

# Unite Vickery Meadow



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“God has localized the Great Commission by bringing the nations of the world to the cities of the world.”

Eric Swanson & Sam Williams  
*To Transform a City*

# Vickery Meadow

The heart of Vickery Meadow is a **3 sq. mile** area with a **population of 25,000**—a **density 3 times** that of most other areas in the Metroplex. Of the total population:

- ♦ **75-90% are foreign-born.**
- ♦ **10,000 are refugees.**
- ♦ **Nearly all are in poverty.**

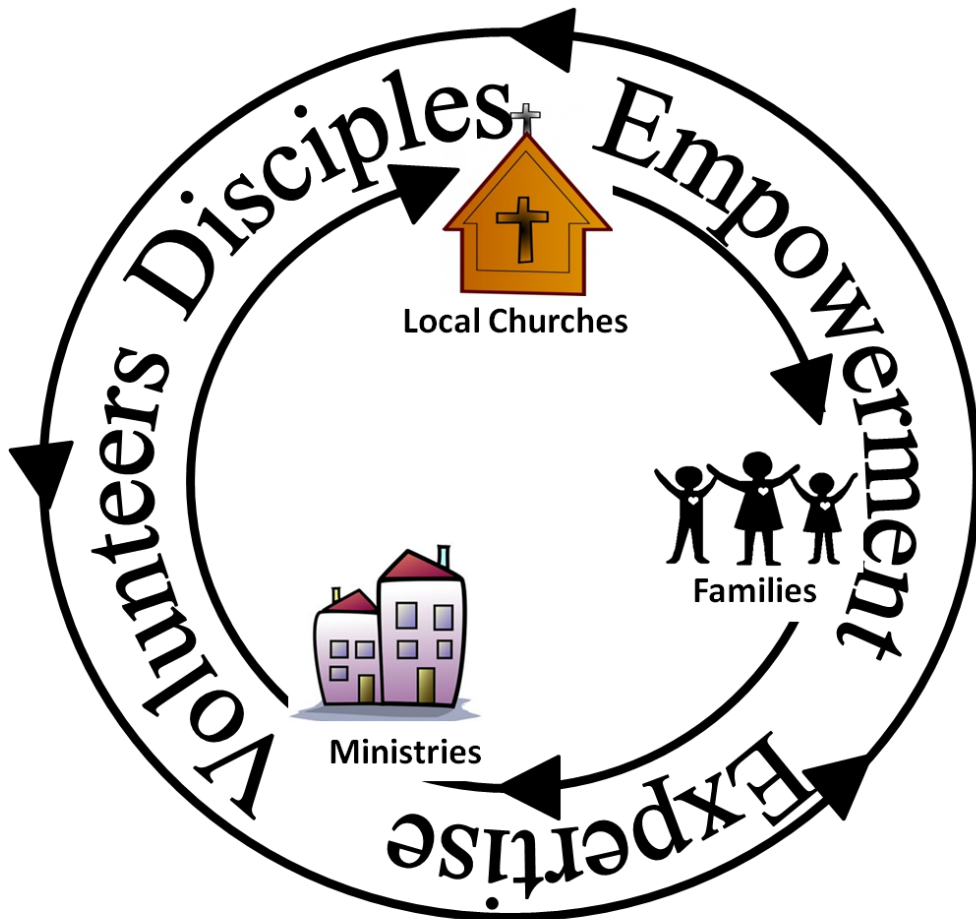
The area is located between Greenville Ave. & Abrams to the west & east,



## Vision for Vickery

Our vision for Vickery Meadow is that:

1. **Christ's whole Church** in and around Vickery would be united.
2. All new residents coming into Vickery would be **welcomed in the name of Jesus**.
3. All residents of Vickery would be **empowered** to be all God created them to be.



## Unite Vickery Meadow

The great news is that our God is on the move here.

**Unite**  **Vickery Meadow** is a network of **Christian churches & ministries** joining forces to **engage & transform** the Vickery Meadow area for God's glory and the **advancement of His Kingdom**.

By "Christian churches & ministries" we mean those who agree with the doctrines stated in the Lausanne Covenant ([www.lausanne.org/covenant](http://www.lausanne.org/covenant)). They are large & small, traditional & organic, both indigenous to & from outside Vickery.

As we join forces to engage & transform Vickery, Unite hopes to encourage our partners to focus on activities that are increasingly more:

- **EMPOWERING:** walking side-by-side with the residents to develop an environment where they can become all that God designed them to be and seeking mutual transformation rather than creating dependency.
- **LONG-TERM:** Working to build longer-term, sustainable processes rather than doing one-time or short-term projects.
- **RELATIONAL:** Based on knowing people and families rather than just anonymously providing goods or services.
- **COLLABORATIVE:** Making decisions based on input from multiple points of view including the point-of-view of the residents.
- **HOLISTIC:** Focusing on the whole person – his/her spiritual, emotional, and relational needs in addition to physical needs. And
- **BREAKTHROUGH:** Digging down to and addressing the root causes rather than patching up symptoms.

As God's Kingdom is advanced in this place, people will not be able to come here without feeling His love.

# THE CHILDREN OF VICKERY

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**Families desperately trying to hold onto their culture**



**Sleeping on the floor unsure what they'll eat tomorrow**



**The allure of drugs & gangs**



**Families split apart as parents struggle to provide**

Research shows that positive relationships with a caring adult have direct, measurable impacts on children's lives:

- ♦ They are able to get along better with their families.
- ♦ They're 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs.
- ♦ They're more confident with their schoolwork.

# Christian Programs for the Children of Vickery

## After-School Programs

*Park Cities Baptist*

at Biltmore, Cambridge & Rosemont Apts

Thurs., 3-6

Lorri at lblamberth@pcbc.org

*Full Circle Communities*

meeting at Garden Ridge Apts

M-F, 3-6

Darren at fullcirclecommunties@hotmail.com

*Vickery Kids Club*

meeting at Ivanhoe Apts

Tues., 6:15-7:30

Charla at cdixon@watermark.org

## Sports Program

*Love is Vickery*

*Soccer Outreach*

Danny at dannydomingo2001@yahoo.com

## Mentoring/Tutoring Program

*Fellowship Bible Church*

mentoring at Conrad High

various/flexible days/times

Ryan at ryans@fellowshipdallas.org

*Iglesia de Oasis de Esperanza*

mentoring at Hotchkiss Elementary

various/flexible days/times

Jose at jose\_almanza@yahoo.com

*Park Cities Baptist*

mentoring at Rogers Elementary

various/flexible days/times

Lorri at lblamberth@pcbc.org

*NW Bible*

mentoring at Tasby Middle

various/flexible days/times

Brian at bnewby@northwestbible.org

*Love is Vickery ESL Tutoring*

various/flexible locations

various/flexible days/tims

Danny at dannydomingo2001@yahoo.com

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If each of these programs had all the volunteers & other resources they need, and saw amazing growth maxxng out at 50 kids

an astounding total of 600 kids in Vickery Meadow would be experiencing the tangible love of Jesus right where they're at...

**...but that would leave over 7,000 kids who are not.**



# Christian ESL & Life Skills Classes

## Cultural Skills

*Fellowship Dallas*

Fri., 7-9pm

Ryan, ryans@fellowshipdallas.org

## Life Skills

*African Refugee Fellowship*

meeting at Biltmore Apts

3rd Sat of each month

Brian, bnewby@northwestbible.org

*Full Circle Communities*

meeting at Garden Ridge Apts

twice a month

Darren, fullcirclecommunities@hotmail.com

## Family Mentors

*Free City International*

6119 Greenville Ave., Dallas

various times

Jason, jsc@freecity.org

## English Skills

*Africa Community Church*

meeting at Gaston Oaks Baptist

Sat., 10-1

Pastor Simisi, ksimisi@yahoo.com

*Iglesia del Maestro*

meeting at Vickery Baptist Church

Mon., 7-9pm

Juan Pablo, jpherrera@worldimpact.org

*Love is Vickery*

meeting at Vickery Creek Apts

various times

dannydomingo@gmail.com

*People of the Book Lutheran Outreach*

meeting at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Mon., 6:30-8

Pastor Karim, poblotx@gmail.com

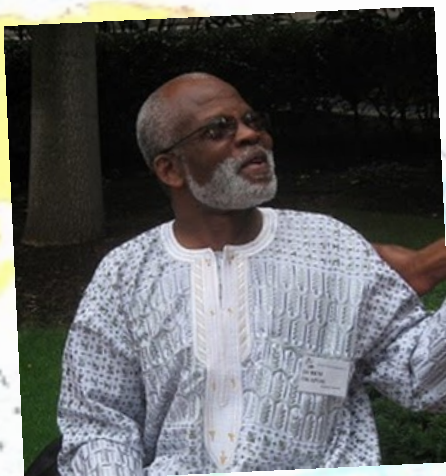
If each of these programs had all the volunteers & other resources they need, and saw amazing growth maxxing out at 50 internationals each

a total of 350 foreign-born adults in Vickery Meadow would experience the tangible love of Jesus right where they're at...

...but that would leave 18,000-22,000 internationals-who are not including 10,000 refugees.



**Some have lived in refugee camps their whole lives**



**Can't read street signs or mail & don't know what is important**



**Domestic abuse is common**

**Some have been persecuted—even have watched family members be killed**



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## Basic Needs Ministries

### Food Pantries

*Fellowship Bible Church Dallas*  
ryans@fellowshipdallas.org

*People of the Book (Outreach to Muslims)*  
at Our Redeemer Lutheran  
Pastor Karim, poblotx@gmail.com

### Delivered Meals

*Fellowship Bible Church Dallas*  
ryans@fellowshipdallas.org

### Clothes & Shoes

*Afrika Community Church at*  
*Gaston Oaks Baptist Church*  
Pastor Simisi, ksimisi@yahoo.com

### Helping Hands

*Love is Vickery*  
dannynomingo2001@yahoo.com

### EQUIP

- Job Search
  - Emergency Support
- bbarry@northparkpresbyterian.org

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## Christian Church

### Ethnic Worship Services

*African Refugee Fellowship*  
At NW Bible Church (shuttle provided)  
Sundays at 1pm

*Afrika Community Church*  
At Gaston Oaks Baptist Church  
Sundays, 3-5pm  
Pastor Simisi, ksimisi@yahoo.com

*Bhutanese Baptist Church*  
At Town Centre Apts

*Bhutanese Fellowship*  
At Wildflower Apts

*Amigos de Dios*  
At Park Cities Baptist (shuttle provided)  
Sundays, 9:15 Bible Study, 10:45 worship  
Pastor Sam Silva, ssilva@pcbc.org

*Iglesia de Oasis de Esperanza*  
At The Lofts Apts  
Pastor Jose, jose\_alamanza@yahoo.com

*Iglesia del Maestro*  
At Vickery Baptist Church  
Pastor Juan Pablo  
jpheirera@worldimpact.org

### House Churches

House churches meet throughout the week in different apartments. Details will be published soon.

# Churches & Bible Studies in/around Vickery

## Bible Studies

### - For Children

*Saturday Kids Club*

The Lofts Apts

Steve, leftysmith7@hotmail.com

### - For Youth

*Saturday Kids Club*

The Lofts Apts

Steve, leftysmith7@hotmail.com

### - For Women

*African Refugee Fellowship*

Biltmore Apts

3rd Saturdays

bnewby@northwestbible.org

*Afrika Community Church*

Gaston Oaks Baptist Church

Saturdays, 4-6pm

ksimisi@yahoo.com

*Bhutanese Fellowship*

Wildflower Apts

Saturdays, 3-5pm

Narola, naly\_07@hotmail.com

## English Worship Services

*Fellowship Bible Church Dallas*

ryans@fellowshipdallas.org

*North Park Presbyterian*

bbarry@northparkpresbyterian.org

*Northway Christian Church*

www.northwaychristianchurch.org

celeste.roberts@sbcglobal.net

*Northwest Bible Church*

bnewby@northwestbible.org

*Park Cities Baptist Church*

lblamberth@pcbc.org

## Additional Partner Churches

*Reunion Church*

rstone@reunionchurch.org

*St. Paul Lutheran Church*

www.stpaulplano.org

andy.whaley@yahoo.com

*The Village*

melkins@thevillagechurch.net

*Watermark Community Church*

jward@watermark.org

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# Get Involved

Unite Vickery Meadow welcomes all churches & ministries\* serving in Vickery Meadow in any or all of the following ways:

## 1. Join the Network

- Be listed in the hard-copy and web directories so that other ministries can refer families to you and churches and individuals can include you in their decisions about where to direct time, funding, and other resources .
- Access upcoming events, ideas, resources, etc. via a bi-monthly enews, meeting notes, and website.



To add your ministry to the network, complete the “Join the Vickery Meadow Network” form at [www.unitethechurch.org](http://www.unitethechurch.org) under “About Us,” “Regions,” and “Vickery Meadow.”

## 2. Monthly Meetings

- Get to know other Christians who are passionate about Vickery.
- Participate in discussion around a specific topic, need or success.



Our monthly meetings are generally the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1-3pm at Northwest Bible Church (Dallas North Tollway at Northwest Highway). Check the website to confirm the next meeting date and topic. Representatives from any church\* are welcome.

## 3. Collaborate with Others in the Network

- Save on overhead while multiplying services!
- Work alongside Christians of other ethnicities, socio-economic levels, and denominations.
- Make a HUGE statement to the Metroplex and the world.



Contact another ministry today or watch for information about collaborative service projects.



## Resources

Following are some resources that can:

- Help existing ministries do more with what they already have.
- Help churches mobilize more volunteers to have a meaningful impact in Vickery Meadow.
- Equip indigenous leaders to teach and shepherd their people



### Meet the Need

[www.meettheneed.org](http://www.meettheneed.org)  
813-527-0222

Free to all ministries, Meet the Need offers you a state-of-the-art web-based need-management platform that connects ministries to churches and individuals throughout the Metroplex and vice versa. When a ministry posts a need for volunteers or donations, it automatically shows up on the websites of partner churches and organizations as well as their own. Hundreds of ministries in DFW are getting on board now. Dozens of local churches with thousands of members are close behind. This will revolutionize the way we match Christians to opportunities - freeing church and ministry staff to do the work of the ministry.



## Want to add a mentoring component to your ministry to the Children of Vickery?



### Big Brothers Big Sisters

Kylie Casper

Faith-based Partnership Manager

[kcasper@bbbstx.org](mailto:kcasper@bbbstx.org)

972-573-2409

Big Brothers Big Sisters can bring their 100-year history to bear to help you establish and manage a mentoring program so you can focus on other aspects of your ministry. Big Hope is also available to help with church-school partnerships.

## Want to provide a path from poverty to wholeness and self-sufficiency?



[www.theopentable.org](http://www.theopentable.org)

Shannan McEowen

Dallas Area Executive Director

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214-454-7306

Open Table is a growing movement of faith communities seeking to re-focus from poverty maintenance to poverty transformation. The model is a catalyst for powerful collaboration between faith communities, transitional organizations, clinical psychology, government, local business and non-profit organizations and resources. Together, this unique collaboration builds encouraging and accountable partnerships with people in poverty so they may live into their human potential. A number of local churches are getting involved with this exciting model to make a long-term impact in the lives of individuals.

*Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-by-World* provides a way for people in poverty to examine the impact that poverty has on individuals, families & their communities; reflect on and examine their lives; assess their own resources; make plans for their own future; and choose a team to help them fulfill their dreams. While not Christian-based, *Getting Ahead* can be tailored to your Christian setting and used in conjunction with other ministries.



[gettingaheadnetwork.com](http://gettingaheadnetwork.com)

## Want to expand or strengthen your ministry to internationals?

The ISAAC Project equips churches and organizations to engage the immigrant community, supporting service ministries such as ESL, citizenship, or other literacy programs. Through its relationships with other literacy organizations, ISAAC can help your ministry find the training and resources it needs.



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## Want to start a Bible study or church in Vickery Meadow?



The Alpha Course is a model for giving seekers an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting. The Alpha Course usually meets once per week for 10 weeks, and includes an amazing one-day or weekend getaway. Each session, people enjoy great food, laughter and learning in a fun and friendly atmosphere where no question about life or God is seen as too simple or too hostile...questions like—Is there a God? Why am I here? Where did I come from? Where am I going? .

TUMI, The Urban Ministry Institute, provides affordable, seminary-level education tailored to indigenous, urban leaders. Their “Capstone Curriculum” is a 16-module training program containing the most essential knowledge and skill learning necessary for effective urban ministry. TUMI is a ministry of World Impact, Inc., an interdenominational missions organization dedicated to ministering God's love in the inner cities of America.



tumi.org

