jesus taught His disciples, and as His disciples today, we are called to do the same.

melanie brunk





CALLED TO GO

Attending church and praying for missions in Colombia wasn't enough for "Carlos," a local Colombian believer. He thought, "If other Colombians can be missionaries to the indigenous people, why can't I?"

Motivated by this conviction, he went through training and has faithfully served for several years as a church planter among the Zenú people. Today, he remains the only local missionary working in his zone.

"Jenny" also sensed God's call to missions, feeling a deep burden to share the gospel with those in Colombia who have never heard it. Alongside her missions partner, "Tammy," the two women are passionately sharing Christ with indigenous communities across the country.

These workers face real challenges like harsh weather, illness, economic hardship, and political unrest. Yet through it all, they remain unwavering in their commitment to serve the Lord as local missionaries in Colombia.

Because of their dedication, many doors have opened for the gospel to be proclaimed. We praise God for raising up faithful Colombian brothers and sisters who are reaching not only the cities but also the remote, rural areas where indigenous peoples live.

These partners in the harvest are more than coworkers—they are dear friends. We give thanks to God for what He is doing through them in Colombia!

brian & ronda massey

CALLED TO *serve*