

Meet Your Fellow Travelers

DAVID'S MIGHTY WARRIORS



Byron Howell

Real Estate Lawyer
Byron B. Howell, P.A.
Married 18 Years
Two daughters, 13 years & 14 years old
Tampa, Florida



Mike Sharpe

Senior National Sales Director
Primerica - Financial Services
Tampa, Florida & Arroyo Grande, California
Mike is a Sr. National Sales Director with Primerica, he has built a successful business for 45 years and continues on. Mike and Marna Sharpe are presently board members with JH Israel and have actively participated in the mission of building the National Leadership Center in Ariel. Mike is

passionate about the new Jerusalem site to offer family programs to the Israelis. He and Marna have 3 sons, 2 daughter-in-laws, and 3 grandchildren. They recently traveled with four generations of the Sharpe family enjoying a once in a lifetime trip to England for Christmas. Jolly good!



Mike Pressler

Senior National Sales Director
Primerica - Financial Services
Oakland, New Jersey
Husband and father of 2 wonderful 20 somethings. 40 years in the Financial services Industry as a Senior National Sales Director.



Howard Lashner

Senior National Sales Director/ Financial Advisor
Lashner Financial Group
Doylestown, Pennsylvania
Married 34 years to Maria.
Two children, Jacob 23 and Allie 14

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David Koop

Founding Senior Pastor
Coastal Church

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Founding Senior Pastors Dave Koop and his wife Cheryl met while attending bible college. They spent their early years pursuing further education, careers and raising a young family. Even though they were active in their local church and community outreaches, full-time ministry wasn't

until they experienced the infilling of the Holy Spirit, followed by several divine moments where God confirmed His calling. Following much prayer, Dave left a successful career in the oil industry and, eventually, in an act of obedience, pioneered a new church plant in the core of downtown Vancouver, Canada, in 1994 with their young family. This call as a couple has enabled them to share the duties as Senior Pastors in this thriving city church and its campuses, as well as contribute to other non-profit organization boards. David completed his Doctorate in Ministry from Bakke Graduate University in 2010. They are proud parents of four grown children, three in-laws, and six beautiful grandchildren.



K.R. Davidson

President & CEO

The Great Commission Foundation (Canada) / Friends of the Great Commission (US)

St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada

K.R. is married, has two children and notes himself as a fervent follower of Christ. K.R. has a passion for missions and is delighted to serve both missions and ministries in his current role as President & CEO of The Great Commission Foundation (Canada) and Friends of the Great Commission (US).

K.R. earned a Bachelor of Laws degree from Queen's University and a Master of Business Administration from Northwestern University and York University (Kellogg-Schulich). His first careers were in Niagara as a police officer and as a business owner. He subsequently entered the legal profession and commenced his legal career in Toronto with a national firm and later served as an Assistant Crown Attorney in the Downtown Toronto Office.

After returning to Niagara, K.R. served in a senior management role and as General Counsel at a mid-sized company. After this, K.R. served as the Lead Pastor at The Christian Centre in St. Catharines for several years and also managed a litigation practice. He also served as host of the national television show, Canadian Justice and as a contributing columnist with the Metroland Media Group - Niagara Dailies.

K.R. is actively involved in supporting the Christian Legal Fellowship's Student Ministries.

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John Goodbrake

CEO & Owner

Master's Transportation

Belton, Missouri

John Goodbrake is the owner and CEO of Master's Transportation. Master's Transportation is the parent company of eight separate business entities that operate commercial bus dealerships, leasing, rental, and service facilities. Master's Transportation operates 14 locations nationwide and employs 150 team members. Master's Transportation continues to enjoy rapid growth and will open their global headquarters spring 2025 in Kansas City, Missouri. Master's Transportation will triple its workforce and continue to be a valuable employer, and influential member of the Midwest business community. John Goodbrake was raised in Nebraska and educated at the University of Nebraska and Liberty University in Virginia. John has dedicated his professional life to creating and developing successful business

ventures. John's entrepreneurial career started in his early twenties. John's creative and strategic leadership skills and ability to recognize and attract great talent has led to exponential success and local community stability.

John's personal and business philosophy is to "Move People Forward". John believes that the key to success is to move each customer toward a successful path, move every employee toward a meaningful, sustainable life, and embody a constant drive for all to know God. The support of non-profit organizations is central to John's life. He is the co-founder of Kansas City's premier organization serving undeserved youth through year-round Soccer, Education and Mentorship. John's current passions include Bible translation, women's empowerment organizations, and international refugee efforts. John has also won several awards including Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year. John is the father of two creative, motivated and successful young men, Caleb and Nathan. These two special guys provide John with the "why" for all the hard work and continuous desire to learn, grow and succeed.

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Norm Schulz

Global Strategy & Development Director
JH Israel

Snohomish, Washington

Norm is the Global Strategy and Development Director for JH Israel, where he helps shape national leadership and strategic initiatives across Israel. He is a seasoned social entrepreneur and ministry leader with broad experience spanning global church networks,

media, technology, and compassionate initiatives. Norm's international work includes partnering with government, business, and ministry leaders across North America, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. His expertise ranges from global communication, film and media to education and compassionate initiatives. He led the online launch of The Life of Jesus, viewed by over one billion people in 40 languages. He currently guides an innovative global team partnering with The Chosen to drive worldwide viewership, online follow-up, and discipleship.



Jonathan LeDuc

Executive Director / Chief of Staff
JH Ranch / JH Israel

Birmingham, Alabama

Jonathan LeDuc has been married to his wife, Jen, for 25 years, and together they have four children in Birmingham, AL. With a heart for experiential education and leadership development, he has served at JH Ranch for 27 years,

most recently as their Executive Director. This past year he began a joint role as Chief-of-Staff for JH Israel, leveraging his 15-year involvement with the National Leadership Center in Ariel. His work has centered around mentoring, strategic development, and building transformational programs through the JH global brand.

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Heather Johnston

Founder & President

JH Israel / U.S. Israel Education Association (USIEA)

Birmingham, Alabama

Heather Johnston is the Founder and President of JH Israel and U.S. Israel Education Association. Heather Johnston's 25-year involvement with the nation of Israel has afforded her a unique position to work dynamically inside the U.S.-Israel relationship as an educator and thought leader. Heather is an author and world-renowned speaker on the Jewish-Christian relationship and modern Israel in Biblical and historical context. For almost two decades, she has led tours to Israel comprised of business leaders, members of Congress, and other distinguished guests. U.S. Israel Education Association (USIEA) is a nonpartisan organization that educates and serves senior government leaders to advance important dialogue and cooperation between the United States and Israel. Since 2011, Heather has led advanced education tours

for senior members of Congress to Israel. These tours provide an opportunity to travel through Judea and Samaria to engage directly with Israeli and Palestinian leaders who are most involved in the geopolitical dynamics and to understand the demographic realities of the region. USIEA connects U.S. government leaders with Israel's top leaders and experts on issues related to defense and security, energy, technology, economic cooperation, and agriculture. Through USIEA, Heather has facilitated educational briefings and forums on Capitol Hill to equip Members of Congress with critical knowledge that is relevant for future legislation regarding the U.S-Israel relationship.

JH Israel is an American nonprofit that supports Israel's National Leadership Center (NLC) in the city of Ariel. In 2010, Heather, in partnership with former Ariel Mayor Ron Nachman, built and established the NLC as Israel's premier leadership center. The NLC facilitates groundbreaking programs that have given more than 125,000 Israeli Jewish and Arab youth the opportunity to meet and participate in an unparalleled experiential learning adventure. The NLC has worked with Israel's Ministry of Education to develop its unique curriculum involving Israel's biblical heritage and identity. The NLC hosts a variety of participants, from Israel's high school students, to the youth movements, to Israeli Defense Forces and military leadership, and other international leadership teams. The NLC has also advanced its content to take into Israeli high schools for in-class leadership training. Since the tragic events of October 7, 2023, the NLC is expanding its mission to include trauma response, offering vital support and healing to widows, orphans, and IDF soldiers through its Parent-Teen program.

Heather is the author of *Uncommon Favor*, a book chronicling her journey from an ordinary life to a life passionately following God's lead on an international stage. She studied Communications at Auburn University and completed her Master of Theology at Beeson Divinity School. She resides in Birmingham, Alabama with her husband, Bruce. Together they have two children, David and Mallory, and three grandchildren.