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Vessel Christian Foundation Approves \$337,000 in Grants

GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA – In 2011, Vessel Christian Foundation's Board of Directors approved more than \$337,000 in grants to numerous charities, churches and missionaries throughout the region and world. The grants are made possible through donor advised funds held within the foundation. Organizations receiving the grants include the following:

Adventures in Missions – World Race, Grand Forks, ND, \$2,000
Agape Teaching Ministry, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, \$1,224
Child Evangelism Fellowship, Northeastern North Dakota, \$137,000
Campus Crusade for Christ, Grand Forks, ND, \$1,580
Desert Metro Church, Tempe, AZ, \$175
Faith Evangelical Free Church, Grand Forks, ND, \$10,000
Gideons International, Nashville, TN, \$1,000
Heartland Christian Academy, Bemidji, MN, \$37.50
International Students Inc., Colorado Springs, CO, \$500
LifeCare Center, Thief River Falls, MN, \$37.50
New Hope Fellowship Church, Langdon, ND, \$36,000
Northland Christian Counseling Center, Grand Forks, ND, \$37.50
Northlands Rescue Mission, Grand Forks, ND, \$3,137.50
Provision for Karamoja project, Northeastern Uganda, Africa, \$11,585
Pulse Outreach Ministries, Fargo, ND and Minneapolis, MN \$17,037.50
Shine the Light Inc./QFM Christian Radio, Grand Forks, ND, \$2,087.50
Restore House , Bemidji, MN, \$87.50
Riverside Christian School, East Grand Forks, MN, \$25,037.50
Salvation Army, Grand Forks, ND, \$1,057.50
St. Gianna's Maternity Home, Warsaw, MN, \$137.50
Thrive Church, Grand Forks, ND, \$37.50
Valley Memorial Homes, Grand Forks, ND, \$37.50
Walker Area Pregnancy Center, Walker, MN, \$37.50
Warehouse Ministries, Fountain Hills, AZ, \$20,000
Wheaton Associates, Wheaton, IL, \$1,000
Women's Pregnancy Center, Grand Forks, ND, \$4,562.50
YMCA Family Center, Grand Forks, ND, \$10,000
Youth for Christ, Grand Forks, ND, \$37.50
Youth With a Mission, Nashville, TN, \$40,000
Medical Benevolence Program within Vessel (4 grants), \$8,000

Currently, there are 13 families who have donor advised funds with Vessel Christian Foundation and requested the grants. Through donor advised funds, donors receive an

immediate tax benefit while distributing gifts to charitable organizations over time. Donor advised funds also eliminate the administrative costs of creating and then administering a private foundation, enabling donors to ultimately give *more* to charity.

“Our donor advised fund has been a blessing in terms of convenience and more impactful giving,” said Dusty Gibbs, a longtime donor and supporter of Vessel Christian Foundation. “We don’t always know exactly which organizations we want to give to at the end of the year. So, we make our year-end gift to our donor advised fund for the tax savings and then have time to prayerfully consider where these funds should go,” he said.

With headquarters in Grand Forks, ND, Vessel Christian Foundation is a registered 501(c) (3) corporation that supports non-profit organizations, ministries and missionaries through donor advised funds. These funds operate like a small family foundation – allowing donors the input, flexibility and creativity they want while providing both for family and God’s kingdom.

For more information, please visit www.vesselchristianfoundation.org or call Executive Director Michelle Walters by phone at 701.746.8321 or email at michelle.walters@vesselchristianfoundation.org.

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