



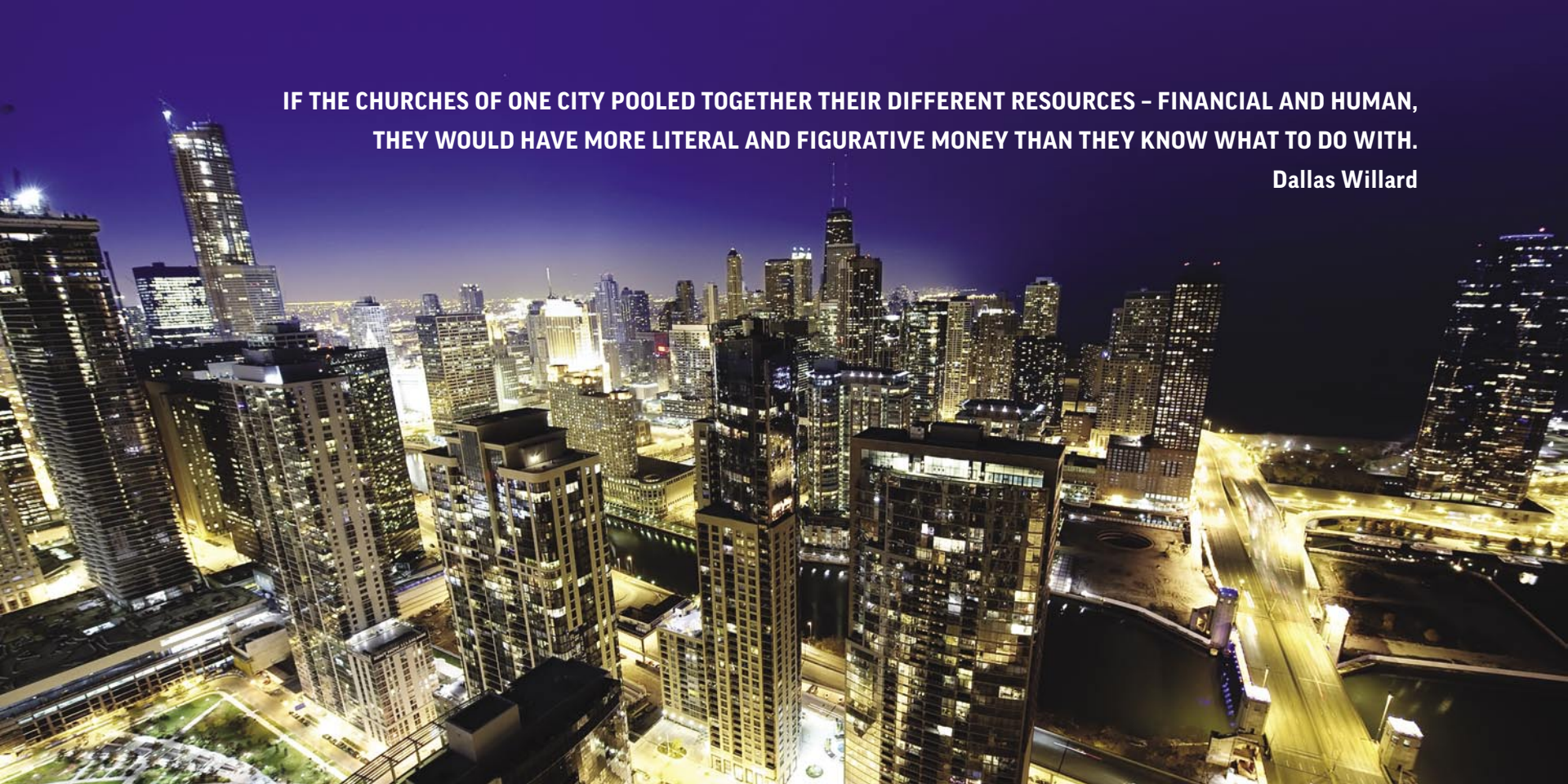
# open church

( ONE CHURCH FROM MANY )

2011 VISION BLUEPRINT

**IF THE CHURCHES OF ONE CITY POOLED TOGETHER THEIR DIFFERENT RESOURCES – FINANCIAL AND HUMAN,  
THEY WOULD HAVE MORE LITERAL AND FIGURATIVE MONEY THAN THEY KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH.**

**Dallas Willard**



# THE BIG PICTURE

Open Church empowers global Church leaders to equip each other with ministry ideas and free downloadable resources, such as graphics, curriculum, and training materials.

We facilitate manpower and technology to creators and thinkers and give them a platform to share. It increases quality, quantity, and diversity while making access easier and reach greater.

Our focus is quality with impartiality. All partners and contributors receive equal honor and God receives the glory. It is a place where the village pastor from Malawai is treated the same as famous evangelists.

We hope to launch Open Church in 3rd quarter 2011. The following pages detail the scope of its vision and how you can help.

To belong to Jesus is to embrace the nations with Him. – John Piper



# FREE RESOURCES

A growing number of people are passionate about giving away free downloadable curriculum, graphics, videos, software, administrative tools, and sermon materials. Unfortunately, some have quit their efforts due to manpower and budget limitations. And some have never had the means to begin.

Open Church provides the technology platform and manpower. Contributors simply give, and we cover the time and cost to distribute it. With download analytics, contributors can easily track their impact. This central hub format simplifies user access, synergizes reach, and reduces costs. Rather than 20 ministries all reinventing the wheel, we streamline the global Church's efforts.

Ultimately, we hope to **1** distribute high quality premade resources, **2** translate key resources into new languages, **3** acquire previously licensed resources, **4** create resources in high demand, and **5** help ministers around the world create curriculum and resources specifically by their culture for their culture.

Nothing that you have not given away will ever be really yours. – C.S. Lewis



# GLOBAL IDEAS

Generally speaking, the majority of ministry thought leadership influencing the global Church comes from white, upper middle class, American men. While their thoughts are good, they are naturally limited by culture and best suited for reaching people like themselves.

Open Church's idea platform features these mainstream perspectives but also intentionally seeks out expert voices from underplatformed niches, such as G12 Africa, Europe, Chinese house church, Latino Americans, Black Americans, Indian Americans, college ministry, etc.

The goal is to present a holistic scope of ministry perspectives not only to cater to each niche but also help readers become more well-rounded and balanced. By mashing up ministry ideas from all geographies and cultures, it becomes much easier to recognize what are timeless Biblical principles and what are cultural best practices.

We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God. – John Stott



# OPERATIONS

Open Church is largely made possible through volunteers. The cost savings and extra manpower allows Open Church to do more, offer more, and reach more.

The global scope of Open Church's vision is a great responsibility that requires equal accountability and counsel. The leadership team of Open Church is advised by a small formal board of directors and also a large network of informal advisors that represent a vast scope of heritage, age, gender, cultures, theologies, and expertise. This collective wisdom is crucial to Open Church's leadership making decisions that best meet the needs of the global Church.

Fiscal and organizational integrity is important, so Open Church is receiving expert counsel during these formative months to ensure it will be using best practices that are above reproach.

Sympathy is no substitute for action. – David Livingstone



# WHAT YOU CAN DO



The success of Open Church is in God's hands, but its impact is also directly connected to the efforts of its team members, advisors, contributors, and supporters like you.

Open Church's ability to empower ministers to equip each other will significantly influence this era of the Church. And we want you to be a part of it.

Will you please partner with Open Church on a monthly basis with a gift of just \$100, \$300, \$500, or \$1,000?

Donations may be made at [openchurch.donortools.com](https://openchurch.donortools.com)

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## MORE WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- 1 Pray for Open Church — its mission and leadership.
- 2 Spread the word. Pass this brochure to anyone you think would want to help equip the global Church.
- 3 Prayerfully consider contributing your talents or resources to Open Church's mission.