

SEVEN MILE ROAD

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MISSION. STRATEGY. VISION.

MISSION / OUR DESTINATION

We exist to embody and declare God's redemptive story to every Houstonian.

We realize this great task can't be accomplished alone. Therefore, we have partnered closely alongside the Houston Church Planting Network, Open Door Mission, The Council on Recovery, and other local churches and organizations in order to pursue every man, woman and child having regular interactions with the Gospel.

STRATEGY / OUR VEHICLE

Journey Together in House Churches. Behold Jesus in Sunday Gatherings. Spread Hope in Daily Life.

Our 5 initial House Churches, meeting in various neighborhoods around the city, have multiplied into 8 as of January 2017! With an average attendance of 180 at Sunday Gatherings and a strong core of 80+ volunteers, we're hopeful for more opportunities to engage Houston block-by-block.

VALUES / OUR PATH

Enjoy God. Love Neighbor. Embrace Family. Reveal Truth. Facilitate Movement.

We believe the best place for 7MR is at the intersection of Word & Prayer and Meal & Mission. Situating here will allow us to effectively live out our core values. Our monthly neighborhood meals at our House Churches continue to see an average of 200 people being embraced and pursued.

OUR JOURNEY

SEPTEMBER 2015

Church-planting team began vision-casting



2016

MARCH 2016

*Monthly Sunday services held at ODM
5 House Churches multiplied into Houston-area*

SEPTEMBER 2016

*7MR held its first public Sunday gathering
and launched with a total of 7 House Churches*

2017

DECEMBER 2016

*“Pushing Back the Darkness” initiative donated
every dollar given in December*

MARCH 2017

*11 active House Churches are anticipated via
multiplication*



NEW LIFE / DEDICATION

CHILD DEDICATION SERVICE

One of our core values is to embrace family. We had the amazing opportunity to dedicate several of our little ones this past year by declaring our devotion to each child. Both the parents and extended church family affirmed ownership of discipling these precious children along their journeys.

From left to right: Joanna Hall, Ella Fondren, Jordyn Hall, Evelyn Roitcsh, Lily Riley, Finneas Morris, Samuel Willingham, Samson Roitsch, Caleb Morris, Thomas Taaffe, Noah Willingham



NEW LIFE / BAPTISM

DON HALE

Don is a recent graduate of Open Door Mission who encountered Jesus through the ministry of Seven Mile Road. We are walking alongside him as he lays aside a past life as a drug dealer and loves his family in the community of the church.



ABBY & EMMA WILLINGHAM

It was a touching moment to watch Russell baptize his twin daughters who have been stirred to affection for Jesus over the years. Abby and Emma both point to planting of the church with their family as a faith-increaser. We look forward to shepherding them as their profession of faith continues to mature!

LIGHT SHINES IN DARKNESS

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OPEN DOOR MISSION / HOUSTON, TX

ODM is dedicated to transforming the lives of the most severely addicted, destitute, homeless, and disabled men in our community for free. We are committed to helping them, while welcoming many residents and graduates as valued members of the 7MR community.



SEVEN MILE ROAD / BOSTON-AREA, MA

We share our name with a family of other churches in the Boston-area. This church planting effort has been going for over 10 years and is planting 2 new churches in one of the least Christian areas of the US. We are excited to play a small part in what God is doing there!

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CITY CHURCH / LAGOS, NIGERIA

Femi Osunnuyi is planting a church in Lagos, and 7MR is helping! We connected with Femi through Redeemer City to City and are supporting the endeavor financially and relationally. Femi has visited twice and will be preaching this summer at 7MR. We hope to cultivate this partnership for years to come!



PROVIDING A
CUP OF WATER
IN JESUS' NAME

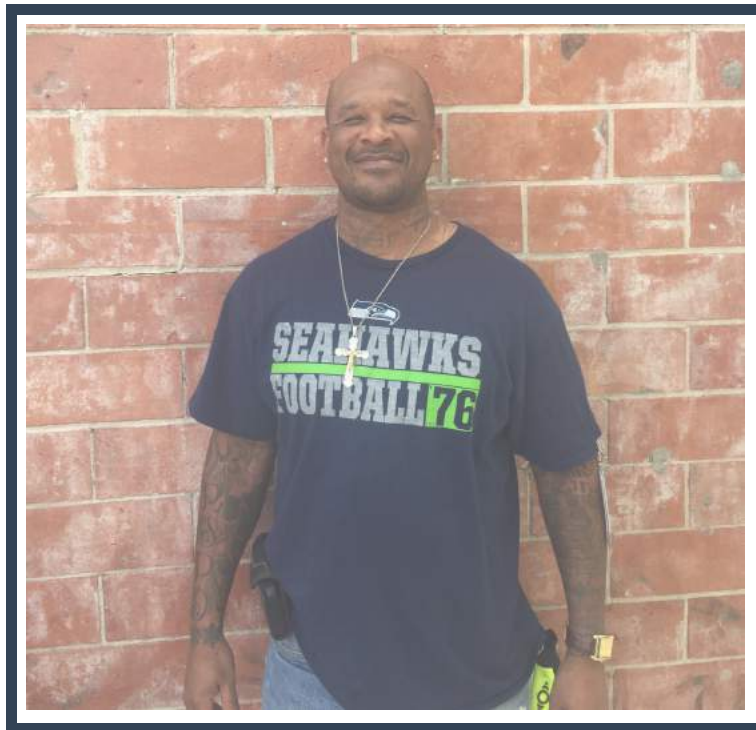
LIVING WATER INTERNATIONAL / NIGERIA

Living Water demonstrates the love of God by helping communities acquire desperately needed clean water and experience "living water"—the gospel of Jesus Christ—which alone satisfies the deepest thirst. We're excited to partner with this ministry in Nigeria as we focus on a particular area of the world.

BEAUTY AMIDST DIVERSITY

DANIEL P.

Faced with the consequences of a past filled with drugs, violence and crime, Daniel made his way to Open Door Mission seeking freedom from his old way of life. What he found was a community avid to support and pursue him that was partnered closely with ODM. Daniel now calls 7MR home and serves in multiple capacities to give back and even protect his family as the security guard on-duty during Sunday gatherings.



“The genuine and unconditional love of Jesus is the same love 7MR has shown me.”

BEAUTY AMIDST DIVERSITY

ELISABETH D.

After attending a House Church via invitation, Elisabeth found her historically passive participation in church transformed into an energized pursuit of community. She continues to find the newness of the church plant inspiring her personal ownership to the overall growth of 7MR. With her unique talents, Elisabeth has volunteered both time and energy to assist in enhancing the church's communication and visual production.

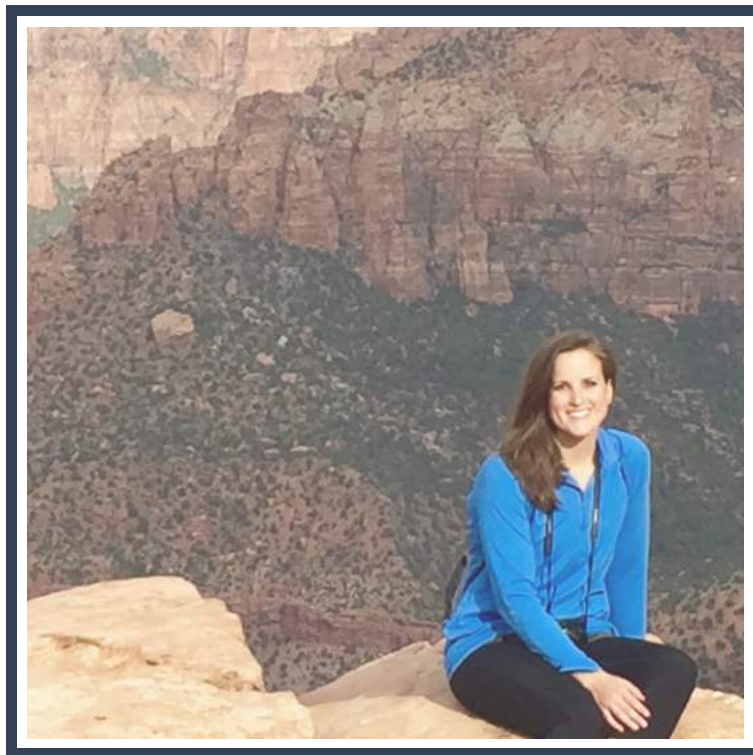


**“I have a sense of belonging to a church community
for the first time.”**

BEAUTY AMIDST DIVERSITY

SARAH E.

Christianity has always proven to inspire more questions than answers for Sarah. However, after experiencing the teaching and community of 7MR through an invitation from a coworker and friend, she was drawn to the degree of vulnerability and compassion this group regularly displayed. Sarah feels a newfound confidence in her faith journey and hopes to be baptized early this year!



“This community provides a safe place for all types of people, relevant to all of life’s circumstances.”

2017 AND BEYOND



SEEKING WISDOM / JANUARY 2017

We have resolved to kick-off 2017 with a pursuit of divine wisdom as we embark on our first whole year as a church. Each day in January, corresponding to 31 chapters of Proverbs, will consist of prayer, fasting, and reflecting on the book of practical wisdom from God's Word.

EVANGELISM TRAINING / ON-GOING

As we continue to shepherd the flock God has given us, we aim to saturate the city of Houston with effective disciple-makers. Therefore, we will begin offering bi-annual evangelism training and utilizing the Gospel of John to point non-believers to the person and work of Jesus Christ.

DISCIPLESHIP FOCUS / MARCH 2017

Our eyes are fixed on the harvest. For that reason, the primary goal for 2017 is to make disciples. We will host a church-wide retreat in March centered on the theme of "Be one. Make some." Please pray alongside us that a culture of disciple-making would spark a Gospel movement in our city and around the world.

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THANK YOU

God is certainly on the move around Seven Mile Road, and it would not be possible without supporters like you, who fueled the mission with your prayers, encouragement, and financial gifts. Thank you for your faithful and generous partnership with our team. We are so grateful to God for the ways that He has gone before us and the ways that he continues to provide for the road ahead. It is our aim to eagerly, urgently, and prayerfully continue pushing the mission forward until **EVERY** Houstonian has repeated opportunities to respond to God's Redemptive Story embodied and declared. Please continue to pray with us for God's kingdom to come in Houston as it is in Heaven.

Thanks, and God's richest blessings to you!

Jeremiah Morris

Lead Pastor

Seven Mile Road Houston



