

# Israel Mandate – (Lion of Judah) Rev 5:5

**The vision of River in the Hills Church consists of three main parts (The Israel Mandate, The Missions Mandate, and The Prayer Mandate). Our goals support this vision. The first main goal of River in the Hills Church is to: (1) Educate Christians about the Biblical and moral imperatives of supporting the Jewish people and the protection of the state of Israel; (2)**

**Communicate Pro-Israel perspectives to our neighbors, newspapers and elected officials; (3) Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and revival in the land of Israel. In other words, we are to be “watchmen on the wall” for Israel until the Messiah comes, and God makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. Isaiah 62:6,7**

Objective 1.1: RITH seeks to provide an environment to celebrate God’s love with Jews and Gentiles from the Austin and Lake Travis area, while at the same time educating Christians about the Biblical and moral imperatives of supporting Israel. To that end, RITH will host various church-wide and community-wide events that honor the Jewish roots of our faith and celebrate God’s love for the Jewish people. Such events include: a Passover Seder, Yom Teruah (Rosh Hashanah) feast, Yom Kippur service, and Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles).

Objective 1.2: Support the International House of Prayer’s Israel Mandate Conference and make the conference available to our members and the Lake Travis area by opening up our prayer room for live video stream of the conference. The conference educates Christians about the Biblical and moral imperatives of supporting Israel; (2) Communicates Pro-Israel perspectives to our neighbors, newspapers and elected officials; and (3) Helps foster revival in the land of Israel.

Objective 1.3: Support both financially and prayerfully organizations that minister to the needs of Jewish people in Israel. This support includes Christians United For Israel (CUFI) whose purpose is to provide a national association through which every pro-Israel church, parachurch organization, ministry or individual in America can speak and act with one voice in support of Israel in matters related to Biblical issues. Pastor Glenn Hubbart is to serve as a liaison from River in the Hills Church to other pastors in the Austin area for this organization.

# **Missions Mandate (Possess The Land)**

## **Joshua 1:11**

**The second main goal of River in the Hills Church is to (1) To help bring Gentiles (non-Jews) around the world to salvation in Christ (i.e. ... Take possession of the land, for the LORD); (2) To help make Austin a City of Refuge in future times of crisis (i.e. ... Rebuild the cities and be repairers and restorers of the breach); and (3) Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

Objective 1.1: Teaching – Through Bible studies, discipleship classes, and biblically based preaching.

Objective 1.2: Bless Fest – Through feeding the poor, praying for their needs, and telling them God’s plan of salvation through Christ.

Objective 1.3: Healing Rooms – Healing the sick and praying for their complete restoration. As people experience God’s healing touch, we believe their hearts will be open to receiving Jesus as their LORD and Savior.

Objective 1.4: Food Pantry – As people come to the pantry for food, opportunities will arise for ministry. They may receive prayer for their needs or they may choose to offer up prayers in the prayer room. In addition, God may add them to the church membership through the food pantry ministry.

Objective 1.5: Fourth of July Parade – Claim the land “Lakeway” for the LORD by prayerfully walking in the city, declaring the Word of God and giving the city a chance to see that there is a place “RITH” where they can come and learn more about the LORD and His goodness.

Objective 1.6: Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN) – The vision of ADRN is to Serve Christ by establishing a church network within Greater Austin that will meet the emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of those affected by disaster.

Objective 1.7: ABBA– The vision of ABBA is to connect local churches and ministries in Austin so that functional unity can take place.

Objective 1.8: Luke 4:18 – is an inter-denominational para-church ministry seeking unity and collaboration among all Christian believers. (City of refuge)

Objective 1.9: Quarterly Missions Support – Through prayerfully and financially supporting ministries that are dedicated to fulfilling the Great Commission throughout Lake Travis, Austin, nation, and the world. River in the Hills

Church takes a tithe of the Tithes & Offerings made to River in the Hills Church (TOT) to support Missions organizations who are directly align with our Vision.

Lake Travis Crisis Ministries  
Campus Renewal Ministries  
Derek Prince Ministries  
YWAM  
International House of Prayer – KC (IHOP)  
Global Advance International  
Paul Prestridge Ministries  
Tikkun International (Revive Israel)  
Messianic Jewish Bible Institute

Objective 1.10: Through prayerfully and financially support various one-time Missions trips by church members to places like the Philippines and New Zealand.

Objective 1.11: Emergency Response Support – Through prayerfully and financially, areas in need of emergency assistance in an effort to rebuild cities and repair and restore the breach. In 2010 RITH supported the relief efforts in Haiti through Samaritan's Purse.

# Prayer Mandate (By My Spirit) Zech 4:6

The third main goal of River in the Hills Church (RITH) is (1) assist people in meeting God's desire that they experience intimacy with Him and receive spiritual strength to fulfill His purposes, and (2) make RITH a house of prayer. RITH will fulfill its calling not by man's might or power, but by the Spirit of God which is released through the church "on its knees" in prayer. "By God's grace, prayer will do the following:

- Build intimacy with God**
- Bring honor to His nature and character**
- Cause respect for His integrity**
- Enable belief in His Word**
- Cause a trust in His love**
- Affirm His purposes and will**
- Appropriate His promises**

Objective 1.1: Teaching - The importance of prayer and how to pray is taught in the Sunday services and in training classes.

Objective 1.2: Corporate Prayer is made available for people to pray and experience intimacy with God and help fulfill God's purposes.

Objective 1.3: Prayer Chain is made available for people to submit prayers to for united prayers to God with the hope of receiving answers to prayer request and build trust in God and His love.

Objective 1.4: Alter Prayer is made available for people to pray with someone to assist them in meeting the goals listed above.

Objective 1.5: Prayer Room is open for extended hours throughout the week. Streaming video from IHOP is made available providing a place/house for prayer.

Objective 1.6: Unceasing prayer is an avenue to join with other churches in the Austin area to pray for the city and build intimacy with God, enable belief in His Word, cause a trust in His love, to appropriate Gods promises and fulfill His purposes.

Objective 1.7: Global Day of Prayer is an avenue to join with other churches and organizations throughout the world to pray for the world to come to know the LORD, build intimacy with God, enable belief in His Word, cause a trust in His love, to appropriate Gods promises and fulfill His purposes.

Objective 1.8: Three Day Stand – A corporate prayer and fasting call to pray for the nation.

\* "Understanding The Purpose and Power of Prayer" by Dr. Myles Munroe is referenced in the goals.