

The Grapevine

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The Latest News from His Branches

Scott Sittig to Become New Executive Director



[Scott Sittig](#)

Our search for a full-time Executive Director to implement the vision of His Branches and its Board in the community has come to a wonderful conclusion! After much prayer, mutual communication, and meeting with some of us in Chicago and then with our entire Board in Rochester in November, we arrived at the unanimous conclusion that the Lord was calling Scott and Julia and their family to join our ministry. Almost immediately afterward, their house in Chicago sold and the opportunity opened for them to purchase a new home right down the street from our offices. To make a long story short, the Sittigs are moving into our neighborhood in December in time for Scott to get established, participate in a [Commissioning Ceremony](#) on January 3rd, and start his new responsibilities the first week of the new year! We believe God not only has provided but will continue to provide as we step out in obedient faith.

Christian Physician Directory and Breakfasts

Every year His Branches co-hosts with the [Medical Center Christian Fellowship](#) a series of three breakfasts for Christian physicians in the area to meet students and fellowship with one another. Our [second breakfast](#) will be held on Saturday, January 17th, from 9 to 11 am at the Meliora (Faculty Club) beside the library on the University of Rochester River Campus. The theme will be Focus on Missions with presentations by four local groups that are involved in international medical missionary work.

Our new 2004 Greater Rochester Directory of Christian Physicians is back from the printer and available for distribution. If you are in the health professions and would be interested in attending one of our breakfast meetings or in having your name listed in our Directory, please [contact us](#).

Greater Rochester
Directory of
Christian Physicians

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Counseling Center

His Branches is actively seeking input from a number of committed individuals at [Roberts Wesleyan College](#), [New Life Fellowship](#), the [Center for Christian Social Ministries](#), the [Institute for Social Entrepreneurship](#) and others in the broader community as we pursue our plans to develop an onsite assessment, counseling, and referral center. Much interest has been shown, and steady progress is being made as we seek specifics about the plan that the Lord has in mind.

Beverley in Israel

Beverley, the missionary that His Branches has been helping support in South Lebanon and northern Israel for the past 20 years, has returned to Israel after visiting us and reporting to our Board in October. Grateful for our ongoing assistance, she is now back at work at the Arazim Dental Clinic she founded in Israel to help support Lebanese refugees. If you would like to contribute to her work, please [contact us](#).

RWC Internship

With the support of the Roberts Wesleyan College Business Department, a student intern, Sara Diaz, has been assigned to work with His Branches in developing a community assessment and marketing plan during the coming year. Among other responsibilities, Sara will be out in the community interviewing program leaders, reviewing demographic data about our ministry and others in the area, helping develop public relations material appropriate to our ministries, providing assistance in grant location and writing, and helping gather community support for our mural project.

Looking for a Gift Idea?

Can't think of a last-minute gift idea for that family member or friend who seems to have everything? How about one of Susan Morehouse's new solo harp CDs, "Harpsongs for Family and Friends? Click [here](#) for more online information about Susan's gifted music and how to order CDs for yourself and those special people in your life..



Grace Family Medicine Associates News

Under the guidance of our new Executive Director, Scott Sittig, we are starting to explore the possibility of establishing the services offered by the physicians at [Grace Family Medicine Associates](#) as a Diagnostic and Treatment Facility under Article 28 of New York's Public Health Law, a designation that will help us to expand the scope of the clinical care we offer to better serve the needs of the community. Please pray that we will have God's wisdom and favor as we investigate this option.

Intercessory Prayer Meetings

Monthly intercessory prayer meetings of the Tree of Life Community will be held on the third Wednesday morning of each month from 8:00 to 9:00 am in our main conference room at 275 Warwick Avenue this winter. Please come and invite prayer partners who have a burden for city ministry.

We are beginning to work toward a vision in which we see the Greater Rochester area fulfilling its destiny in our day by becoming a community redeemed by the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit. We believe that a refined prayer strategy is being called for along with a host of committed intercessors. If you are interested in working on this project, please [let us know](#).



Donations More than Welcome!

Over the years we have relied on the generous gifts of many of you in support of the work we do among those who are more disadvantaged than we are. As we embark on a new year of unprecedented growth under the leadership of Scott Sittig, we are going to need your support even more than usual, especially during the first few months while we are applying for major grant funding.

Would you consider making a significant donation to His Branches Inc. to help us "bridge" the gap between expenses and revenue while we gear up for the new year? We are trusting the Lord to bring in nearly \$40,000 in donations during the next 6 months to support Scott and the initiatives we are undertaking to expand our services. Any portion of our need that you would be led to offer would be gratefully received. All donations are fully tax-deductible. Please [contact us](#) with any questions you might have about our ministry or policies. God bless you!