

BAPTISTS ON MISSION



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A Message from Our Executive Director

Director's page (process of being edited by Chad)

On our team, we stress the importance of being a team and being team players. We all strive to be team players. We say that the ideal team player is:

Humble- It's not what we do, it what God does that counts. Willingness to do whatever needs to be done, even the most humble things. Hungry- means wanting to do greater and better things to Glorify God. It means being willing to take on more if needed.

Smart- In how you care about people. In how you deal with people. In how you deal with problems. Being People smart.

If you want to know what an Ideal Team player is, it is Lynn Tharrington.

Lynn Tharrington has served on the staff for Baptists on Mission for the past 50 years (since 1971). She has served as the Administrative Assistant for Baptists on Mission for the past 47 years. I have had the privilege of working with Lynn for 39 years.

Lynn married the love of her life, Bobby Tharrington, on August 29, 1972. Bobby passed away in August of 2017. Lynn and Bobby had two children (Brad and Kristi and they are here today with their spouses – Sara and James) and she has 5 grandchildren (Jeb, Caleb, Sadie, Evie and Finn). Lynn is a member of Red Bud Baptist Church where she teaches Sunday School, plays the piano and is a leader for that church.

When Lynn was 12 years old she went to Missions Week at Ridgecrest and after hearing all the missionaries she decided that she wanted to be a Missionary. Since she was 18 years old, and began working for Baptists on Missions, she has ministered to thousands of people including our board, staff, mission volunteers, her family, her church and others. And she has done this for 50 years!

Wow!, 50 years...At 48 weeks per year times 5 days per week= 240 work days per year times 50 years= 12,000 days

12,000 days times 8 hours per day= 96,000 hours

I asked Lynn how many phone calls on average she answers per day (recently there were 62 phone calls in one day), but if we say on average 25 per day- that's 300,000 phone calls!

300,000 touch points with people who are interested in helping with missions. When you add in 25-30 e-mails every day you have thousands and thousands of opportunities to make a difference in people's lives. How many of those phone calls or e-mails resulted in people going on a life changing mission trip or resulted in someone coming to know Christ during a Mission trip? Or resulted in a career change or a call to ministry? How do you thank somebody for that?



On Mission Together

Welcome, Todd Unzicker! Todd is our newly elected Executive Director-Treasurer for the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. My article's title is a phrase that I have heard Todd say many times already in his short tenure. Todd is very excited, driven and focused on working together to share the love of Jesus in NC and around the world.

The definition of "on a mission" in the Webster's dictionary: undertaking a task that one considers to be a very important duty. In the book of Mark, Jesus appears to the disciples one last time before ascending to heaven. Jesus' words emphatically state what was important to Him. Mark 16:15-16 "And then He told them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." Jesus has made it clear what our mission should be. Go!!

Another one of Todd's early themes has reminded us that our churches are God's "Plan A" for reaching a hurting world. Sometimes in life, we need to be rejuvenated, renewed, revived, refocused. Todd and his wonderful executive team, Cary staff, and auxiliary organizations are doing just that. Working together, excited, united, and focused on sending each NC Baptist church into its unique mission field.

Baptists on Mission's purpose has always been to help churches become more involved in missions. We feel rejuvenated! We hope you do as well! Let us gather as one, using our gifts and talents to share the gospel with a hurting world.

Baptists on Mission invites you to become involved if you have not already. In early 2007, my friend Mark Abernathy presented to Yates Baptist Association several mission trip opportunities. Mark asked me after the meeting, "Steve, where are you going this year?" I found myself with nine other folks in Canada that same year. What a blessing that trip was! VBS in Canada!

Pray that as you read and see the following pages, God will identify where you can join Him. Catch a revived sense of standing together, "On Mission" in your community and beyond.

Where will you go? Who will you serve?

Steve Couch



INVOLVEMENT STATS - 2021

AGRICULTURE MISSIONS

Continuing to promote church and community gardens as an outreach and ministry tool

Partnering with Togo Christian Mission to develop an Agricultural Demonstration Farm in Togo. Land purchase has been finalized. Trips possible in early summer 2022.

Continuing to provide information and support to in-field missionaries on drip irrigation, composting, well drilling, and solar powered pumping systems.

AVIATION MINISTRY

82 active NC pilots
71 trips flown in NC
\$136,048 in public benefit
10,533 miles flown

BAPTIST EDUCATORS

Continue to encourage churches to engage in Tutoring Children and Youth ministries. Training offered as requested. Contact: Jeanette Walters
Continue to encourage educators to use their teaching skills globally.
Continue to encourage and support educators in building relationships with schools in North America

CHILDREN'S MISSIONS

Canceled by COVID State RA Race
Canceled by COVID RA Camporee
254 @ 4 DI Kids camps
(\$1642.66 + DI amt) mission offering for Barcelona Orphanage fence by DI KIDS and DI Students

CHURCH RENEWAL

1 NC CRJ Conference, Fort Caswell
3 Church Overviews
4 Renewal Weekends
3 Preparation Group Trainings
Illinois Baptist Convention Display & Breakouts
NC BSC Annual Session Display & Breakout

DISASTER RELIEF/RECOVERY

RESPONSE LOCATIONS:

Out of State: Oneida, Kentucky - Flooding
Haywood/Buncombe County, Tropical Storm Fred
Out of State: Louisiana, Hurricane Ida

GRAND TOTAL STATS

Volunteers - 2,616
Volunteer Days - 3,327

Volunteer Hours - 26,616

Laundry Loads - 1,203

Showers - 1,808

Assessments - 631

Salvations - 9

Chaplaincy Contacts - 831

Meals Prepared - 195,240

Water tanker - 19,500 gallons potable water

Jobs Completed (chainsaw, tearout/spray- 158

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS

January-June 2021 - Monthly marriage study via zoom. 4 couples participated.

June 2021 - We spoke at and helped facilitate a Marriage & Missions weekend retreat in Henderson, NC. 5 couples participated

October 2021 - We were invited to be a part of a Marriage Conference in our area that sought to encourage those in attendance to do marriage God's way. 46 couples attended

INTERNATIONAL MISSION PARTNERSHIPS

Armenia - 25 on 3 teams

Cuba - Canceled by COVID

Guatemala - 68 on 13 teams

Haiti - (no teams/COVID and political)

Honduras - 21 on 3 teams

Kenya - 0 on 0 teams

Roma People - 18 people involved in online discipleship (2021)

South Africa - Canceled by Covid

LEAST OF THESE PROJECTS

Lighthouse School in Gaza - 15

Armenia Church Planters - 19

Kenya Houses of Hope - 8 houses built

Haiti - School, Medical Clinic

Door of Hope, South Africa - major repairs to Child

Development Center

MEDICAL MISSIONS

MOBILE DENTAL MINISTRY

PATIENTS: 751

Treatment (filling or extraction): 492

Cleanings: 247

VOLUNTEER DENTAL PROFESSIONALS: 203

Clinics held: COVID-35

Miles traveled: 4,105

Professions of Faith: 0

HEALTH SCREENING MINISTRY

Clinics Held -16 (numbers down due to COVID)

PATIENTS - 247

VOLUNTEERS -222

Collegiate Healthcare Programs Utilizing Mobile Unit-3

Counties visited -12

Professions of Faith: 15

MEN'S MINISTRY

217 attendees at Igniting the Hearts of Men Conference

229 participants in Men's Ministry Worship Rallies

Canceled by COVID Men's Outdoor Weekend

Canceled by COVID Men's Work & Worship Wk'd

26 participants in statewide Men's Ministry

Leadership Training

NATIONAL MISSION PARTNERSHIPS

Alaska - 199 on 11 teams

Appalachian Coalfields - 551 on 57 teams

Hawaii - 6 on 1 team

New England - 72 on 8 teams

Pennsylvania - 165 on 14 teams

Rocky Mountain - 248 on 22 teams

TOTAL - 1241 on 113 teams

NC STATE MISSION PROJECTS

Baptist Builders - provided assistance in Hurricane Florence Rebuild: Homes assisted - 1691 total.

Volunteer Days - 20,000 total

Construction Skills Training - 135 participants in 5 trainings

Handyman Assistance Requests - 250

Impact NC - Canceled by Covid

Operation Inasmuch Blitz Days - canceled by COVID

Red Springs & Shelby Mission Camps: over 5,000 volunteer days

SPORTS & RECREATION

Canceled by COVID Golf Tournament

STUDENT MOBILIZATION MINISTRY

249 participants in Deep Impact Mission Camps

COLLEGE MISSIONS

COVID Related 120 Students partaking in Student

Summer Ministries (BeDoTell, Camp Caraway, Camp

Mundo Vista, Deep Impact, DI Kids, & Fort Caswell)

COVID Related 100 College Students assisting with Disaster Relief

No Here & Now Missions Experience for College Students & Young Adults. Materials/Videos/scheduling provided to churches and groups wanting to create their own experience.

GENERAL EVENTS:

BAPTIST MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Canceled by COVID

WORLD MISSIONS WEEK

318 attended World Missions Week at Caswell

REGIONAL RALLIES

Cancelled by COVID in February 2021

1114 in August 2021

2022 DATES

www.baptistsonmission.org; 800.395.5102 x 5596

JANUARY

- 3-5 Here & Now Missions Experience for College Students & Young Adults, Charity Rebuild
- 21-22 BOM's Board Meeting, Caraway
- 22 NCBOM Annual Business Meeting, Caraway
- 23 Baptist Men's Day in the Churches

FEBRUARY

- 21 Region 2 Missions Rally - Forest Hills BC, Wilson
- 21 Region 8 Missions Rally - Mt. Ruhama BC, Maiden
- 21 Region 10 Missions Rally - Truett, Hayesville
- 22 Regions 1 Missions Rally - Rocky Hock BC, Edenton
- 22 Region 4 Missions Rally - Fairview BC, Apex
- 22 Region 6 Missions Rally - FBC Rockingham
- 22 Region 9 Missions Rally - Pole Creek BC, Candler
- 24 Region 3 Missions Rally - Charity Rebuild Center
- 24 Region 5 Missions Rally - Oaklawn BC, Winston Salem
- 24 Region 7 Missions Rally - Booneville BC, Booneville
- 26 Region 2 Disaster Relief Training,
New Bern First Baptist

MARCH

- 5 Region 4 Disaster Relief Training,
Trinity BC, Raleigh
- 11-12 Family Mission Weekend, Shelby
- 12 Construction Skills Training, Red Springs
- 25-26 Baptist Missions Conference, Calvary
Winston-Salem
- 26 Student Missions Conference, Calvary,
Winston-Salem

APRIL

- 2 RA Car Race Day, FBC, Salisbury
- 2 Construction Skills Training, New Bern Rebuild
- 9 Region 6 Disaster Relief Training,
Carmel BC, Matthews
- 23 Construction Skills Training, Shelby
- 29-30 Men's Outdoor Weekend, Caraway
- 30 Region 8 Disaster Relief Training,
Hickory First Baptist
- 30 Construction Skills Training, Charity Rebuild
- 30 Operation Inasmuch

MAY

- 7 Operation Inasmuch
- 13-15 Deep Impact KIDS Weekend, Red Springs
- 14 Region 10 Disaster Training,
Peachtree Memorial BC, Murphy

JUNE

- 12-15 Deep Impact KIDS Mini-Week, Shelby
- 12-15 Deep Impact (half), Red Springs
- 16-19 Deep Impact (half), Shelby

- 16-19 Deep Impact KIDS Mini-Week, Hendersonville
- 18-25 Deep Impact, Honduras
- 20-25 Deep Impact, Hendersonville
- 26-July 2 Deep Impact, Philadelphia
- 27-July 1 Deep Impact KIDS, Red Springs
- 27-July 2 Deep Impact, Morehead City

JULY

- 3-9 Deep Impact, Caswell
- 4-7 Deep Impact KIDS Mini-Week, Truett
- 4-9 World Missions Week, Caswell
- 10-16 Deep Impact, Atlanta
- 11-16 Deep Impact, Red Springs
- 17-20 Deep Impact KIDS Mini-Week, Red Springs
- 18-23 Deep Impact, Outer Banks
- 22-31 Deep Impact, South Africa
- 23-30 Deep Impact, Puerto Rico
- 25-30 Deep Impact, Boone
- 30-Aug 6 Deep Impact, Puerto Rico
- 31-Aug 3 Deep Impact KIDS Mini-Week, Blowing Rock
- 31-Aug 3 Deep Impact (half), Duplin

AUGUST

- 3-6 Deep Impact (half), Red Springs
- 19-20 BOM Board of Directors Meeting, Caraway
- 20 BOM Advisory Council & Board, Caraway
- 22 Regions 2, 8, 10 Mission Rallies
- 23 Regions 1, 4, 6, 9 Mission Rallies
- 25 Regions 3, 5, 7 Mission Rallies

SEPTEMBER

- 1-30 NC Missions Offering Month
- 9-10 Family Mission Weekend, Charity
- 10 Construction Skills Training, Red Springs
- 16-18 Deep Impact KIDS Weekend, Mundo Vista
- 24 Construction Skills Training, New Bern Rebuild

OCTOBER

- 8 Construction Skills Training, Charity Rebuild
- 7-8 Family Missions Weekend, Red Springs
- 15 Construction Skills Training, Shelby Mission Cp
- 21-23 Deep Impact KIDS Weekend, Duplin County

NOVEMBER

- 4-6 Deep Impact Weekend, Shelby
- 10 Region 2 Men's Worship Rally
- 14 Region 4 Men's Worship Rally
- 17 Region 6 Men's Worship Rally
- 21 Region 8 Men's Worship Rally
- 29 Region 10 Men's Worship Rally

relief
FOR TODAY
FOR TOMORROW
hope

MARCH 25-26, 2022
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.

Cost: \$20 per person.

Covers: General sessions, breakout sessions, event materials and lunch on Saturday. For an additional \$8, there is an optional missions opportunities supper on Friday.

Pre-registration is required. **Registration Deadline: March 18, 2022**

Special features include mission breakout sessions, missions opportunities Friday supper, mission testimonies, mission fair exhibits and much more.

For registration, hotel information and additional details, visit: www.baptistsonmission.org/MissionsConference or call **919-459-5596**.

worship leader



ANNIE MOSES BAND

speakers



SHELIA WALSH



LEE STROBLE



LAURA STORY



TOM RICHTER



BRYAN LORITTS

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. - Romans 15:13

2022 BAPTIST MISSIONS CONFERENCE
LODGING OPTIONS

You must make your own reservation directly with the hotel of your choice. Be sure to ask for the special Baptists on Mission rate. You must register by the deadline date to receive the guaranteed rate.

Below are some of the available hotels:

Best Western Plus - Hanes Mall

\$75/night (full hot breakfast)
3330 Silas Creek Parkway
Winston-Salem
336-893-7540

Reserve by March 4

Village Inn Hotel & Event Center by Wyndham

\$89/night (full hot breakfast)
6205 Ramada Drive
Clemmons
336-766-9121

Reserve by March 4

Comfort Suites - Hanes Mall

\$80/night (hot/cold breakfast buffet)
200 Capitol Lodging Court
Winston-Salem
336-774-0805

Reserve by March 1

Courtyard - Hanes Mall

\$109/night (no breakfast)
1600 Westbrook Plaza Drive
Winston-Salem
336-760-7144

Reserve by March 4

Fairfield Inn & Suites - Hanes Mall

\$109/night (full breakfast)
125 South Main Street
Winston-Salem
336-714-2800

Reserve by March 11

Hampton Inn - Hanes Mall

\$95/night (hot/cold breakfast buffet)
1990 Hampton Inn Court
Winston-Salem
336-760-1660

Reserve by March 11

Home 2 Suites by Hilton

\$124/night (full hot breakfast)
1010 Marriott Crossing Way
Winston-Salem
336-930-1037

Reserve by March 4

Quality Inn & Suites Hanes Mall

\$114/\$109 night (continental breakfast)
2008 S Hawthorne Road
Winston-Salem
336-659-1994

Reserve by March 13

Sleep Inn Hanes Mall

\$70/night (hot breakfast)
1985 Hampton Inn Court
Winston-Salem
336-774-8020 / 336-774-1185

Reserve by March 1

SpringHill Suites by Marriott

\$114/night (hot & continental breakfast)
1015 Marriott Crossing Way
Winston-Salem
336-765-0190

Reserve by March 4

The meeting is open to ALL Baptist men, women and students. Conference includes worship, general sessions, breakout sessions, missions fair exhibits, missions testimonies, Friday missions opportunities supper and more!

REGISTRATION FORM

North Carolina Baptist Missions Conference
March 25-26, 2022
Complete and return by March 18, 2022

Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Church _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Cell _____

E-mail _____

A \$20 per person registration fee is required for the conference. This fee includes program fee, materials, all general sessions, breakout sessions and your Saturday lunch. Pre-registration is required.

_____ @ \$20 per person = \$ _____

Check all sessions you will be attending

_____ Friday evening

_____ Saturday morning

_____ Saturday afternoon

MEALS

Friday Mission Opportunities Supper (optional)

_____ @ \$8 per person = \$ _____

Saturday Lunch

_____ (cost included in registration fee)

Total Enclosed \$ _____

RETURN TO

Baptists on Mission
PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call (919) 459-5596 or visit
www.baptistsonmission.org to register online



Ag Missions

Meeting Physical and Spiritual Needs

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 tells us, “There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven. A time to give birth, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw stones, and a time to gather stones; a time to embrace, and a time to shun embracing; a time to search, and a time to give up as lost; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear apart, and a time to sew together; a time to be silent, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. What profit is there to the



worker from that in which he toils? I have seen the task God has given the sons of men with which to occupy themselves. He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart, yet so that man will not find out work which God has done from the beginning even to the end.”

This passage of scripture speaks to God’s authority over heaven and earth, but especially time. Humans have mastered many things in this world, but so much of it remains out of our control. Try as we might, we cannot control time nor fully understand God’s plans. Therefore, as believers, we must have faith and patience as we “wait upon the Lord” for the appointed time for His plans to be revealed.

After almost two years, I am happy to report that the land title for the demonstration farm in Toga has finally been obtained, and work is underway to identify a farm manager/overseer. Although the official title to the property could not be located, a government official agreed to step in and help secure a title through a hearing and court process. Thanks be to God. Please continue to pray for the Togo Partnership, specifically that a farm manager will emerge who can look after daily operations at the farm and for patience as we continue waiting for the season for God’s plan to be revealed and implemented.

Doug Prevette led a team to Guatemala in October 2021. It is always rewarding when one puts their faith into action. While this wasn’t an agriculture-specific trip, team members had plenty of opportunities to put their faith and talents to work for God’s glory. Team members had the chance to make more adobe blocks for construction projects, help on construction projects, and practice chainsaw and pruning skills to help maintain the campus ground. Additionally, on the final night of the trip, they hosted a

party for the Good Shepherd Children’s Home children, where they enjoyed tacos for dinner and played board games. The evening closed with singing Christmas carols in Spanish and English and a visit from Santa Claus.

If you or your team are interested in learning more about agricultural mission opportunities, please let one of our team members know. We would be happy to come and share how you can help meet the physical and spiritual needs of people across the globe.

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AVIATION

Living an “On-Mission” life

Those involved in the Aviation Ministry are sometimes asked what the ministry is all about. The ministry was started by a group of pilots who believed that whenever God gives us a Gift, Talent, Skill, or a passion for something, He intends that we use it for His Glory. Therefore, when we live an “On Mission” lifestyle, everything we do is an outpouring of His work in our lives. To me, living an “On-Mission” life means that “Meeting Needs and Sharing Christ” becomes a natural part of all of our daily activities. We do not need to go on a Mission Trip or become involved in a Mission Project.

Over the years, involvement in this ministry gives me the opportunity to fly pastors and participants in other ministries that had a need to be in other parts of the State and back quickly; I’ve flown Disaster Relief volunteers; and we’ve flown many young people, especially RA’s and GA’s, in a program called Young Eagles. This program introduces them to aviation, and we try and take them up to say a prayer over their church. We recently flew a group of RA’s from Trinity Baptist Church pictured on this page.

The principal activity of our ministry is participating in Angel Flight. This organization provides transportation to those needing special medical treatment in distant locations. I recently had the privilege of flying three-year-old Ayphia Jules and her Mother to Philadelphia on a leg of a flight that originated in Atlanta. Ayphia has congenital hyperinsulinism/hypoglycemia, feeding difficulty, GERD, and a history of GI Bleeding. She has been in and out of hospitals most of her entire young life.

The missions flown by Angel Flight pilots include routine treatment flights and other medical-related flights referred to Angel Flight by health care providers or those seeking the treatments themselves. The philosophy of Angel Flight is that the cost of travel should never stand in the way of people receiving medical care. By volunteering with Angel Flight, we can remove a major obstacle for patients in medical need by providing free air transportation to the treatment they need.

Most Angel Flight missions are flown in single-engine, four-seat aircraft. The majority are within a 300-400 mile radius of the pilot’s home base airport. An instrument rating is necessary because most flights must be flown under Instrument Flight Rules.

Angel Flight is not an air ambulance service or an emergency medical service. They require that patients be ambulatory, medically stable, and able to get in and out of the aircraft with little or no assistance. A friend or family member is always welcome to fly along for additional support.

If you are interested in Aviation or just want to learn more about it, we would be glad to come to share more about what we do and answer questions you may have.

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Baptist Builders/Tropical Storm Fred
Hope Rose from the Debris

Haywood County experienced catastrophic flooding in the wake of Tropical Storm Fred on August 17, 2021. In the blink of an eye, life changed as storm debris broke through a series of bridges and the resulting avalanche of water destroyed everything in its path.

No one could remember the water rising more than a few feet in the little holler where Earnest lived, but the wall of water after Tropical Storm Fred didn't stop. He hurried his wife into the truck and headed for higher ground as the water chased after him. Donella and her two daughters had only minutes to get out of their house once the water started rising. Bobbie Jean was in the basement when she heard a loud crash and started climbing the stairs when water began pouring down. She made it to the front porch, and the fire department had to rescue her by boat.

Hope rose from the debris as local churches answered the call to help their neighbors and volunteers in yellow shirts arrived to clear out debris. They tirelessly removed soggy floors, mold-infested sheetrock, insulation, and furniture. Volunteers completed 111 recovery jobs and had 350 chaplaincy contacts.

Now it is time to help repair and rebuild as many homes as possible. You can help! Volunteer teams have already completed work in 19 homes, with a total of 53 homeowners requesting assistance.

Using funding provided by the United Way of Haywood County, Mountain Projects, and Haywood County, we work to make homes safe, sanitary, and functional through the Emergency Rapid Repair Program (ERR). In 2022 we anticipate building several new homes from the ground up using funds from the same organizations. We need volunteers of all skill levels, but volunteers who can do plumbing, electrical, and HVAC installations are particularly critical.

Will you help? Will your church help? Send teams to work for a day or longer. Adopt a family and see their home repair through to completion. Bill Martin serves as the site leader at our base of operations at Calvary Baptist Church in Canton.

Register your team at:

<https://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/By-Mission-Type/Disaster-Relief/Tropical-Storm-Fred>

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Florence Rebuild

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Baptist Builders

You Can Make a Difference

Volunteers have been working hard at the rebuild sites of Lumberton, Charity, New Bern, and Haywood County. They have been helping homeowners in these areas get back in their homes. Some of these homeowners have been out of their homes since Hurricane Florence. They still need our support. We appreciate the teams that continue to go down regularly. You can make a difference in so many ways beyond working on the houses. Listening, sharing a kind word, or encouraging someone else is a great witness. By going, we share one of the most precious things we have, our time. Be prepared to work hard, share your testimony of how Christ worked in your life, and make a difference in your life.

For more information, use contacts below or check our website: <https://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/North-Carolina>

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BAPTIST EDUCATORS

WE WANT YOU! Connecting with Schools

You are so needed to help men, women, and children improve their reading, writing, and learning English skills as a Second Language.

Tutoring Children and Youth in afterschool and during school programs are ways to minister and share Christ while serving people's basic needs. Some church groups around the state are involved, but many more are needed. We encourage you to reach out to local schools for ways to involve your church. Maybe adopt a school or grade level and ask teachers to share ways to support the class or individual students.

If anyone needs training on how to begin a ministry in Tutoring Children and Youth, contact us. We will be glad to assist with this.

- Some schools need assistance with supplies. This list is not exhaustive, but teachers need pencils, glue sticks, one-subject notebooks, vinyl file folders, ½ to 1" notebooks, pocket file folders, and notebook paper. Sanitizer and tissues are also always needed year-round. Providing a meal at the beginning or year-end for teachers is also a great way to bless those working in your local schools.

English as a Second Language ministry is a special way to reach out to our communities. Building relations with schools also helps the church minister to the entire family. Internationals are our neighbors and friends, yet they too may be lost. Sharing Jesus through ESL classes is a huge blessing as bridges of hope, trust, and love are developed. Consider extending love through such a ministry and seek ways to build on these positives in our state.

If you are interested in training for such a ministry, please contact us.

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LOW RESOLUTION



CHURCH RENEWAL JOURNEY

AMAZING!

by Kevin Kimrey, CRJ President

In the words of the wicked witch of the west from “The Wizard of Oz” as she was splashed with water, “What a world, what a world...” We are often finding ourselves wondering the same thing. Sometimes we are in awe of the things we see and hear and wonder what is going on? Who is in control of all this craziness? My friend, I am excited to tell you that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ is in control. Always Has been. He is the same today as He was yesterday, and we can count on Him to be there tomorrow. No matter what our circumstances, He Promises to be with us Always.

Things change, people change, churches change. This past year we have all seen change in all these areas. As we see things starting to return to something that looks familiar, the picture is still a little out of focus. Sometimes when things are out of focus, we have to adjust how we look at the object. Sometimes we have to be still and let our eyes adjust. Sometimes we have to change the distance we are from the object. We need to regenerate, revive, renew or strengthen not only our eyes but also ourselves. After a good night’s sleep, you are refreshed and renewed.

Church Renewal Journey (CRJ) is an instrument in which God uses laypeople who are in total surrender to the Holy Spirit, to help bring about change in the life of a church and its members. I was reminded of this when Church Renewal Journey team visited Altoona First Southern Baptist Church in Altoona, PA. This was our first weekend since changes happened in the last year. This was the Prayer Empowering Weekend. Pastor Sanders said, “I was amazed and surprised at the results of the weekend. I believe The Holy Spirit was involved in every session throughout the weekend.

Two of the 10 visiting team members, Angel and Robert Mock, had this to say about the weekend, “Upon arrival, you could sense that the church had already bathed the weekend in prayer.” “There were several glimpses of God’s Presence throughout the entire weekend. One of these Instances was when we had our Saturday morning prayer walk for the community. Several of the members came back from their walk and were just taken back from what happened during this time. They had no clue what to expect going into the walk, but they saw the community through God’s eyes in the end. Many stated that they would never look at prayer walking the same way. At the end of the weekend, we all left with the assurance that God not only listens to prayer, but He also answers them as well.”

In the past year, many have prayed for God’s hand to be upon us and His land. Rest assured, God is in control, and He hears our prayers.

What a world, what a world.....Amazing

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2022 Church Renewal Schedule

2/4-6 Awakening Weekend - North Brook Baptist, Cherryville, NC

3/11 Equipping Weekend - Campfield Memorial, Ellenboro, NC

3/25-26 BOM Missions Conf CRJ Breakout Session & Exhibit - Calvary Baptist, Winston Salem, NC

4/1-3 Awakening Weekend - Pleasant Valley Baptist, Waycross, GA

4/22-24 Prayer/Empowering Weekend – Pearce Baptist, Zebulon, NC

4/29-5/1 Commissioning Weekend – Yadkin Baptist, Statesville, NC



COMPASSION MISSIONS

Sharing Love and Compassion

We have heard the term “marginalized” throughout the pandemic many times. But what does it mean exactly to be marginalized? Marginalized communities are vulnerable to higher poverty, unemployment or access to decent work, low educational attainment, absence of transportation, and proper healthcare. Our neighbors in these communities were hurting and in need before the pandemic, which has intensified these needs. So what has the church done?

Some churches have found new ministries born during this time. They have found opportunities to get to know their neighbors and share the love of Jesus with a box of produce from Disaster Relief, a simple bag lunch, or distributions of meals or groceries. Some churches distributed masks and hand sanitizers to ensure their neighbors had what they needed to stay healthy. During this pandemic, churches have found new and exciting ways to show compassion to their neighbors.

We are prayerful that we are coming to the other side of the pandemic; however, what does that mean for churches now? How do we continue to connect with and engage our community in meaningful and truly loving ways?

Colossians 3 tells us that as children of God, we are to “clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.” In this, we are to “put on love.”

Take note that none of that is passive; it all requires action. It requires us to be intentional in how we think and pray and how we act, connect, and reach out. If we are serious about living like Jesus, we need to act on it. We cannot continue to shuffle along in life looking at the ground or focusing only on ourselves. We must keep our hearts open and be attentive to the things going on around us and our needs. We have to be intentional about putting on love, compassion, and kindness, especially for our marginalized neighbors. Colossians 3:23 also calls us to work with all our heart, as if we were working for the Lord. We must love our neighbor and serve our neighbor as if we were serving the Lord.

The need does not go away once the pandemic ends. The marginalized, downtrodden, hurting, overlooked, and needy were all there before this started and will still be there after it ends. We are each given our own gifts and ministries, and we are called by God to put them to use to show His love in a world that desperately needs it. So, as things begin to look more like normal, may we remember to put on love and compassion for our neighbors in need as we share the hope of Jesus.

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Kentucky Story

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Disaster Recovery

A Part of God's Divine Plan

I know that everyone is tired of COVID...so am I.

In 2020, we canceled our first Recovery Training due to snow. Then Covid hit and we finally had to cancel all the remaining trainings due to the Covid restrictions.

The 2021 year began much the same way, except we learned we could do virtual trainings, but they were not the same (in my opinion). It was a challenge to always keep my glass half-full and not half-empty through all this. So, when Tom Beam called and asked if we could go to Kentucky this past spring, it was a blessing. However, we sure did not know everything we were to encounter in Oneida, KY.

The short story is that Kentucky had asked another team to help with the flooding, and they had already planned to help. However, some on the team came down with Covid and could not go. Then North Carolina was asked to take their place. God's timing is always right!

So, off we go to Kentucky. We were told we would stay at a school, so naturally, I thought it was a public school building. But, we found out we were staying at a private Christian school called Oneida Baptist Institute (OBI) when we got there.

We met the president and his wife (the principal) at the school. They are some of the greatest people we have ever met. They gave us one building to set up in and gave us the gym if needed. Other NC Baptist ministries to respond with Recovery: Sid Pitman led our teams as the Incident Command. Ruth Lewter handled Admin, Monty and Beth Rogers, and Linda Pitman handled Assessment.

The school was started in 1900, and the tuition for local students was one dollar. The tuition for local students today is zero "free." The school boards students from several countries. OBI operates primarily on donations. Oneida is very rural with no internet or cell service. Sometimes God shows us we can function without all the technology we are accustomed to. So, even in a pandemic, God showed us that He is still in control. Check out the Oneida Baptist Institute website (www.oneidaschool.org).

In Matthew 28, verses 19 & 20, Jesus said, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and, lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world." KJV

Now, as we begin 2022, we look back on other opportunities we had to serve in 2021 (Haywood County, August; New Orleans, September; and back to Kentucky; December). Again, God showed up and allowed us to minister in many ways to many people.

Come join us in Disaster Recovery and be a part of God's Divine Plan. You will receive a tremendous blessing.

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DISASTER RELIEF

Blessings and Challenges

The past few months have had many of the usual challenges in Disaster Relief. However, there have also been some new challenges. During 2020 we had a hybrid type of training. All of our new trainees participated in a virtual overview of disaster relief. Some of our ministries continued the virtual idea. They had all their ministry-specific training virtually, while the other ministries met on Saturday to have hands-on training. This concept worked really well until the gas shortage in May forced us to have Region 10 training 100 percent virtual. Thankfully our instructors were able to adapt to this new format very quickly and everyone got trained. Thanks to all of those who participated in the trainings. We could not have been successful without many of our volunteers serving as instructors.

We look forward to working with the newly trained volunteers in the future.

We will continue to offer online training to those deployed with Baptist on Mission Disaster Relief in the past three years. If your badge expires in 2022 and you have deployed in the past three years, please visit our website to renew your badge. All required is a background check and participating in a virtual class or watching a video. In 2021 we had 177 volunteers use this method to renew their training.

Plans are already being made for 2022 training. Training will take place in regions 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10. The current plan is for everyone to watch the overview of disaster relief virtually. Then, on Saturday of each training weekend, everyone will come to the church for the hands-on portion of their ministry training. Our experience during 2020 and 2021 has shown us that the virtual training is effective and puts less stress on the local churches hosting our trainings.

Now that I have said all that, be FLEXIBLE as I'm sure more challenges will present themselves in the future.

Our disaster relief volunteers have been busy doing ministry even during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of our volunteers have helped deliver food boxes. Additionally, we have responded with shower and laundry units to homeless shelters affected by COVID-19. Other volunteers have helped with COVID-19 vaccine sites in Greenville, Greensboro and Burlington. During the fall of 2021, we responded to Hurricane Ida in Louisiana with a laundry unit, a shower unit, a water tanker, feeding teams, and support teams. This included administration, chaplains, logistics, medical reserve, safety and many drivers. In North Carolina, we responded to tropical storm Fred in Haywood County with feeding teams, shower and laundry, a water tanker, and support teams. Several of our childcare volunteers served at the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, TN in June of 2021.

When we have not been deployed, several of our volunteers have been busy building a new shower unit at our warehouse in High Point. Additionally, we keep our equipment and supplies ready to respond should we be needed.

Thanks to each volunteer that has participated in these trainings and ministry opportunities.

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Spring 2022 Disaster Relief Training Information

As we are slowly getting back to normal with our DR training schedule, here are a few changes and updates as we move forward.

For those already certified in DR ministries and your certification expires in 2022: You have the opportunity to take your certification virtually this fall. Please watch the website for training events. You can also register for in-person training if you prefer.

For those wanting to certify for the first time or update their badge date, the spring trainings have been added to the website and are open for registration. These will be one-day events only.

Locations and dates for in-person Spring DR Trainings:

February 26 – Region 2, FBC New Bern

March 5 – Region 4, Trinity Baptist, Raleigh

April 9 – Region 6, Carmel Baptist, Matthews

April 30 – Region 8, FBC Hickory

May 14 – Region 10, Peachtree Memorial Baptist, Murphy

<https://baptistsonmission.org/training/disaster-relief-training>

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS

Weeds in the Garden of Life

As the new state coordinators for the Family Foundations ministry, allow us to introduce ourselves. We are Mike and Hope Edwards, and we live in eastern NC, where we own and operate a farm and attempt to keep up with our two sons, ages 14 & 11.

God has given us an overwhelming desire to encourage married couples and strengthen families on their journey by pointing them to the Bible and God's faithfulness. The Lord has graciously used our past experiences and life events to plant in us a mission to see couples and families turn to God in every aspect of their lives. Mike and I have seen the ruins left by crumbled marriages and broken families all around us. The difficult toll of dealing with a pandemic has certainly contributed to much of the daily stress married couples experience over the last year. Still, the pandemic is not the cause of the alarming rise in the divorce rate worldwide. It has merely magnified problems and issues that already existed. So what is the cause of the increase in marital strife? The problem is sin – your sin – my sin – everyone's sin.

Ever try to grow a garden or flower bed? If you've ever grown anything in soil, then at some point, you've had to deal with pesky weeds. The actual definition of a weed by Merriam-Webster is "a plant that is not valued where it is growing and is usually of vigorous growth, especially one that tends to overgrow or choke out more desirable plants." So why am I talking about weeds in an article about marriage and family? Well, think of your marriage or your relationship with your children as a garden where you desire to grow beautiful, lovely things. But among the beautiful appears the ugly, unvalued, yet vigorous growth of weeds. These weeds show up in the form of bitterness, resentment, anger, discontentment, and selfishness toward those we love the most. These sin weeds can cause major discord in our marriages and homes if not properly dealt with through consistent repentance and prayer. They may even begin to rule our thoughts and motivate our actions toward our spouse and children. When we have expectations of our spouse and children that go unmet, the result can be problematic. Before you know it, a weed of bitterness can show up. When our spouse says something that may seem hurtful and we say nothing, often produced is a weed of unforgiveness or anger. The truth is that unresolved heart issues can lead to sin that affects every relationship we have.

So what are we to do about this problem? The psalmist, David, was called a man after God's own heart, yet he had a serious problem with weeds in his garden of life – his sin almost destroyed him! We read at the end of Psalm 139, where David humbled himself and acknowledged the sovereignty of God when he said, "Search me, God, and know my heart. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." When was the last time you prayed a prayer like David's? Take time to commune with God and ask Him to reveal the weeds of sin in your garden. Then ask Him to forgive you and uproot those annoying weeds that can hinder the growth of your marriage. Just wait and see what a spectacular garden the Lord will grow in you!

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Armenia:

Hope for the Future

Armenia, surrounded by Muslim countries, sits at the intersection of Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. Mount Ararat rises in the distance to constantly remind us of God's promises. World War I, genocide, and 70 years of Soviet rule virtually wiped out the church, leaving only two Baptist churches with one building in Armenia in 1991. There are now 150 churches with 100 pastors and several new church planters are sent out every year.

Everything changed after Azerbaijan invaded the Nagorno-Karabakh Region of Armenia on September 27, 2020, causing over 4000 deaths and tens of thousands to flee the region. With regular skirmishes and confrontations, the two countries have disputed the Nagorno-Karabakh territory for more than 30 years. However, since a peace treaty ended the war on November 10, 2020, Armenian Baptists are seeing open doors for the gospel and a tremendous opportunity to plant new churches all across the country.

A team in May 2021, the first to travel to Armenia after the war, saw how our partnership offers Armenian and North Carolina Baptists hope for the future. God used pastors' and women's conferences to encourage leaders, VBS to reach children, eyeglass distributions to engage with communities, worship to join hearts in celebration, and a seminary class to equip future leaders. Through sports, teaching, medical clinics, VBS, or construction, your teams can assist Armenian Baptists as they pursue God's mission.

We have been there for pastors and other church leaders since helping build a seminary in 2001. We will be by their side to assist in reaching new communities and training new leaders.

Will You...

Pray:

That church planters will answer God's call and that hearts will be open to the gospel. Commit to pray each day for a movement of God.

Give:

Sponsor a church planter for \$200 per month, help with construction costs for a new seminary, or help build new church buildings.

Go:

Send a team to lead medical clinics, distribute eyeglasses, conduct VBS, hold evangelistic sports camps, lead women's conferences, encourage and train pastors, or help with construction.

Register your Team: <https://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/Outside-US/Armenia>

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INTERNATIONAL – CUBA

Cuba Again Opened to Teams

Are you ready to travel to or back to Cuba? Baptists on Mission is gearing up to send teams to Cuba beginning in May 2022. Religious visas will start being processed in January 2022. Teams have a 105-day visa process, so May is the earliest we can send teams. The work will be in Santa Clara doing construction on buildings that will house, feed and educate students at the seminary. In addition, teams will be doing cement and blockwork. At least one person on the team needs to have some construction experience; however, Cuban workers will assist each team with their efforts.

Teams will fly into Havana and travel by vehicle to Santa Clara (about a 3 ½ hour trip). Teams will be housed and fed at My Camp in Santa Clara, which is also the seminary site. Trips are usually Friday to Friday.

Fixed per person cost is in the range of \$700, which includes transportation, food and lodging in Cuba; Insurance which includes cancellation; Religious Visa; and T-shirt. Flights usually cost around \$800. Therefore, the approximate cost would be in the range of \$1,500 per person. There is also a team cost of \$3,000 for construction materials. Baptists on Mission will add \$2,000 to that amount giving each team \$5,000 to purchase materials. We will buy materials for the week the team works with this amount. In addition, provide some salary for the Cuban workers who assist the team, have enough materials, and pay for another 3 weeks after the team leaves for home. All costs seen above are approximate until flights have been purchased, at which time we will give each team their final individual costs. Baptists on Mission does all the logistical planning for you to make it easier on each team leader.

Suppose flights to Cuba increase to additional airports other than Havana. In that case, we will fly into Santa Clara and also be able to offer for teams to travel to other places in Cuba where we have partnerships.

For more information on how to sign up for a team to travel to Cuba, please visit our webpage:

<https://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/Outside-US/Cuba>

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Teams Back Serving in

GUATEMALA

After more than thirteen months without one, Baptists on Mission was thrilled to send the first International Mission Team to Guatemala on April 17, 2021. Karla Hackworth and a team from Robinhood Road Baptist and others in the Winston-Salem area were first. The team worked on producing adobe block, which was used throughout the year to construct the Mae Chosen Family Home, a residential home for older children from the Good Shepherd Children’s Home. Adobe work is not easy, and their efforts were greatly appreciated! Right after them came a team from North Carolina and Florida, made up primarily of IICD Board Members and their spouses. This team put up the wood supports for the roof, among many other tasks. The sun was hot and the task sometimes hard, but this team worked together to get the Mae House that much closer to completion. On May 15, Tobin Wagner and a group from Northside Baptist in Cape Carteret made their first trip to Guatemala. Tobin had worked with Baptist on Mission for over two years, trying to make this happen. Unfortunately, COVID-19 slowed the process, causing the postponement of their trip not once but twice. Finally, the team arrived and had a wonderful week working on the Mae House. In all, ten teams served in Guatemala in 2021. Along the way, Baptist on Mission worked with each team to make sure they understood the risks and followed safety and travel procedures to enjoy a safe and productive week. God did incredible things through these teams!

Missionary Vicki Grossmann summed up what it meant to finally have teams back in country. “We can honestly tell you that the teams who come to Good Shepherd Ministries and we have the most wonderful times. We enjoy each other as we work together for the Lord, share His goodness, and form eternal friendships. Along the way, there is laughter. Thank you for the blessing of your presence!”

Baptists on Mission (BOM) is blessed to be a part of the Good Shepherd Ministries in Guatemala, where we partner with the International Indigenous Community Development (IICD) and the Baptist Children’s Home of North Carolina (BCHNC). A full slate of teams is anticipated and needed for 2022. Tasks will include multiple teams to finish construction on the Mae House, a family home for older children and youth. We also need two medical teams and couples to serve as Children’s Home Assistants throughout the year who will stay at the children’s home for 1-2 months. Please see our Guatemala Partnership website for a more detailed description of what each of these tasks entails. Pray about being a part of this meaningful ministry!

For more information about what God is doing in Guatemala and how you and your church can play a part, contact Mark Abernathy at mabernathy@ncbaptist.org or 919-459-5607. You can also visit our website, which has project description, pictures, video and other details, at – www.baptistsonmission.org. (Mission Projects/Outside US/Guatemala)



The team from Robinhood Road, led by Karla Hackworth, worked hard to produce adobe block, which will be used throughout the year at the construction site.



The main project this year is completion of the Mae Chosen Family Home, which will provide a stable living environment for older children from the Good Shepherd Children’s Home.



A team from the Winston-Salem area was the first international team sent by Baptists on Mission in over thirteen months. In all, ten teams served in Guatemala in 2021. More on tap for 2022.

Teams who serve with Baptists on Mission (BOM) through the Houses of Hope ministry in Kenya return knowing that they have truly “experienced God at work in Africa.” Just getting to the ministry site is a bit of an adventure. A lengthy plane ride lands our teams in the capital of Nairobi. After a night’s rest, a day’s van ride brings them to the small town of Ahero, near Lake Victoria. But if you’ve never been to Africa, don’t close your eyes during the ride. You will begin to pick up on the African rhythms of life through the window as the miles roll-off.

Once teams arrive in Ahero and settle into the guesthouse, they get used to new sights, new sounds, and, yes, new smells. A morning stroll (together in groups, please) through the Ahero open-air market will excite all senses. Naturally, you will not find many “tourist” souvenirs here. Still, you will see most things East Africans find essential for daily existence. For example, fresh fruit and vegetables, machetes and basic tools, shoes made from old tires, locally made charcoal stoves, woven baskets, and small lanterns fashioned from tin cans, just to name a few.

Each day the team travels into a village to build a house for a widow or family in need. The road to the house site might begin on a paved road but usually ends on a dirt road. It may then turn into a cattle trail and finally end up in the middle of a clearing or among a thicket of thorn bushes. As a small group of Kenyan “fundis” (experts) assists, the house-building itself is a task that all volunteers can participate in. The team helps build the house and engage in ministry with the many children who see what is going on. An acted-out Bible story, singing songs, some fun games, and a simple craft do the trick.

Team members also have the opportunity to go house to house through the village and a translator to share the gospel and testify why they are there. Team members find it a privilege to be invited into the simple homes of these humble people. We would call them “huts.” Most consist of mud walls, dirt floors, wooden windows and doors (if any), and bare-bones furniture. It takes a while for one’s eyes to adjust to the dark upon entering. The smell of smoke will likely be strong at first since most families utilize open fires to cook inside, right in their living area. Some roofs may be tin, but many are made of grass. Despite this, it does not take long to understand that these people are content with what they have and are gracious hosts. They are glad to hear what a volunteer has to share.

The day at the work site ends in celebration. The simple house is usually finished, or close to it, by the end of the afternoon. The whole village is invited to come together for a house dedication that includes singing, prayer, an evangelistic message, and a blessing. Hand clapping, swaying, and loud singing are all on the agenda. It is a joyous time and a good way to end the day. Team members leave, knowing that the local pastor, who served as a translator for the team and fellow laborer throughout the day, will come back to the house for twelve weeks to lead a Bible Study. This will deepen the villagers’ understanding of who Jesus is, what he has done for them, and how to follow Him more closely.

A trip to Kenya and participation in the Houses of Hope ministry can be arranged almost any time during the year. Teams can be as small as 5-6 volunteers or as large as 14-16. Simply call the Baptists on Mission office with an 11-day travel timeframe. Trips begin on a Tuesday and conclude on the following Friday. The trip cost includes: approximately \$950 for ground costs and a one-night stay in one of Kenya’s world-famous game parks, plus the cost of airfare, which runs from \$1200 – 1800, depending on the time of year. Come find an authentic African experience while assisting a family in need and providing Bible Study and a potential new church start in Kenya!

Teams can serve through the Houses of Hope project throughout the year. Visit our website at www.baptistsonmission.org to find out more about this life-changing opportunity. (Mission Projects/Outside US/Kenya). Or call 919-459-5607 or e-mail mabernathy@ncbaptist.org to secure a mission date for your church or group.



The village comes together along with team members at the end of the day in joyous celebration to dedicate the newly-built house to the Lord.



Team members have a true African experience during days spent in villages. Building the house, ministering to children, and visiting in homes afford great opportunity to share and to learn.



The Houses of Hope project in Kenya provides mission teams an opportunity to provide a house for a widow or family in need. It is also a church planting movement through with Bible Studies and churches are started in new areas.

International - Least of These Projects

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40

When Jesus asked how they would feed thousands of hungry people, a young boy surrendered his lunch into the hands of the Master. It didn’t seem like much, because it wasn’t, just five loaves and two small fish! However, Jesus took that small gift and feed thousands. Are we as obedient as that young boy?

Least of These Projects meet the physical and spiritual needs of some of the most vulnerable people in the world. You can partner with nationals that we know and trust to offer hope in the midst of hopelessness with a one-time donation or a recurring gift.

Armenia – Assist refugees from the war, help church planters (\$200 per month), or provide funds for building materials for a new seminary or church buildings.

Ukraine - Roma (gypsy) adults travel to other countries for work, but those opportunities disappeared during the pandemic. As a result, children are becoming even more malnourished. At a food kitchen, we sponsor, \$850 a month feeds 200 children and employs four women from the camp who prepare the meals.

South Africa – Help build a “Baby House” that will offer a home to infants abandoned beside the road, dumped in garbage cans, or thrown in rivers. Also, build cottages that will give toddlers not chosen for adoption a place to call home.

Cuba – Provide food for families struggling in the wake of Covid-19, purchase a water purification unit (\$700) to offer clean water for a community, or help build a new seminary.

Haiti– Sponsor an elementary school student for \$30 per month or purchase a handmade ink pen (contact Paul Langston for information). Help Alpha Omega Medical Clinic treat patients who cannot afford medical service or support an orphanage offering hope to 21 children.

Hungary – In Roma Gypsy camps, a church building often serves as the only gathering place. Roma volunteers built two churches during the pandemic with funds donated through Baptists on Mission. Any gift can offer hope to an entire village.

Kenya – Build a house for a widow or disabled woman for \$400. Each house will host a 12-week Bible study, many of which become new church plants.

Africa – Sponsor a church planter through Africa for Christ for \$200 per month, decreasing each year over five years. These church planters are serving in seven countries in Africa.

Gaza – Sponsor a child at Gaza Lighthouse School for \$40 per month, including uniforms, lunch, teacher salaries, supplies, and transportation.

You may donate online at www.baptistsonmission.org/Donate or by sending a check to BOM, P.O. Box 1107, Cary, N.C. 27511.

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Mission for Discipleship: Hungary 2020-21



Roma Partnership

Mission for Discipleship: Hungary 2020-21

by Mike Healan, member of Fairview Baptist Church, Apex. Fairview has been involved in the Roma Partnership since 2009.

“Don’t waste your retirement!” That challenge loomed large in my heart for the last years of my full-time Christian school administration career. Determined that I would not spend my twilight years putzing around in lazy self-interest, I prayed for God to open doors of ministry opportunity that would allow me to continue to use my forty-plus years of experience.

Shortly after joining our “retirement” church, Fairview Baptist in Apex, NC, during a church dinner, I just “happened” to sit next to Teresa Jones, Roma Project Coordinator for Baptists on Mission (BOM). She knew my background and explained that one of the budding ministry projects was working with educational leaders in Hungary, helping them implement programs to foster spiritual growth among their public-school students and families. To my amazement, I discovered that the governmental leadership of that former atheistic country (communist until 1989) has been encouraging the integration of Bible instruction in the schools to foster spiritual and ethical growth in their citizenry.

After explaining the general idea of that project, Teresa said, “Would you be interested in helping with this effort?” Wow! What an answer to prayer!

During the winter of 2019-20, I worked with a team to develop a training program to support and encourage Christians working in several Hungarian schools. The key to that plan was a series of three trips to Hungary in 2020. We were all set to embark on the first trip at the end of March... then Covid-19 hit.

When it became apparent that the crisis would linger and prevent on-site visits, we developed a plan to provide support via three series of regular online sessions with our Hungarian fellow believers. The strategy called for (1) identifying and inviting Hungarian school leaders from each community where NC churches had previously ministered, (2) creating small teams (2-3) of Americans to work with them, (3) creating short training videos presented by us using interpreters, (4) scheduling online Zoom sessions by the community for discussion of those videos, and (5) giving our Hungarian partners a chance to lead a model discipleship group.

During those sessions, I got to know my Hungarian partners quite well, even though we only met online weekly and worked through an interpreter. I was impressed by their desire to engage with the material, learn, and put it into practice. Along the way, we were able to weep with them and pray over the intensity of the Covid-19 crisis they were experiencing in Hungary. Prayer was always a high point in each session.

In May of this year, we had a large online debriefing meeting of everyone in our NC churches who had participated. I was overwhelmed with the reports. There was clearly spiritual growth evident among our friends. Many reports of maturing believers were able and eager to begin discipling their students and friends. Alicia, our on-site missionary, was especially encouraging as she told of a similar online debrief the previous week among the Hungarian participants.

I am humbled at how our gracious God takes the ashes of earthly disasters and makes beauty happen. When we put this online training plan together, I was not convinced that we would accomplish much. However, our Lord has taught me that he can take our feeblest efforts and multiply them. I see now in retrospect that we had far more contact on a more frequent basis by using technology than we would have had with three trips. We also learned that technology will serve us well in the future, even as travel resumes. I am praying that this opportunity remains available to us for a long time. A wide door for effective work has opened for us there (1 Cor. 16:9).



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Door of Hope Village

Bringing Hope to the Hopeless

Abandoned and left to die. Berea Baptist Mission Church made a hole in their wall and installed a ‘Baby Box’ allowing mothers to leave their babies any time, day or night, and since then over 1750 children have been rescued. The moment a baby is placed in the box, care workers receive an electronic alert, the baby is taken in, and the anonymity of the “donor” is ensured. News has spread and other babies have been brought in person by their mothers or have come through police, community members, hospitals, or clinics. Door of Hope now has 66 babies under their care.

Baptists on Mission has walked alongside Door of Hope since the beginning and is now helping build Door of Hope Village. The Village will offer children not chosen for adoption by a “forever family” a place to call home. Over the next several years, dozens of cottages and other facilities needed to create a functioning community will be built. You can help offer hope for the future to thousands of children by participating in this partnership.

You and your church can offer help by:

Praying – The process of rezoning the property of Door of Hope Village from agricultural use to allow construction of nearly 100 cottages has taken years and is almost complete! We anticipate receiving final approval in 2022 to build several new cottages, each providing a home for 6-8 children. Pray for the children who will be served, many more teams to volunteer, and funds to build the new cottages and replace the oldest Baby House.

Giving – Each cottage costs approximately \$35,000 to build. With thousands of us contributing a few dollars each month, we could quickly complete Door of Hope Village. You can also sponsor a child by providing all their food needs for \$100 per month. In addition, the oldest Baby House that offers care to the rescued infants needs to be replaced and enlarged.

Going – A team from your church can help turn hope into reality. A normal trip is 10-12 days. You will make concrete blocks for new homes, build cottages for abandoned children to call home, work on the property of Door of Hope Village, and worship with a local church. Teams can also choose to extend their trip to work with Pastor Musa, a Zulu church planter in the Winterton area.

Register your team: <https://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/Outside-US/South-Africa>

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Health Screening Ministry

Left in the Lord's Hands

What a great privilege to be a part of Baptists on Mission! Recently our church was part of something very special. A church member named Bob approached me about the opportunity to bring the Baptists on Mission medical bus to our city. The bus would provide free health screenings for people and give us a chance to minister to them in the name of Jesus Christ. Bob had worked with the bus before and asked what I thought about bringing it to Littleton, NC.

My first thought was that we could not get it to come here. We are a small city of a little less than 1,000 people. Although we are surrounded by a sprawling lake population, the city proper has struggled with few job opportunities and many low-income residents. Our church runs a bus ministry, food pantry, and once-a-month hot food distribution to 150 people. We are constantly praying about ways to reach our city with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We needed some volunteers and got them quickly. Several retired nurses are in our church, and they gladly volunteered to help. We gathered different hygiene materials like toothpaste, soap, hand sanitizer, etc., to place in a care bag with our church's name on it to hand to each visitor. We also purchased several Bibles and gospel tracts to hand out.

In the weeks prior to the event, we spread flyers throughout the neighborhood to let everyone know what was happening. We even went door to door in some of our most desperate areas. We prayed and left it in the Lord's hands.

We decided on a spot in the middle of town to set up the bus. Things started out a little slow on the day of the clinic, but we soon noticed people setting up art, craft, and food booths in the parking lot adjacent to the bus. We did not know it, but a traveling market showed up the same day as our medical bus ministry! This brought us many more people than we had if it was just us. They even brought a DJ that blasted music for the whole city to hear! God provided the best possible scenario to attract people that we didn't even expect!

We were able to minister to many people that day by sharing the gospel, praying, and being the hands and feet of Jesus. We were even able to share our bags with some of the vendors. It was a real blessing to see our church members come together with the Baptists on Mission Health Screening Ministry to reach a city that not many people would give much hope for spiritually or economically. Praise God for this bus! Adam Hammond – Pastor of Lake Gaston Baptist

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Mobile Dental Ministry

Hosting the Mobile Dental Ministry at your church will generate lots of interest from people that are in need. The sight of the dental truck brings hope that a physical need can be met by dental professionals. With that hope comes the bigger opportunity to share the love of Jesus with hurting people. Meeting immediate dental needs in an individual can open the door to meeting eternal spiritual needs.

Reserving churches and organizations enlist the help of volunteer Dentists, Dental Assistants, Hygienists, registration, prayer counselors and general laypersons to serve at the clinic. A Baptist on Mission volunteer driver and host serve as the dental ministry team that bring the dental truck to your location, set up rooms and equipment, clean instruments and share the love of Jesus.

THE DENTAL MINISTRY IS ALWAYS IN NEED OF DRIVERS/HOSTS TEAM WITH A CURRENT CDL LICENSE WHO HAVE A HEART TO SERVE OTHERS AND LIVE WITHIN AN HOUR OF CARY

FEES CHARGED TO THE SPONSORING CHURCH OR ORGANIZATIONS:

- A deposit of \$200 per day is required to hold the clinic; fees listed below are deducted from the deposit. \$200 is the minimum fee.
- \$0.65 cents/mile round trip from Cary
- \$8/patient to help offset cost of materials
- \$5/hour for generator usage (if needed)
- Actual costs of the driver/host's meals and overnight lodging if more than one hour from Cary

RESERVATIONS NEED TO BE MADE A YEAR IN ADVANCE – MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW

Contact kwatson@ncbaptist.org or (919) 459-5603

The dental trucks are outfitted with the latest dental equipment and materials, COVID safe protocols with high grade personal protective equipment and air purifiers to protect all volunteers and patients.

Collegiate dental programs, such as dental schools, dental assisting and hygiene programs, are encouraged to serve with the ministry under the supervision of faculty. We pray this experience will make a lasting impression on each participant, leading to a passion for missions.

Dental Visits May Include:

- Diagnostic Exams with x-rays
- Cleanings
- Basic Fillings
- Simple Extractions



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APPALACHIAN COALFIELDS MINISTRY

ACO 2021 – An Amazing Act of God!

The Appalachian Christmas Outreach has become one of the most popular and effective ministry opportunities available to North Carolina Baptists. Part of the reason for this is that it is something that every church, Sunday School class, or missions group can easily take part in. Another reason is that the ministry area is close – no more than a day’s drive from anywhere in our state. But the most important reason is that it is effective. The Appalachian region is one of the poorest areas in our nation. Many families are struggling because of jobs and other societal factors. Christmastime is especially hard. The backpacks provided by Appalachian Christmas Outreach help give parents a way to see that their children receive a meaningful gift, something that might otherwise not happen. The packs are loaded with practical and fun items designed for specific ages. The act of giving in Christ’s name, along with an enclosed Bible and flyer explaining the true meaning of Christmas, has the potential to endow this gift with eternal purpose.

Over the years, the number of backpacks given by North Carolina Baptists had grown annually. By 2019, the numbers had grown to over 17,500. Plans were well underway for 2020 – then COVID struck. As all international and many national mission trips were canceled, much prayer went into deciding whether or not to try and do the backpack collection or not. Finally, the decision was made to continue – and did God ever bless! Despite the pandemic, more than 16,400 backpacks were collected, filled, and delivered to Appalachian children in 2020! 2021 picked right back up to “normal.” North Carolina Baptists have collected (as of the writing of this article) over 18,600 backpacks, well over the statewide goal of 18,000. Praise the Lord! Evangelistic events are happening all over the Appalachian region, and families are being ministered to.

Our statewide goal for 2022 is 19,000 backpacks. We would love for you and your church to share in the blessing. Here are some ways your church can help:

- 1) **COLLECT BACKPACKS AND TAKE THEM TO THE NEAREST COLLECTION SITE.** Statewide collection in 2022 will take place Saturday, November 5, at 30+ sites across the state. You can access information on what items to collect and how to pack them from the NCBM website at www.baptistsonmission.org/aco. Please follow the directions carefully. We want to make sure all backpacks are complete. Pack them as if your own child or grandchild were receiving them. Please make sure each pack has a nice children’s or youth Bible in it.
- 2) **BE A COLLECTION SITE FOR YOUR AREA** Our goal is to have regional collection sites all across the state. In many areas, we are covered. However, we still need collection sites in some parts of the state. Collection sites need to have a few volunteers ready to meet and assist those who might bring backpacks on Saturday, November 5, from 9:00 am until noon. Backpacks will need to be stored in an enclosed trailer or a box truck – or in a place within the church until they can be transported. The collection site will need to transport the backpacks (driver and two helpers for unloading) to either Shelby Mission Camp or Red Springs Mission Camp on Friday, November 11, arriving between 10 and 2.
- 3) **DELIVER BACKPACKS TO NEEDED AREAS.** Often, ministry areas do not plan to do an event but still need backpacks for distribution. Therefore, we have a great need for those who would be willing to help get the backpacks to areas required by providing a box truck/covered trailer and drivers to deliver the packs.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.NCBAPTISTSONMISSION.ORG/ACO TO VIEW AND DOWNLOAD A CHURCH REGISTRATION SHEET FOR REQUESTING THE OPPORTUNITY TO DELIVER BACKPACKS OR WORK AT ONE OF OUR MISSION CAMPS TO PROCESS BACKPACKS. YOU CAN FILL THE FORM OUT AND EMAIL IT BACK IN.

There are also many requests for mission teams to serve in the Appalachian region throughout the year! This may include VBS, Sports Camps, Construction, etc. Please contact Mark Abernathy at mabernathy@ncbaptist.org or by calling 919-459-5607 or go to our website at www.baptistsonmission.org (Mission Projects/United States/Appalachian Coalfields)



ACO Processing Day at Red Springs and Shelby is a tiring, but very rewarding experience! Thanks to all who helped!



Red Bud Baptist Church in Castalia NC was one of hundreds of North Carolina churches who collected and filled over 18,600 Christmas backpacks in 2021.



Smiling faces say it all. Won't you and your church help us reach our statewide goal of 19,000 Appalachian Christmas Outreach backpacks in 2022?

The Volunteer Mission House in PENNSYLVANIA

One of the biggest challenges national mission teams face is answering the question, “Where are we going to stay?” While most teams are flexible enough and more than willing to sleep on the floor of the host church, it is nice to have a real bed to sleep in after a long day of mission work! Teams serving in Baptists on Mission’s partner state of Pennsylvania have the wonderful opportunity of reserving space at the Volunteer Mission House in Harrisburg. The house is owned and operated by the Baptist Recourse Network of Pennsylvania/South Jersey. It plays a key part in mission work in the Northeastern part of our nation. The house provides strategic lodging for missionaries, pastors, and mission teams serving in Pennsylvania. It also is a convenient halfway stopover for teams traveling to – or returning from – our partner area of New England.

Baptist on Mission On-Site Coordinators Dewey and Kathie Aiken have led multiple teams to renovate the mission house. This has become a labor of love for them. “The work has been hard, but very rewarding, especially since it serves as such an important ministry tool,” says Dewey Aiken. The house, constructed in the early 1960s, was certainly functional for mission teams before its renovation. Now, it is also really nice. Dewey adds, “It’s like going from a Motel 6 to a Hampton Inn”. The Mission House includes four bedrooms and two baths upstairs, two bedrooms, a full kitchen and dining room, a living room, a large gathering room on the main floor, two bedrooms, a bunk room, and two bathrooms downstairs. In all, it has bed space for twenty-six people. Every aspect of the house, inside and out, has either been renovated or is slated for it. Andy Weber, Director of Finance and Operations for the BRN, is delighted with the excellent work that has been accomplished by the mission teams. “We are so appreciative of the North Carolina/Pennsylvania partnership! Your teams have been great to work with and have been so helpful to our churches and us”.

The renovation of the Mission House is just one of many requests submitted to Baptists on Mission by Pennsylvania leaders every year. Evangelism, outreach events, children’s ministry, and construction needs all can be found on the projects list. Each one of these requests represent church planting couples, pastors, and congregations who are asking for help in reaching their lost communities for Christ. If you and your church have been involved in furthering God’s kingdom in Pennsylvania – thank you! If you have not had opportunity to do so, please pray about how God might use you and your congregation? Find out more on our website www.baptistsonmission.org [Mission Projects/United States/Pennsylvania].

Pennsylvania Partnership Requests for 2022 are in, and ready for your response! Please call 919-459-5607 or e-mail mabernathy@ncbaptist.org to receive a projects list or secure a project for your church. You can also go to our website at www.baptistsonmission.org (Mission Projects/United States/Pennsylvania).



Dewey Aiken says that that, while always functional, the Mission House has gone from “Motel 6 to Hampton Inn” in the past few years!



Volunteer team members add tender loving care to the facelift of the Pennsylvania Mission House, which serves as a great ministry tool in Central Pennsylvania.



Meticulous work by mission team members has gone into almost every foot of the Pennsylvania Mission House in Harrisburg – inside and out.

Teams Serving Again in NEW ENGLAND

COVID-19 reduced the number of mission teams serving in New England to only a handful in 2020. However, a nice rebound occurred in 2021. North Carolina congregations sent teams to conduct Vacation Bible Schools, Sports Camps, Women's Retreats, and various construction and renovation projects. More of the same is on-tap for 2022.

The New England region of our country is richly blessed with natural beauty – from rugged coastline to mountain vistas. Tiny hamlets, rural farms, and quaint fishing villages give New England charm. Maple syrup, luscious lobster, and vibrant fall foliage make the New England experience memorable. Comprised of Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Maine, the region has a population of over 14 million people. Most New Englanders are hardy people who enjoy the outdoors and are passionate about their sports teams.

The majority of New Englanders, though, are spiritually lost. Less than 3% of the population attends an evangelical church on any given weekend. At least 1,000 towns and villages in New England have no evangelical presence of any kind. All six New England states consistently appear in Gallup's top 12 list of the "least religious states." Despite these bleak statistics, God is at work in New England. People are being discipled and new churches are being planted. God has opened the door for North Carolina Baptists to play a part. Check out what He is doing and pray about you and your church joining in!

North Carolina mission teams have seen God do incredible things in New England over the years. New Englanders are proud of their history and like to see old church buildings get a new facelift in their towns. Doors of inquiry are opened through the service of construction/renovation teams. Park parties and sports camps are good ways for congregations to reach out to their communities. These gatherings, led by mission teams, allow local pastors and church planters to mingle and meet new folk. Teams in Maine participate in "retail evangelism," reaching out to local shop owners and employees. Shop-to-shop visitation with gift bags open the door to prayer, witnessing, and inviting people to the local gathering of believers.

Thank you to those North Carolina churches who have contributed to Kingdom work in Vermont! We need you and your church to serve here, in Maine, New Hampshire, and the Greater Boston area in 2022!

New England Partnership Requests for 2022 are in and ready for your response! Please call 919-459-5607 or e-mail mabernathy@ncbaptist.org to receive a projects list or secure a project for your church. You can find information on our website at www.baptistsonmission.org (Mission Projects/United States/New England).



Teams make great contributions to the upkeep of New England church buildings. People here are proud of their history and like to see old buildings in their towns get a new facelift. Doors of inquiry are opened through the teams' service.



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ROCKY MOUNTAIN Back to the Mountains!

In the Covid-19 year of 2020, the Rocky Mountain Work & Witness ministry provided one of the lone bright spots for national missions involvement. Eleven construction teams braved the pandemic despite a July start one month later than usual. They traveled to Thompson Falls, Montana, to assist Rev. Jeff Phillips and the congregation in constructing a beautiful and much-needed new sanctuary. That strategic facility has already been a blessing to the small mountain town and surrounding area. In 2021, BOM teams once again made the trek to Montana. This time, St. Regis, another small mountain town. Those teams assisted New Day Fellowship in St. Regis, Montana, building a two thousand square foot parsonage. The congregation is one of few evangelical churches along the I-90 corridor between Missoula and the Idaho border. Housing in the area is both sparse and very expensive, making it difficult for the congregation to offer a pastor a living wage. However, the building of this parsonage shows the community that this growing church is committed and here to stay. Pastor Morris Hill is delighted with the work Baptists on Mission teams did in constructing this beautiful home.

Another place near and dear to North Carolina Baptists' hearts is Mountaintop Baptist Assembly in Casper, Wyoming. Unfortunately, like most Baptist camps across the nation, 2020 saw a suspension of summer activities due to COVID. It almost broke camp director Lynda Roark's heart to call the BOM office and cancel the teams who were scheduled to come. But, that is all in the past now! Once again, Baptists on Mission provided all the cook teams needed for each camp week during the summer of 2021. The work is hard, the days are long, but the blessings are plentiful. That is why we see many teams repeat year after year. However, there is usually an opening for "new blood" each year. We'd love to see you and your team take up this rewarding task in 2022!

Finally, New Mexico has been a steady partner in utilizing mission volunteers over the years. Inlow Baptist Camp underwent a recent leadership change – thankfully, COVID shut down its operations in the same year. In 2022 we will need a full slate of cook and maintenance teams to serve at this lovely, remote camp in the Monzono mountains of Central New Mexico. Teams will enjoy playing an integral part of camp life, their efforts making it financially possible for hundreds of children and youth to attend summer camp. This may be just the place God is calling you and your team! Call the BOM office if you can help.

Cook and Maintenance teams of 8-12 volunteers will be needed to serve at our partner Baptist Camps in Wyoming and New Mexico in 2022! Please call 1-800-395-5102 x 5607 or e-mail mabernathy@ncbaptist.org to receive a projects list or secure a project for your church. You can also go to our website at www.baptistsonmission.org (Mission Projects/United States/Rocky Mountain).



Cook and maintenance teams will also be needed at the Inlow Baptist camp in New Mexico in 2022. Let Baptists on Mission know if you can put a team together to serve!



Church members from the Eastern Baptist Association were among eleven teams who served in St. Regis, Montana constructing a much needed new parsonage for the New Day Fellowship.



In 2021, smiling North Carolina faces once again greeted campers at the Mountaintop Baptist Assembly in Casper! You and your team can be a part of this blessing in 2022!

Mission Activity Picking Up in ALASKA

Eleven mission teams served in Alaska in the summer of 2021. From Wasilla to Kenai, the teams did a variety of projects. For example, a talented team of students and adults from Pitts Baptist in Concord spent a week in Wasilla, ministering in local parks. Their outreach included puppet shows, innovative skits that powerfully conveyed the Gospel message, and other activities for local children. They served in one park in the morning and then shifted locations for afternoon activities. The group of high school seniors had prepared all year for the time of service, and it showed. Church leaders Robbie Jones and Kevin Knight were aided by parents to make a very effective team. Each day, while the team was ministering to children in the parks, their host pastor was “making the rounds.” He was talking with parents and adults about their church’s ministry, praying with them, and making contacts.

South Oak Ridge Baptist in Yadkinville, NC, led by pastor Chris Hauser, took a team of 60 volunteers to serve in Kenai, Alaska. The multi-generational team conducted a Vacation Bible School for the week, seeing many neighborhood children attend. The Gospel was shared in many creative ways. Others on the team completely renovated a house owned by the church. Formerly the parsonage, this house will be used for emergency women’s housing ministry. Upon first seeing the project on Sunday after church, some expressed doubt that the project could be completed because of the vast scope of work to be done. However, God had other plans! The team worked hard all week, and by Friday, the house was truly transformed!

Both teams were a blessing to the communities they served, and both were blessed by the connections they made and by the realization that God had used them in mighty ways! Other teams served similarly during the summer.

Known as the Last Frontier, our 49th state is alive with adventure - rough, rugged, and beautiful. Alaska is populated by hardy, independent folk. The opportunity for sharing Christ and furthering His Kingdom in Alaska is wide open. Unfortunately, the majority of Alaskan Baptist congregations are small in number. Many are located in isolated areas. Things we take for granted in our churches are simply not available to many of them. Our participation in missions in Alaska provides needed resources, leadership, and possibly most importantly, - encouragement. Be in prayer about this exciting Partnership and your involvement in it next summer!

Project requests for 2022 mission teams are now available. To receive a list of projects or to learn more about how your church can participate in Alaska, please contact Mark Abernathy at mabernathy@ncbaptist.org or by calling 919-459-5607 or go to our website at www.baptistsonmission.org (Mission Projects/United States/Alaska)



Students from Pitts Baptist in Concord convey the Gospel through performance of a powerful skit in a local park.



Pitts Baptist team conducts an evangelistic puppet show in a local park in Wasilla, Alaska.



A team from South Oak Ridge in Yadkin, NC totally renovated a parsonage in Kenai, Alaska.

NC State Projects - Construction Skills Training

“I wish that I could help, but I wouldn’t even know where to start.” That story doesn’t have to be your story. Construction Skills Training offers hands-on training designed for those with limited construction experience. Hanging and finishing drywall, laying the laminate flooring, framing a wall, or building a wheelchair ramp are some of the things you can learn at Construction Skills Training. These skills will make you more comfortable helping at one of our Rebuild Centers, building a wheelchair ramp in your community, working at the Red Springs or Shelby Mission Camps, doing an Operation Inasmuch Project, or on a construction mission trip. When you are more familiar with some of the specific skills needed on a construction site, new doors for service will open for you and your church.

Bring your family, youth group, church, or a group of friends to learn the basics. Many homes flooded by Hurricane Florence still need new drywall and flooring. You can help them return home! Every year we have projects in the Appalachian Coal Fields, Rocky Mountains, and throughout NC to use your new skills.

You will also learn about opportunities and locations to practice your new skills while impacting a community for Christ.

March 12 and September 10, 2022

Red Springs Mission Camp

April 2, 2022, and September 24, 2022

New Bern Rebuild Center

April 23 and October 15, 2022

Shelby Mission Camp

April 30 and October 8, 2022

Charity Rebuild Center

\$10 for Saturday training only

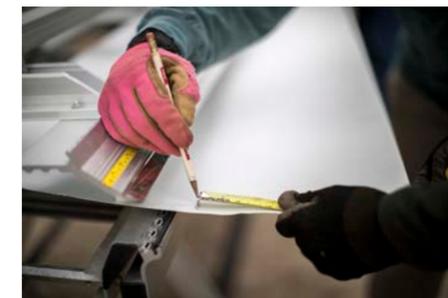
\$21 for Friday overnight and Saturday training

Register: baptistsonmission.org/training/construction-training

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Operation Inasmuch

Moving Out of Our Seats and into the Streets

Pinetops Baptist Church had 107 people doing what they love to do on May 15, 2021: cooking, delivering meals, yard work, sewing, prayer walking, distributing water, Bibles, and pamphlets during Operation Inasmuch. Forty-seven projects designed to show the love of Christ in a rural community.

Co-coordinator, Robin Farmer stated, "With all of the barriers due to COVID, people could've easily said, 'I can't help,' but they didn't. It was so exciting to see how many people were willing to "get out of their seats and into the streets" to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Saturday morning was very moving as the fellowship hall filled with people of all ages who were excited and eager to work for Jesus. The church was buzzing with excitement, it was wonderful!

During the day, individuals had the opportunity to pray with business owners and individuals about jobs, relationships, safety, and health. A soon to be mom cradled her hands over the baby growing inside her as we prayed for a safe delivery and that God raise up the child to be a mighty man of faith. One man answered questions about scripture that another struggled to understand. A 95-year-old woman was so thankful for the yard work completed at her home."

Corby Bunting, Co-coordinator said, "One of the greatest blessings was seeing children and adults working together throughout the day. Children and teenagers participated in many projects as well as, baking cookies for police officers, and delivering lunch to the homebound and first responders. They also worked on putting together care bags for chemo patients and items for an 'art cart' for the Vidant Edgecombe Cancer Center. The children and teenagers even had their own time of guided prayer for our community."

Brenda Boberg

- Work together to help the poor and the rich, those involved in churches and those who have no church home, and people of all ages.
- Set aside April 30, May 7, or choose a date that fits your church schedule.
- Contact Paul Langston to have a workshop in your area to help you plan an Operation Inasmuch Blitz Day.

Please register your church at www.baptistsonmission.org/ncoiam.

In one day:

Plant a garden	Build a wheelchair ramp	Lead a Bible Club
Give caregivers a break	Cook and deliver cookies	Landscape a yard
Assemble hygiene kits	Play basketball with children	Free oil changes
Free car washes	Laundromat ministry	Smoke alarm check

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**TRULY, I SAY TO YOU,
INASMUCH
AS YOU DID IT TO ONE OF THE
LEAST OF THESE
MY BRETHREN, YOU DID IT
TO ME.
MATTHEW 25:40**



Red Springs Mission Camp

Shelby Mission Camp

PRAYER SUPPORT

“God Is To Be Experienced”

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

We are deeply humbled that God has opened this door of ministry to us through the Baptist On Mission; to join Him in a much larger territory than ever before.

We come with excitement and anticipation as we know “the power of prayer” in our own lives, in the church and in the Eastern Baptist Association in which we serve our Lord. Yet, we also come to this task in fear and trembling as we know, “when much is given, much is required.”

What can we say about prayer that has not already been wonderfully and powerfully told by so many devoted saints? Some such as Andrew Murray and E. M. Bounds have inspired and encouraged us to be more devoted to prayer. And no one has made it more evident than Jesus himself, “prayer must be experienced!” We must discipline ourselves to be men and women of prayer.

We have learned that the place of prayer is where the battles are won! In the place of prayer, the will of God and the power of God are put in motion. We then come out of the prayer closet and walk in the victory our Lord and Savior has already won!

As we look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, as well as our example to follow, we see Jesus was devoted to prayer! As His disciples followed Him for over 3 years and of all the miracles they saw Him do, they came to Him one day not to ask Him to teach them how to do miracles or drive out demons, but they came to Him and asked, “Lord, teach us to pray.”

Jesus told us that He only spoke what He heard the Father say, that He only does the things that He sees the Father doing. (Matthew 5:19)

It is in “the place of prayer” where one experiences the Presence of God; this is the place of “awe and wonder” as one experiences the Holy Spirit within themselves to help them pray as they ought to pray.

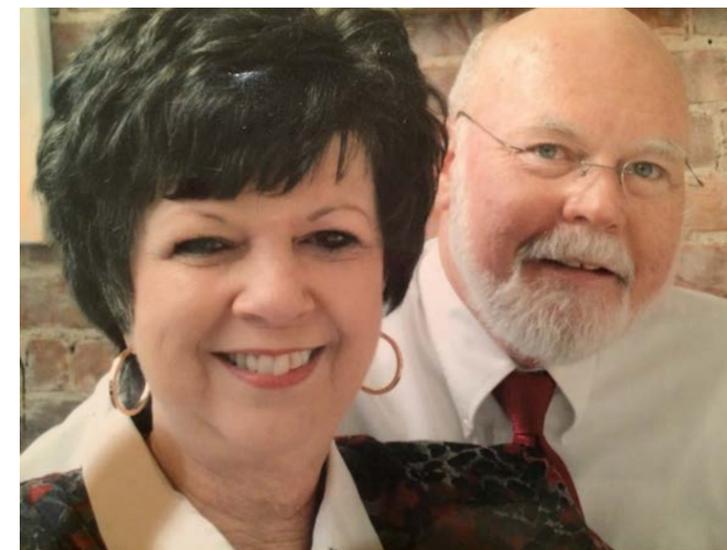
Romans 8:26-27 “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”

As you read these words, know that we are praying for you, for all the saints, for this mission He has called us to!

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Student Mobilization
Options to Serve Your Student Ministry

Every summer, DI seeks to offer gospel-centered, missions-focused, life-impacting camps to student ministries from all over NC and even outside of our state. Although the recent pandemic caused many adjustments and changes for our teams, the summer of 2021 was filled with opportunities for Christ to be made known to every student and through every student. This is why our ministry exists.

Our camps are held throughout North Carolina. In 2022, we are excited to be in Boone, Morehead City, Hendersonville, Manteo, Red Springs, Rose Hill, and Shelby! These weeks are geared towards groups that are looking for a camp experience with a missions focus.

We also offer what we are calling City Serve weeks. These weeks will be held in Philadelphia and Atlanta in 2022. These weeks are set up to be mission drips in urban centers. We work with partners in these cities and their metro areas to reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Finally, we are excited to be traveling outside of the mainland United States again next summer. We've got mission trips planned in Honduras and Puerto Rico. The prices on these weeks even include airfare.

In all of these weeks, our goal is to serve the local church and the mission God has given them to reach their neighborhoods for Jesus. We believe in the primary importance of the local church. It is always our honor to serve churches who may just need some assistance to get ministries off the ground or who need some extra helping hands. When we serve in the community, we hope to partner with churches so that they can follow up with those we've served.

We also staff college students who help run our camps each summer. The application process is still open for 2022. Even when those positions are filled, we hope that you and your college students will pray about how God would use you to serve in a future summer. The application for 2023 will be open soon!

We'd love to serve your group next summer, and we'd love to serve your church. You can learn more on our website. So reach out to us, and explore your options for a gospel-centered, missions-focused, life-impacting camp.

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Theme & Scripture for 2022:

Matthew 28:6 (CSB)
He is not here. For he has risen, just as he said.
Come and see the place where he lay.

Location	Date	Cost
Red Springs Half	June 12 - 15	\$135
Shelby Half	June 16 - 19	\$135
Hendersonville	June 20 - 25	\$275
Morehead City	June 27- July 2	\$240
Caswell	July 3 - 9	\$375+
Red Springs	July 11 - 16	\$250
OBX	July 18 - 23	\$240
Boone	July 25 - 30	\$240
Dulpin Half	July 31 - August 3	\$135
Red Springs Half	August 3 - 6	\$135

Location	Date	Cost
Philadelphia, PA	June 26 - July 2	\$375
Atlanta, GA	July 10 - 16	\$325
Honduras	June 18 - 25	\$1,800
Puerto Rico	July 23 - 30	\$1,200
Puerto Rico	July 30 - August 6	\$1,200

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS

What are you doing next summer?

Check out:

DeepImpact.bscnc.org

Apply online to serve on the Deep Impact Missions or DI Kids Missions Teams



Also available:

VT22-012 -- Summer Ministry Worker – Chelsea, VT

Service involves reaching out to students in the community. Congregation works to strengthen their connection with middle and high school students and their families, and wants to continue into the summer months. Individual must be at least 20 years old and called to ministry/missions. Helpful skills might include: Musical and preaching/teaching skills. Will have on-site supervision. Individual will have access to van and travel with pastor and wife. Housing is available with pastor and wife. Church will provide meals.

Note: Individuals working with children and youth will be responsible for conducting professional background checks on all members over the age of 18. They will be sent information from BOM concerning options for this.

Length of assignment: Two Months

Preferred Dates: June 19-August 8, 2022

Costs: Travel to VT



January 2023

When: January 3-5, 2022

- Inspiring and challenging missions' messages
- Worship, praise and inspiration times
- Disaster Relief Training
- Mission Projects
- Small Group Discussion & Activities

Register online@

BaptistsOnMission.org/collegemissions

For More Information Contact:

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2022 Men's Outdoor Weekend

After a painful two-year absence due to COVID-19, we are pleased to ask all men to join us April 29-30, 2022, for the return of the Men's Outdoor Weekend. The event, held at Camp Caraway in Ashboro, provides men a fun outdoor experience that will challenge them to walk closer with Christ. The weekend will begin with a time of worship on Friday night, followed by fellowship around the campfire. Saturday morning features demonstrations on a variety of shooting activities. Saturday afternoon includes competition in skeet, archery, tomahawk throw, pistol shoot, and rifles. Information will also be shared on how your church might begin an outdoor ministry to the men in your area. The cost of the weekend is \$90 per person. See our Men's Ministry webpage for a promotional video on this event!



Our Men's Outdoor Weekend will be held at Camp Caraway April 29-30, 2022. Register early and come join the fun!



Bring your men to BOM's Men's Outdoor Weekend for a time of worship, fun, and fellowship!

Men's Worship Rallies To Be Held Throughout State in November 2022

Men's Ministry Rallies will be held in five locations throughout the state in November 2022. These rallies feature a good meal, great fellowship, worship, a spiritual challenge for men, missions information, and prayer time. The purpose of the rallies is three-fold – 1) to worship and fellowship together as men, 2) to share information on mission opportunities, and 3) to provide inspiration and a model for strengthening the ministry to men in your church. All men and their pastors are invited to attend the rally closest to them. Rally dates are as follows: Region 2 Thursday, November 10; Region 4 Monday, November 14; Region 6 Thursday, November 17; Region 8 Monday, November 21; and Region 10 Tuesday, November 29. (Specific rally sites will be listed on our website). Registration is \$5 per person, which will go toward covering the cost of the meal.



Men's Worship Rallies provide a time of meaning worship for men, and introduce new men's ministry resources that local church men's groups can utilize.

Men's Ministry Training Available

The Baptists on Mission Men's Ministry Advisory Team provides men's ministry training for the local church and/or the Baptist Association. Training helps churches develop an intentional strategy for reaching and discipling men. Included is a discussion on reaching men spiritually, developing leadership among men, engaging men in the ministry of the church, and involving men in missions. We will also talk about what resources are available for men's ministry, including small group ministry. If you would like help in training and preparing the men of your church or association,



Men's Worship Rallies will be held in November of 2022 in Regions 2, 4, 6, 8, 10. This will be a time of food, fellowship, and worship for men. See our website for specific dates and meeting sites.

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A blue graphic for World Missions Week 2022. It features a central globe with two yellow arrows crossing over it. Above the arrows are icons for binoculars, an open book, and a sun over waves. The text 'WORLD MISSIONS WEEK July 4-9, 2022' is on the left and 'DEEP IMPACT July 3-9, 2022' is on the right. The main title 'Come & See' is in a large, yellow, cursive font, with 'WORLD MISSIONS WEEK 2022' and 'Fort Caswell, NC / July 4-9, 2022' in white below it.



SPEAKER / Tom Richter

Tom Richter is the pastor of Cullman First Baptist Church, located between Birmingham and Huntsville, Alabama. Before serving at Cullman, Tom was a pastor at New Hope Christian Church in the New York City borough of Queens. Tom grew up in Murray, Kentucky, where he felt the call to preach at a young age. He attended Murray State University, where he received a degree in English literature, and later earned his master of divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. Tom and his wife, Jackie, have three children.



MUSICAL WORSHIP / Rush of Fools

Rush of Fools formed in 2005 as a simple worship band. What started as a hobby expanded into a long term mission and calling, which led to their first album in 2007. The next few years brought many difficulties for the group, both personally and professionally. But through it all, they learned to trust more in God's sovereignty. During that difficult period, they began writing songs that reflected their journey. Now, in the new season they are in, they have a renewed outlook, and their trust in God empowers and encourages them to press on.



DI Kids 2022

- Red Springs (weekend) May 13–15 \$115
- Shelby (mini week) June 12–15 \$135
- Hendersonville (mini week) June 16–19 \$200
- Red Springs June 27–July 1 \$210
- Truett (mini week) July 4–7 \$190
- Red Springs (mini week) July 17–20 \$135
- Blowing Rock (mini week) July 31–Aug. 3 \$190
- Mundo Vista (weekend) Sept. 16–18 \$145
- Duplin (weekend) Oct. 21–23

REGISTER NOW <https://baptistsonmission.org/dikids>



The best thing about children’s ministry is seeing things “CLICK.” You know that moment when you see head and heart connect, and eyes light up, and you know they will never forget this moment. Because they haven’t just heard a message, but they have experienced the work of God.

Many miracle moments take place at DI kids because they put their hands and feet to work along with their hearts and minds and experience God fully! This past summer, a group of kids at the Charity rebuild center had an opportunity to witness a miracle. They were told to pray, that prayer works. What they saw were empty shelves. So they prayed for food to come and fill the shelves. As adults, we often pray for things without considering what we believe about what that prayer will do. These kids were told that prayer works, so they prayed. The next day, a check was there to get what was needed to fill the shelves. Then they were told that lives could be changed if they shared the gospel and prayed for people. You know they actually believed it! And a young girl learned to tell the gospel story through a chalk drawing and prayed for God to show up. This girl led another child to Jesus that week.

As we enter into this new season of ministry, let’s go in expecting miracles. God at work in the world is already a miracle. But that fact that he wants to include us in those miracles should blow our minds! What if we could get our kids to unplug from the wall and engage in what God is doing in the world? We could see things “click” with them as well. They might be able to recite Bible stories all day...but when they engage with God in the world, it will ignite their heart for Him forever.

Baptists on Mission has continued to provide wonderful and safe opportunities for kids to engage body, mind, and soul in God’s mission. Children’s missions education programs like Deep Impact Kids are designed to encourage kids and families to get involved in missions, to serve in their community, and walk with Jesus daily.

I hope to see your group at DI Kids sometime this year. ...we want you to know the miracle that is coming!

Check out baptistsonmission.com to find more opportunities for children’s missions education.

Contact

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THE RACE IS ON

After a long season of waiting due to the pandemic amidst us, the 2022 RA Race is on!! So rev up your engines and get your teams involved in building their own personal racecar... then come to Salisbury on April 2, 2022, to compete with other church racers! Plan your church-wide race early and get those racers registered (please refer to the NEW GUIDELINES). For all the details and guidelines, check out our website at <https://baptistsonmission.org/programs/royal-ambassadors> or contact James Byerly at raracedaync@ncbaptist.org.



DI Kids Family Mission Event

According to Dr. James Dobson, “American parents are intentional about many aspects of their children’s lives; education, athletics, the arts. Yet, how intentional are we about our children’s spiritual lives outside of Sunday school and an occasional prayer time?”

Join us for an overnight FAMILY Mission experience at one of our locations. Come as a family to serve together as a family (ages 5 and up.) Lodging and 3 meals (and snacks) included in the cost. There will be a time of worship together as a family, mission projects for your family, breakout sessions, games, and activities. We are collaborating with Family Foundations and Family Evangelism and Discipleship to make this a well-rounded experience for the entire family!

<https://baptistsonmission.org/programs/children-missions-education> or contact Dollie Noa at dnoa@ncbaptist.org or Melanie Crawford at mcrawford@ncbaptist.org to register your family.

March 11-12, 2022 – Shelby Mission Camp

September 9-10, 2022 – Charity Rebuild Center

October 7-8, 2022 - Red Springs Mission Camp

COST: \$50 (13+) \$25 (5-12 years) – covers lodging, 3 meals, snacks, & insurance)



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