
Lifelines Outreach

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Lifelines Outreach shares the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and works to train disciples in the greater Nashville area. Sharing includes feeding the hungry and loving our neighbors.

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God always uses men, not just methods, not just principles. The man or woman God uses is hungry to know God. If you are a Christian, this is a choice that you make:

1. You can choose to humble yourself before God. In Scripture, humility is often shown by an action.
2. You can choose to seek God daily.
3. You can choose to cry out to God so that others might come to know Jesus.
4. You can choose to be honest before God by living lives of integrity.
5. You can choose to live by faith and not by sight.
6. You can abide in God's Word and choose to obey it.

I hope you take the time to read the statement and statistics on the back page. The one number that jumps off the page to me is that 75% of metro Nashville area is unchurched. We live in a modern day mission field where we live and work. Since we live in a mission field, the question is, "What are we going to do about it." The main emphasis in the groups that we lead is how are you going to take personal responsibility for the Gospel? That is are you going to follow Jesus and fish for men? You need to learn how to share your faith with those in your sphere of influence.

We are training about 25 Nepali's in the *Disciples Making Disciples* book on Saturday nights. They are just now memorizing the passages in the *Share Jesus Without Fear* material so that they can be effective witnesses and take individual responsibility for the Gospel. Over the next few weeks, I will begin a new class for a Swahili church. There are about 80 people in that church. The pastor's desire is that he wants his people trained to make disciples.

We have just finished a training session at First Baptist Hermitage Church. David Taft, the pastor, is leading his church to make eight *Disciples Making Disciples* groups this year. When the weather improves, they are going to prayer walk several apartment communities in the Hermitage area to begin seeking where God wants them to start groups. I will continue to follow up with them and see how I might help them to reach the unchurched. Thank you for your prayers and financial support. Remember to pray and to read your Bible every day! —

—Richard Gay

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1. Nashville is the 7th fastest growing city in the U.S. The Metropolitan Nashville area has 1.8 million people. (Money Magazine March 2014)
2. In 2012, Gallup ranked it in the top five regions for job growth.
3. In 2012 it was ranked #3 by CNN as a “City Where Startups Thrive,” and also #3 in Travel + Leisure’s “America’s Best Cities.”
4. 6 of the top 10 for-profit hospital chains are in Nashville, according to rankings published annually by Modern Healthcare. Nashville is also the only city in America where two hospitals have been ranked in the Truven Top 100 hospitals for more than a decade, with Vanderbilt being on the list for 13 years and St. Thomas for 11 years.
5. Nashville is the largest publishing center in the Southeast and one of the largest in the country, especially among religious publishing houses. Thomas Nelson, the leading publisher of Bibles, is headquartered here. The city is also becoming a print media distribution center. (Forbes Magazine: January 23, 2013)
6. Other major companies that have headquarters in Nashville include Nissan North America, Dollar General and Bridgestone America—among several other Fortune 100 and 500 companies.
7. According to ARDA (The Association of Religious Data Archives) 75% of the Nashville Metropolitan Statistical area is considered unchurched. This would be an estimated 1,216,000 unchurched persons.
8. Nashville is home to 92+ people groups and that 35 of these groups number 1000 or more in population.
9. In 2012, Nashville had the fastest growing immigrant population of any American city. (Source: Nashville Metropolitan Government)
10. Several of the unreached people groups residing in the Nashville area continue to have relationships in their home countries which are areas that there is little to no gospel witness.
11. There are at least 30 people groups in the Nashville area that have less than a 2% gospel witness among them.
12. 12% of the Nashville area population is foreign born. (Nashville Metropolitan Government) At the publishing of this book that would be an estimated 216,000 foreign born persons.
13. There are 15+ Mosques, 1 Islamic School, 1 Hindu Temple, 1 Sikh Temple, 15+ Buddhist Temples, 4+ Shinto Meditation Centers located in the Nashville area.
14. The fastest growing People Group in the Nashville Metropolitan area and the state of Tennessee besides Hispanic according to USA.com is the Southeast Asian Indian population of Williamson County that comprises of 1% of the county population. The second fastest is the Chinese that make up 0.6% of the Williamson County population. 156 languages in Nashville schools according to the Tennessean

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