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Spark Limitless Potential through Short-Term Missions

How do short-term missions produce results that go beyond a feel-good mini vacation? We asked a panel of missions pastors/administrators to share their best practices in crafting valuable and effective short-term missions trips. Find out how to honor the mutually beneficial nature of the church/missionary partnership. How dreaming big resulted in a 9,000% growth in missions giving at one church. And why it's best to seek out invitations from long-term missionaries before planning a trip.



Pastor's Column: God's Kindness Shown Through Local Outreach

Portia Allen, Local Project Director at River Valley Church writes about how attendees at River Valley's 8 metro campuses make themselves available to their respective communities by being present and volunteering at community events and by partnering with local organizations to help them serve local residents. Allen shares the framework by which River Valley chooses to do local outreach in each community, and why it's important for a church to ask itself if outreach meets a real need in its community.



New Videos from The Timeless Call for Racial Harmony

At our first Transform Ideas forum, *The Timeless Call for Racial Harmony*, four local speakers addressed 225 audience members with ideas relating to both our nation's history of racism and our present day reality of racial disparities in the Twin Cities. Watch their talks [here](#):

[Dr. Charles Morgan](#)

[Latoya Taris-James](#)

[Russ Gregg](#)

[Dr. Danita Brown Young](#)



Join in Feed My Starving Children's Largest MobilePack Event



In nearly ONE WEEK, a collaboration of Christians, Jews and Muslims in Minnesota aim to be Feed My Starving Children's largest mobile packing event ever. On June 2-5, a faith-based collaboration called Love Somalia hopes to pack 6 million meals from the River Centre in St. Paul. Be one of the 30,000 volunteers needed to make that happen. [Sign-up here.](#)



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TCAMP: Assisting International Partners to Effectively Engage the Unreached

June 8, 12-1:30pm at Bethany International, Bloomington

50 mission agency representatives from all over the world will gather at Bethany International focusing on how to strategically reach unreached people groups. These partners work diligently to identify and engage people groups who do not currently have any witness of Christ among them.



Finding Funding: Positioning Your Organization

July 13, 8:30-11am at Transform Minnesota, Richfield

This is part 2 of the Finding Funding Training from January. Whether you attended Part 1 or not, come to learn additional and expanded information on finding funding for your faith-based nonprofit.



Uncovering Hidden Shame

July 19, 9-11:30am at Wooddale Church

Restoring Men and Women Affected by Pornography and Prostitution. This seminar will focus on resourcing pastors on the profile of offenders, the stages of succumbing to temptation, and how the Church can minister and offer hope to those struggling with secret sexual sins.



Transform Ideas: Creation Care

Sept. 28, 7-9pm

Explore the effect of a changing environment on resources and vulnerable populations. What are the changes occurring? Who do they impact? Learn and discuss at the Transform Ideas public forum on Creation Care.



Transform Minnesota exists to connect Christian leaders, develop Biblical solutions and equip churches that transform communities.



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