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The Role of Community Liaison at OPC:

The OPC has adopted the mission statement, Joining in the work of Jesus for the good of the world. In essence that is the job description of the Community Liaison. The word liaison is a “joining agent.” I spend my time making it my priority to JOIN the brokenness, hopelessness, and needs of the community to the people of the OP Church. I will function as a local missionary—living in the Kansas City Kansas area and identifying needs there, as well as Olathe. Once those needs and people are found/identified they will be linked to people of OPC who are ready to connect and serve.

This is a fluid role that relies on the leading of the Holy Spirit and the places and people He leads us too. I am committed to keeping that guidance at the forefront. Along with that, I will share a few steps that aid in the fruitfulness of this ministry:

- The Community Liaison spends time in the community (Olathe & Argentine-KCK) identifying resource people.
- These resource people help identify the places of need where the OPC can get involved.
- The Community Liaison will bring those needs back to the OPC and help members find their places of service based on giftedness. This will be done with Dan Knight, Minister of Adult Discipleship.
- The Community Liaison has a mission of joining what is happening in the city rather than creating new projects. We are creating relationships rather than “service projects.”
- The Community Liaison will be a representation of the OPC in the community of Olathe and Argentine (KCK).
- The Community Liaison will lead workshops and trainings on community based living and service.
- The Community Liaison will create various forms of “Church” in various parts of the city—with a mission of bringing church to community rather than initially asking the community to come to building.
- The Community Liaison will help filter the outreach programs of OPC and keep our vision clear.
- The Community Liaison will be a resource person to leaders of outreach ministries within OPC.
- The Community Liaison works closely with Zach Sewell, Involvement Minister. These two roles work together in cohesion as we **involve** those within our church body in outreach efforts.

This position is a lifestyle for me—not a job. It relies on utter dependence of the Lord to create relationships, open doors, and continued fruitfulness. It cannot be done without the people of OPC jumping in and getting to work in our city. It works in close tandem with Zach Sewell (Involvement Minister) and Dan Knight (Minister of Adult Discipleship) as we seek to strengthen the core of who we are as Christ followers, find deep involvement within our Church body, and touch the outskirts of the city.

As a commitment to the people of the city—I will work hard, trust the Lord, and find hopefulness in hopeless situations. As a commitment to the people of OPC—I will work hard, trust the Lord, and invite you to BRING the hope to the hopeless situations of our city.