

OPERATION IMPACT

"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

INTRODUCTION

Do you want to impact our city? One way to do that is to plug into existing ministries and to serve regularly. Doing so supports local organizations, mends broken lives, and enriches your own soul. This is especially true when you serve alongside brothers and sisters from church. Collective effort can make a big impact.

Operation Impact is a call for you to mobilize your small group to take action, to serve outside the walls of the church, to minister to people in need, many of whom do not know our Lord. It is not complicated; it simply requires a little effort.

To understand the basics of this initiative, let's look at four aspects of it.

Mobilization. Sunday School small groups are the outreach arm of QSBC. Organizationally, they are our church's primary means of mobilizing and coordinating efforts to impact OKC with the gospel. Accordingly, we call you to mobilize your small group to serve in local ministries. Not only will you make an impact, but your small group will grow as you minister to the needy and point them to Jesus.

Duration. We ask you to challenge your small group to serve in a ministry until the end of the year and then reassess if you want to continue to serve there or to minister through another organization.

Characterization. We encourage your small group to volunteer in a ministry that places you in contact with people, and then go regularly. Relationships will make your service meaningful, and regularity will deepen your impact. Moreover, this kind of service will ease the burden of local ministry leaders by providing a steady flow of volunteers.

Implementation. We suggest that you choose a ministry and find out how your group can serve. Then present the opportunity to the small group. Finally, set your first date of service and then go.

BOOKLET CONTENTS

Impact Opportunities. Most of the booklet contains overviews of select ministries that exist outside of QSBC. These are starting points as you search for ways to serve people in need.

Networking Opportunities. Several departments already serve in local ministries. This section lists those departments so that you can make contact and find out how they are helping the community.

IMPACT OPPORTUNITIES

Below you will find a list of example ministries and organizations that satisfy the twin goals of relationships with people and regularity of service. Read these prayerfully, asking the Father to guide your small group into his will.

CHILDREN

GOOD NEWS CLUB

Brief Description. This ministry shares the gospel with public school children at Charles Haskell Elementary, located just one mile east of QSBC. The club is held on Tuesdays after school from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Volunteers teach Bible lessons, play review games, and build relationships with K-5th graders.

Contact Information. To find out more, contact Dawn Goodwin at 405-340-7949 or <u>j.goodwin2@cox.net</u>.

LITTLE LIGHT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Brief Description. Little Light Christian School is a tuition free institution for children of incarcerated parents, or parents with a history of incarceration. Volunteers help classroom teachers, work in the library, go to recess with the kids, serve as reading and math buddies, and more. The school also has special event volunteers, and special day volunteers who help with gardening and field trips.

Contact Information. To find out more, call 405-475-0585 and ask for the volunteer coordinator, or write littlelightmin@gmail.com.

OBHC COTTAGE MEALS

Brief Description. Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children (OBHC) ministers to underprivileged children by providing them homes, families, and the Gospel. One way to volunteer is to give house parents a break by preparing a meal for a family with eight children. This blesses the parents and allows you to meet the kids.

Contact Information. To find out more, contact Kathy McCullough at 405-691-7781.

UPWARD SPORTS OUTREACH

Brief Description. Upward Sports combines athletics, the good news, and outreach. At QSBC, coaches not only train kids to play basketball, soccer, and flag football, they also teach them about God and his purpose for their lives. Additionally, other volunteers attend practices to meet parents, some of whom may be searching for a church home or be open to spiritual matters. Clearly, Upward Sports provides multiple ways to serve local kids and their parents.

Contact Information. To find out more, contact Van Greenwood or Evan Alexander at 405-752-2965 or recreation@gsbc.org.

WHIZ KIDS

Brief Description. This is a faith-based ministry that provides tutoring and mentoring for at-risk children in the OKC area. Through Whiz Kids, QSBC and Baptist Temple supply tutors for students at Sequoyah Elementary. These tutors help students with reading by volunteering on Mondays from 3 to 5 pm.

Contact Information. To find out more about Sequoyah's program, contact Marilyn Garman at mmgarman81@gmail.com.

INNER CITY RESIDENTS

BAPTIST MISSION CENTER

Brief Description. Baptist Mission Center provides meals, clothing, dental care, eye examinations/glasses, medical care, prescriptions, lab services, and shots all free of charge. Many churches volunteer and find opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Contact Information. To find out more, call at 405-235-6162.

CITY RESCUE MISSION

Brief Description. City Rescue Mission is a private, faith-based nonprofit organization providing solution-based ministry to the homeless and near homeless in the Oklahoma City metro. Volunteers are needed, and they can serve in a variety of ways, from serving meals and tutoring children to working in the food resource center and becoming a life skills tutor for adults.

Contact Information. To find out more or to schedule a tour, email volunteer@cityrescue.org or visit cityrescue.org/act/volunteer.

FAITHWORKS OF THE INNER CITY

Brief Description. FaithWorks of the Inner City is a nonprofit ministry designed to meet the educational, spiritual, and physical needs of inner city children and their families. This ministry partners with neighborhood schools and communities to establish after school tutoring programs, adult education programs, and Bible clubs. FaithWorks of the Inner City also provides for physical needs, such as food, clothing, shelter, utilities, and medical care.

Contact Information. To find out more, email Sally Goin at faithworks innercity@cox.net or call 405-826-1911.

GRACE RESCUE MISSION

Brief Description. Grace often needs groups to lead a chapel service once a month. After the service, churches serve dessert in the kitchen in order to meet and minister to the men. Additionally, volunteering in the kitchen is another way to bless them. Lunch is 11 am to 1:30 pm, and dinner is 4 to 6:30 pm. This is not time intensive as Grace provides the meals. Some churches do serve cakes or cookies at each table in order to meet the men.

Contact Information. To find out more about serving in the kitchen or leading a chapel service, contact Marvin Barker at 405-232-5756. Please call one week in advance to schedule a time to volunteer.

JESUS HOUSE

Brief Description. The Jesus House is an inner-city Christian outreach center that houses and clothes the homeless and poverty stricken in Oklahoma City. Through this ministry, you can feed the hungry, distribute groceries, teach a class, mow a lawn, mentor women, or be a sponsor for someone in recovery.

Contact Information. To find out more, email Robin Totten at robin.totten@jesushouseokc.org or call her at 405-232-7164.

JOBS FOR LIFE

Brief Description. Jobs for Life is a program to help people develop basic skills to get and retain a job, and we teach it at Grace Rescue Mission and Hope Pregnancy Center. Our aim is to inspire hope, foster growth, facilitate employment, and make disciples. We need instructors, discussion leaders, encouragers, and more.

Contact Information. To find out more, email Stacy Rollans at srollans@gsbc.org or call her at 405-751-1621.

LIFEWIZE

Lifewize is an initiative to teach healthy decision making, goal setting, and life skills in the areas of abstinence, prenatal and baby care, and teen parenting. The program is taught to Oklahoma City middle and high school students. Currently, there is a need for more volunteers.

Contact Information. To find out more, contact Gwen Poteat at gpoteat@obhc.org.

MISSION OKC

Brief Description. The focus of Mission OKC is reaching out to children, youth, and adults living in low-income Section-8 apartment communities across the city. Mission OKC serves many apartment complexes by delivering sack lunches to children, hosting Bible day camps, evangelistic outreach events, and busing people to church. The ministry also has Sunday evening worship and weekday Bible studies for all ages.

Mission OKC needs volunteers to help teach children ages 3-10, drive vans, work with high school and middle school students, serve meals, and deliver lunches.

Contact Information. To find out more, call Anna Clement at 405-694-8380 or email MissionOKC@outlook.com.

INTERNATIONALS

CONVERSATION CAFÉ

Brief Description. The University of Central Oklahoma has another venue for meeting international students: Conversation Café. This event is held each Thursday night from 7 to 8:30 pm in the food court of the Nigh University Center during the fall and spring

semesters. It is an informal gathering of students and Americans, a place for internationals to practice English with native speakers. Through this interaction, you can develop friendships that go beyond the meeting time, and in so doing, discover opportunities to share the Lord with people from other countries.

Contact Information. To find out more, contact Karri Wilson at karrijwilson@yahoo.com or 405-535-8353.

ENGLISH FOR INTERNATIONALS

Brief Description. At QSBC we help internationals learn and practice English on Wednesday evenings from 6-7:15 pm. This is a great relational ministry that meets a felt need. All we ask is that you love Jesus and love people.

Contact Information. To find out more, contact Debby Dobbs at debbydobbs50@gmail.com.

FRIENDSHIP INTERNATIONAL

Brief Description. Friendship International teaches English to foreign-born women, and it does so in a kind, Christian atmosphere. In addition to English, ladies study writing, cooking, citizenship, and the Bible. Friendship meets every Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 at Henderson Hills Baptist Church.

Contact Information. To find out more, contact Stacy Neuschafer at neuschafer@yahoo.com.

UCO INTERNATIONALS

Brief Description. The University of Central Oklahoma has a large population of international students who are anxious to spend time with Americans. As such, the school oversees the Community Responding to International Student Program (CRISP). CRISP pairs

families with international students and asks them to spend time together once a month. This is a wonderful opportunity to show love to students who are away from home and to gently point them to the Savior.

Contact Information. To find out more, contact Connor Jones at uco.internationalactivities@gmail.com or Jared Scism at jscism@uco.edu, or call 405-974-5577.

SENIOR ADULTS

NURSING CENTER MINISTRY

Brief Description. Opportunities exist to volunteer at Quail Creek Nursing Center and Mansion at Waterford. Needs include helping to lead worship, hosting activity days (e.g., BINGO) or themed parties, organizing musical activities, visiting room-bound residents, and providing decorations for the dining room. There are many ways to minister to residents.

Contact Information. To find out more, contact Roger and Kay Raba at 405-721-7158 or roger2234@cox.net.

YOUNG PARENTS

HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER

Brief Description. Hope Pregnancy Center ministers to women and men who need love, support, and direction. The center provides counseling for pregnant mothers, guidance for expectant fathers, and parenting training for both.

Contact Information. To find out more, contact Dana Brown at 405-755-5433 or dana.brown@obhc.org.

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

At QSBC many departments serve the needy outside the walls of the church. Below is a partial list that you can use to learn from others about the ministries in which they serve. Overtime, we will expand this list so that it becomes a better resource for networking and coordinating.

DEPARTMENT/MINISTRY	POC/EMAIL
Extreme Couplehood	Craig Davis
Ministry to NICU Parents	thedavisbrothers@yahoo.com
Ladies Bible Study	Courtney Love
Jesus House	courtneyleannlove@gmail.com
Life Principles	Dave & Joy Roddy
Hope Pregnancy Center	roddy@sbcglobal.net
Parents of Teens and Young Adults	Rick & Robin Sheetz
Boys Ranch Town	thesheetz@cox.net
Grace Rescue Mission	
Quail Creek Nursing Center	
Varner's Bible Explorers	Don & Peggy Williams
Edmond Mansions Independent Living Facility	dwilliams745@gmail.com

