



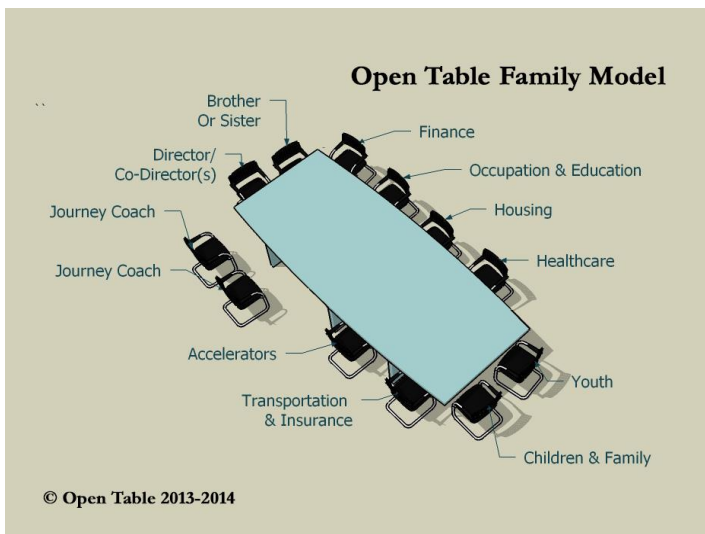
There is a chair for you at our table. Please consider filling out the attached OPEN TABLE table-member application. Your willingness to serve in this capacity will impact the lives of others and our community, but you will also be impacted. You don't need to be an expert in any area. Our collective networking resources will enable us to assist the brother/sister in need to move beyond the point of poverty. The impact is more than financial stability. The emotional, relational, and spiritual impact is equally evident. To capture the heart of OPEN TABLE and hear why you should consider this ministry commitment watch the following 5 min video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zu4pXR-cMd0> (or YouTube search: *The Open Table at the MET*) or hear Jose's spiritual story at <http://vimeo.com/85265759> (also can be viewed directly from Open Table website (www.theopentable.org – right side video section *Woodcreek Church in TX*).

Perhaps you are not ready to join OPEN TABLE, but you know someone who may be interested. Please pass this application along to them (or make more additional copies). Consider sharing OPEN TABLE with your pastor and church family. If you would like to meet with us or have questions, please contact us as we are eager to share the stories and direction of this community ministry through NM Fellowship of Churches (see application for email addresses).

Thank You,
Joyce Eberly (982-4973) and Kurt Stout (982-6457)
Community Co-coordinators for Open Table

Dates to Remember:

- Applications due
- Table Member Training Date TBD



Open Table has modeled for me a real life approach to moving a person from poverty to survival. We've watched successes and setbacks during the course of our journey!! It has been a life changing event for me, as I have watched the committee walk side by side a family, and seen the struggles that the family endures on a daily basis. It has opened my eyes to the opportunities in our everyday lives to be more understanding of the financial, social, physical and spiritual burdens that our local brothers and sisters carry. – Table Member

From the Current Table Brother and Sister:

Open Table has been a wonderful experience for us. They have helped us in realizing some of our hopes and dreams. But, they have also helped through the rough patches. If asked to explain Open Table to people, I would have to say: It's like having your very own cheerleaders, coaches, advisors, counselors, spiritualists, and just good listeners.

Above all of this, the Open Table panel became our friends. They have encouraged and cheered the loudest when I got my drivers permit. They helped me to face my fear I'm learning to drive. They spoke with my husband and helped to reassure him about finances and to help plan our future when my husband's disability goes through.

There are so many great things that have happened in the last six months. We are excited to see what the next 6 months will bring!

Manchester Fellowship of Churches Table Member Application



Ten applications are needed to launch another table. Once there are enough interested individuals we will contact table members for information and training purposes.

Mail to Joyce Eberly – 606 E. Fifth Street, North Manchester, IN 46962 or
 Drop off at First Brethren Church – 407 N. Sycamore Street
 Or electronically to rjeberly@gmail.com or kurt@NMFBC.org

Open Table Commitment

Heart:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come and serve with a servant’s heart, “to serve him with all your heart and all your soul.” Joshua 22:5 • “Faithfully administering God’s grace.” 1 Peter 4:11 • Don’t try to pre-determine what your role/value will be on a table - it will likely be quite different than what you might think it will be.
Time:	<p>Pre-Launch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training - 4 hours in August • Back Grounding assistants: involves 2-3 people for 2 hours each • Breaking of the Bread: 2-3 hours • Life Story: 2 hours • Life Plan: 2.5 hours <p>After Launch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly Meetings: 1 hour • Weekly Projects: average 1 hour per week • Communication: using collaborative website • Pray for table needs
Time Span:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly meetings 6 months to 12 months • Each table will reevaluate and move possibly to every other week after 6-8 months
Financial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table members and donations to NM Fellowship of Churches • Individual Table Member Contribution: \$120.00 • Your cancelled check serves as your payment receipt

Contact Information

Name	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	
E-Mail Address	
Church Home	

Person to Contact in Case of an Emergency

Name	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	

Reason for Volunteering

Please explain why you feel led to serve on a Table?

Special Skills or Qualifications

Summarize special skills and qualifications you have acquired from employment, previous volunteer work, or through other activities, including hobbies or sports.

Previous Volunteer Experience

Summarize your previous volunteer experience.

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. The NMFOC Open Table coordination team reserves the right to determine which applications to accept.

Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	

Next Steps

Thank you for completing this application form and for your interest in volunteering with the Manchester Fellowship of Churches to serve on an Open Table. Please submit this application by August 1st to Joyce Eberly or Kurt Stout NM Open Table co-coordinators (contact info at top of other side). A \$120 OT mission contribution is due after training. These funds are used to off-set expenses for training, ongoing support, and ministry expansion. Make checks payable to The Open Table. Online payments can be made by contacting KimBirdsong@theopentable.org or by linking to [OT PayPal](#)

PayPal Receipt ID Number & Date of submission (if applicable)

Receipt ID #:	Date:
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An organizing meeting will be set up once 10-12 people interested in serving on the Open Table have turned in applications. We are thankful for your interest in serving the Lord in our town in this way.

