



Biography of Dave Donaldson

Dave Donaldson has invested his life inspiring, equipping, and resourcing leaders in more than 100 countries to bring aid and opportunity to tens of millions of needy and under resourced people. As the former Director for Operation Blessing and co-founder of Convoy of Hope, Dave spearheaded global partnerships with churches, organizations, businesses, and governments to mobilize tens of thousands of volunteers worldwide to respond to victims of disasters and to feed over 200,000 undernourished children each day.

In 2016 Dave retired from Convoy of Hope to launch CityServe International (CSI) to train and resource local churches and non-profits to serve families in need and to move people from dependency to sustainability. CSI is helping communities effectively address systemic poverty, addictions, foster care, job readiness and other areas of need in America. As part of the “Neighborhood to Nations” campaign Dave and the CSI team are partnering with World Vision to aid refugees in Turkey, Lebanon, and Jordan. Additionally, CSI hosts 150 leaders to Israel annually and partners with the Israeli government to help the poor.

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Dave is the Co-host of “INFLUENCERS” on the Charisma Podcast Network where guests from corporate, government, non-profit and church sectors share insights to impacting our culture from local communities, our nation’s capital to hot spots around the globe.

Dave is an advisor to [Produce Alliance Foundation](#), a critical part of the solution set to provide hunger relief, grow jobs, and strengthen local economies, particularly in underinvested rural and urban communities.

As a veteran of Washington, D.C. for more than a decade, Dave has coordinated White House briefings and roundtables between clergy, faith-based organizational leaders, and government officials. For several years Donaldson served on a Health and Human Services (HHS) National Council for Mental Health and Substance Abuse (SAMHSA). Dave hosted the first ever National Summit on Foster Care and Adoption with the United States Children’s Bureau. As a result, he and his wife adopted a teenager out of Foster Care in Fairfax County in Virginia. He has served on numerous boards including Vanguard University and the National Football League (NFL) sanctioned Courage Awards, which honors NFL players who have shown courage on and off the field.

Donaldson has advised leaders around the globe and appeared as a guest on numerous Christian and secular television and radio programs and has authored several books including the best-selling Rock Solid Discipleship program, *Relentless – Pursuing a Life that Matters* and co-authored with former White House official, Stanley-Carlson, *The Revolution of Compassion (The President’s Faith-based and Community Initiative)*. Dave’s newest book *CityServe: Your Church-based Guide to Compassion* is co-authored with Wendell Vinson and includes forty leading experts in community-based and global compassion

Dave earned his master’s degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, with a focus on “Developing and Implementing Social Programs in a Cross-cultural Environment.” He and his wife Kristy reside in California and have four adult children.

**Committee on Agriculture
U.S. House of Representatives
Information Required From Nongovernmental Witnesses**

House rules require nongovernmental witnesses to provide their resume or biographical sketch prior to testifying. If you do not have a resume or biographical sketch available, please complete this form.

1. Name: Dave Donaldson
2. Organization you represent: CityServe International
3. Please list any occupational, employment, or work-related experience you have which add to your qualification to provide testimony before the Committee:
As part of the USDA Farmers to Families program CityServe, Dave Donaldson coordinated a faith-based collaboration that distributed over 17 million Food Boxes suffering through the pandemic. Separately, CityServe built strategic partnerships with businesses and local government agencies to access and distribute fresh produce and food supplies to their community. CityServe churches are engaged in feeding and nutrition support to help families that are struggling to obtain healthy foods.
4. Please list any special training, education, or professional experience you have which add to your qualifications to provide testimony before the Committee:
Mr. Donaldson has advised leaders around the globe and appeared as a guest on numerous television and radio programs and has authored several books on subject matters including responding to community needs up to and including food distribution. Mr. Donaldson was appointed by HHS to serve on the SAMHSA committee for Substance Abuse Treatment and to spearhead the Faith-based Committee for the nation. As the co-founder of Operation Blessing, Convoy of Hope and CityServe he is recognized as one of the top experts in mobilizing the faith community to respond to victims of disaster.
5. If you are appearing on behalf of an organization, please list the capacity in which you are representing that organization, including any offices or elected positions you hold:
Co-founder and Chairman

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