



SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

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Dear NCD Pastors and Mission Leaders,

Greetings in Christ. Summer is always a great opportunity to grow spiritually and to serve the Lord. In this letter, I want to make you aware of two different opportunities that you might want to be aware of and get involved with this summer.

JUST FAITH SUMMIT on June 20-22, 2018: The focus of this summit is to mobilize people of faith to end sex trafficking. It is presented by Shared Hope International, a leading faith based expert on the issue of child sex trafficking. This summit will feature Eric Metaxas as the keynote speaker and multiple workshops that are designed to prepare attendees with practical knowledge and effective action steps to address trafficking in their own communities.

The summit will be held at Bethel University in St. Paul. Each attendee will receive a Faith in Action kit. The registration price includes plenary sessions, workshops, a concert, and all meals. Go to www.justconference.org/faith-summit for more information and to register.

CARING FRIENDS NETWORK IN BLOOMINGTON, MN

Recently, Kathy and I visited the Caring Friends Network office and Director Tom Mouw, former NCD Superintendent of the EFCA.

Caring Friends Network can be described by the following:

- A is for **Access** (gaining it and granting it)
- B is for **Betterment** (an equitable hand UP)
- C is for **Community** (and Cultural) **Development**
- D is for **Discovery Process** among **Persons of Peace**

Who comes to the center? Tom and volunteers meet with Internationals (immigrants), who live in the Bloomington area of the Twin Cities. Many want to improve their English. Many are looking for work opportunities. Many want to learn how to drive.

Included in the ministry is driver's education training and learning English. There is a room for child care while mothers meet. Currently 20 volunteers are helping weekly.

What can people do to help Caring Friends Network? Tom says to come and visit the center to learn about their ministry. There is a need for more volunteers to help weekly.

Contact him at tom@caringfriendsnetwork.org or call him at 612-758-0701.

Blessings,

Steve Austvold