

# East White Oak MISSIONS



*"...Making Him Known"*



Amy Koranek | Jr. High Work Camp | July '09

*"Continue earnestly in prayer...praying for us, that God would open to us a door for the Word, to speak the mystery of Christ..." Colossians 4:2-3*



## • Ministry Focus



*Charles Svoboda began his ministry* by planting/organizing dozens of churches in Illinois, Michigan, and Iowa during the 1950s and '60s. During the late '60s, while professor and Assistant Director of Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music, and into the '70s, Dr. Svoboda was called into many churches to help each settle internal problems. From church splits, to broken pastors, God frequently brought reconciliation. Chuck and his wife Eleanor followed God into making this his full time ministry. In 1975, BRM was founded and 40+ pastors (Including our own Larry Van Gundy) have been placed in hundreds of churches to bring the peace of Christ to the problems of struggling pastors and churches throughout the Midwest. Check out their website to see resources that can be used in reconciling broken relationships.

## • Prayer Requests

### *BRM Pastoral Staff*

- Praise God for sending David Bauer to take on the Director Position for BRM.
- Pray for associate staff as they minister to churches and mentor pastors.
- Pray for the families in ministry to stay strong in their walk with Christ.



### *Churches/Pastors*

- Pray for churches in America, which often find internal friction, to embrace the work of reconciliation and return stronger in their witness to the community.
- Pray for the pastors who need to go deeper in their own grasp of the gospel to be open to the restoration that Christ offers.
- Please also pray for the many pastors experiencing burnout in their ministries.



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*Tom and Bonnie Lentz* wanted to declare their new lives in Christ to the world in 1987. They hung a lit sign on their home saying "Jesus House". Different people began knocking on their door and asking for help. This began a family ministry that has loved the people of Bloomington for 20 years. Jesus House has given shelter to many homeless, held after school & summer programs for neglected children, helped many people to see Christ break major addictions, and more. People who had no hope now sing in the J.H. Choir, perform on the Dance Team, enjoy live entertainment Saturdays, and church on Sundays.



## • Prayer Requests

### **Ministries**

- Praise God for showing himself real in a world of very real problems (addictions broken, homeless restored, broken hearts being transformed).
- Pray for Sunday services and Tuesday Bible studies to continue changing lives.
- Pray for more volunteers and pastors to help with Sunday and Tuesday services.

### **Community Outreach**

- Praise God for live entertainment & open mike Saturdays which draw crowds to Christ.
- Pray for dance team and choir as they minister around Central IL.
- Praise God for "Movies in the Park" reducing crime up to 85%.
- Pray for "Market Street Vision" as J.H. equips new believers to share their faith with snow cones, laughter, and changed lives.





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*Baptizing New Believers*

**Bill and Gloria are church planting missionaries** who fell in love at Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music. Bill first pastored two traditional churches from '84-'94 (one in Sutter IL where Bill became friends with EWO Pastors Workman and Zehr), and served as Dean of Students at Frontier '97-'02 (WY). However, they say they are really wired to serve Mormon communities as church planters. From Nephi, UT ('84-'88) to Lindon, UT ('88-'97) to Preston ID ('03-Present), Bill and Gloria share Christ in communities with 99%+ Mormon population. Grace Fellowship Church is now home to 70+ people who have met the Lord in the last 6 years.

## • Prayer Requests

### **Grace Fellowship**

- Praise God for growing a core group of Christians at GFC.
- Please pray that these Christians would gain hearts of prayer in trying to witness to their community.
- Pray for a children's teacher to come up from within the church.

### **Preston Community**

- Pray for God to move in this Mormon community.
- Pray for "El Shaddai Sanctuary and Refuge" (at this time a dream) to become a place where women escaping Mormon culture can be acclimated to the outside world in a Christian context of love.

### **Family**

- Pray for Bill and Gloria as they've just moved Gloria's parents from WY to live with them.
- Pray for their adult children/families as they serve God in their churches around the US.



*Fellowship at Preston Community*



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*During economic hard times in the Midwest (1930s), many churches/Christian ministries were without pastors and leaders. Several Christian leaders had been praying toward establishing Bible Schools in the region. Kansas City Bible College (1932), Midwest Bible College (1938) and Citadel Bible College (1947) answered the call. The three combined to form Calvary Bible College/Seminary (1961) in order to strengthen their abilities to serve Christian leaders. Calvary offers 35 bachelor degrees (12 majors online/23 traditional) and 9 masters level degrees. KLJC, their broadcast ministry, covers Kansas City with Christian music, Bible teaching, news, and more.*



## • Prayer Requests

### *Calvary Bible College*

- Pray for continued strength in Biblical Teaching. (Every professional degree includes 38 hours of Bible classes.)
- Pray for students to develop Christian Character in the course of the Mentorship/ Christian Ministries.
- Praise God for the variety of non-traditional programs available to the public.

### *Calvary Theological Seminary*

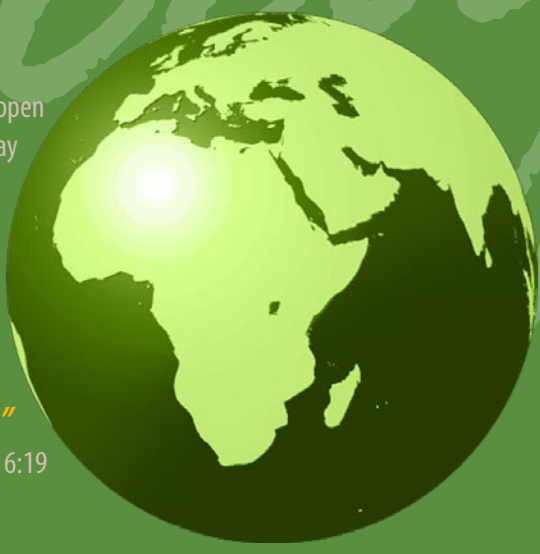
- Praise God for the many pastors now serving churches as graduates of CTS.
- Pray that in-depth pursuit of knowing God's Word will remain a pillar of CTS graduates.
- Pray for the new President of Calvary, Dr. James Clark.

### *Calvary 88.5*

- Praise God for connecting the Christian community around this station's broadcasts and events (Summer Radio Tour/Concerts/Listener Connections)
- Pray that the KC region will be drawn to Christ by the national (Jeremiah/Dobson/Swindoll/Evans, etc.) and local shows (Chipchase/Clark).

Prayer

“...that whenever I open  
my mouth, words may  
be given me  
*so that I will  
fearlessly make  
known the  
mystery of the  
Gospel.”*  
Ephesians 6:19



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