

# BAPTISTS ON MISSION



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**Mission Statement**

The goal of Baptists on Mission is to help NC churches involve their members in missions.

## A Message from Our Executive Director



### Digging Deeper into Our Mission

Baptists on Mission exist to Glorify God by involving churches and Christians in meeting human needs in Jesus’ Name. Let’s dig deeper into how we do this. There are five strategies or pillars that help us accomplish this mission:

- 1) **Local, State, National and International Projects** - Serve NC Projects, BOM resources include Food Boxes, Ag Missions, Compassion Ministry, Baptist Educators, Baptist Builders, etc. On the state level, we have Mission Camps and Rebuild Centers across our state. Nationally, we have partnerships in the Appalachian Coalfields, New England, Pennsylvania, Alaska, Rocky Mountain Region and Hawaii. Internationally, we have partnerships in Armenia, Guatemala, Haiti, Cuba, South Africa, Kenya, Hungary, Romania, Ukraine and Moldova.
- 2) **Missions Camps/ Rebuild Centers** - We have Mission Camps in Shelby, Red Springs, and Rose Hill, and Rebuild Centers in New Bern, Lumberton and Canton.
- 3) **The Dental and Health Screening Ministry** - You have two mobile dental units and one health screening unit used across our state to glorify God and meet human needs in Jesus’ name.
- 4) **Children/ Student Mobilization** - Deep Impact Kids (DI Kids) and Deep Impact offer summer and year-round weekend camps for children and youth to experience missions.
- 5) **Disaster Relief and Recovery** - There are multiple ways for you and your church to be involved in missions through Disaster Relief and Recovery.

God has given us so many ways to glorify Him!

**Richard Brunson**  
Executive Director-Treasurer & Partnership Missions Director  
Baptists on Mission



Local, State, National and International Projects	Missions Camps/ Rebuild Centers	Dental/ Health Screening Ministry	Children/ Student Mobilization	Disaster Relief and Recovery
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## From Our President

### Expressing thanks to our amazing staff



From the front lines to the front office, Baptists on Mission have an amazing staff. Although they speak in churches, lead events, and coordinate mission trips and other activities for their respective ministry areas, they often operate quietly, behind the scenes. You won’t see their pictures or hear their voices much, but they are a dedicated group of individuals who engage numerous N.C. churches in missions locally, nationally and globally.

I’ve had the privilege of seeing them in action on the mission field, in our communities and in their offices, and I can see they are humble to the core and seek to glorify God in all they do. In fact, that’s at the heart of their mission statement which reads, “Baptists on Mission exists to glorify God by involving churches and Christians in meeting human needs in Jesus’ Name.”

I’ve witnessed them live out this statement by showing and sharing the love of Jesus in word and deed by engaging groups of smiling children in a remote village, by consoling a hurting homeowner who’s lost everything to a natural disaster or by meeting tangible needs.

The kingdom work that’s carried out by thousands of Baptists on Mission volunteers would not be possible without the faithful service and sacrifice of the staff that’s based in Cary and other strategic locations. That’s why I want to offer a public “Thank you” to the wonderful and godly men and women who make up the staff of Baptists on Mission.

This happens under the leadership of Richard Brunson, who has served with Baptists on Mission for 41 years, 33 as executive director. Richard’s staff personifies his compassion for those in need and they take to heart his often-heard words: every Christian is called, gifted, sent and to God be the glory.

Longevity is important in any organization, and it’s truly evident among the Baptists on Mission staff. Check out these amazing numbers.

- Currently 30 employees with a combined 314 years of service.
- Three people who’ve served 40+ years.
- Two people who’ve served 20+ years.
- Seven people who’ve served 10+ years.
- Eight people who’ve served 5+ years.
- Ten people who’ve served less than 5 years
- Six decades of ministry going back to 1971.

In the following pages, you can read updates and testimonies from the ministries that are led and directed by this wonderful group of servants. When you read the stories about meeting health needs through the mobile dental and health screening units, or what’s taking place at our mission camps or rebuild centers, or how God is working through our missions partnership and other vital ministry areas, know that the Baptists on Mission staff is quietly and passionately involved.

We are thankful and grateful for the staff God is using to reach people for Christ and encourage others to do the same. Please join me in expressing a heartfelt “Thank you” to them for all they do and being “On Mission Together.”

See you on the mission field.

Steve Couch

# Event Dates



## 2023

### AUGUST

- 18-19 BOM Board of Directors Meeting, Caraway
- 19 BOM Advisory Council & Board, Caraway
- 21 Regions 2, 8, 10 Mission Rallies
- 22 Regions 1, 4, 6, 9 Mission Rallies
- 24 Regions 3, 5, 7 Mission Rallies

### SEPTEMBER

- 1-30 NC Missions Offering Month
- 8-9 Family Missions Weekend, Charity
- 15-16 Igniting the Hearts of Men Conference
- 16 Construction Skills Training, Charity
- 22-24 Deep Impact KIDS Weekend, Shelby

### OCTOBER

- 7 Construction Skills Training, Shelby
- 13-14 Family Missions Weekend, Shelby
- 20-22 Deep Impact Fall Weekend, Duplin
- 28 Construction Skills Training, Red Springs

### NOVEMBER

- 4 Marriage Conference, Pleasant Garden
- 9 Region 1 Men's Worship Rally
- 14 Region 3 Men's Worship Rally
- 16 Region 5 Men's Worship Rally
- 20 Region 7 Men's Worship Rally
- 28 Region 9 Men's Worship Rally

## 2024

### JANUARY

- 19 - 20 BOM Board of Directors Meeting - Caraway
- 20 BOM Annual Business Meeting - Caraway

### FEBRUARY

- 20 Region 1, 6, 4 Rallies
- 22 Region 2, 5, 8, 10 Rallies
- 24 DR Training - Jacksonville
- 26 Region 3, 7, 9 Rallies

### MARCH

- 9 DR Training - Raleigh
- 23 DR Training - Huntersville

### APRIL

- 5 - 6 Baptists Missions Conference, Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte
- 20 DR Training - Forest City

### MAY

- 3-4 Men's Outdoor Weekend
- 4 DR Training - Dillsboro
- 18 - 19 Deep Impact KIDS - Red Springs Mission Camp

### JUNE

- 10 - 13 Deep Impact HALF - Shelby Mission Camp
- 10 - 14 Deep Impact KIDS - Hendersonville, NC
- 10 - 15 Deep Impact - Shelby Mission Camp
- 17 - 21 Deep Impact KIDS - Shelby Mission Camp
- 17 - 22 Deep Impact - Hendersonville
- 23 - 26 Deep Impact KIDS Mini - Charity Mission Center
- 24 - 29 Deep Impact - Winston Salem
- 27 - 30 Deep Impact KIDS Mini - Red Springs Mission Camp
- 30 - July 6 Deep Impact - Caswell

### JULY

- 1 - 6 Deep Impact KIDS - Caswell (TBD)
- 6 - 13 Deep Impact - Cuba
- 8 - 12 Deep Impact KIDS - Red Springs Mission Camp
- 8 - 13 Deep Impact - Morehead City
- 14 - 17 Deep Impact KIDS Mini - Morehead City FBC
- 15 - 20 Deep Impact - Columbia, SC
- 20 - 27 Deep Impact - Puerto Rico
- 22 - 25 Deep Impact HALF - Charity Mission Center
- 22 - 27 Deep Impact - Charity Mission Center
- 29 - Aug 1 Deep Impact KIDS Mini - Blowing Rock Conference Center

### AUGUST

- 16 - 17 BOM Board of Directors Meeting - Caraway
- 17 BOM Advisory Council & Board - Caraway
- 19 Region 1, 4, 6 Rallies
- 20 Region 2, 5, 8, 10 Rallies
- 22 Region 3, 7, 9 Rallies

### SEPTEMBER

- 1-30 NC Missions Offering Month
- 20-22 Deep Impact KIDS Weekend, Shelby

### OCTOBER

- 18 - 20 Deep Impact - Red Springs (Fall Retreat)

### NOVEMBER

- 1-2 DR Blue Hat Training - Shelby
- 7 Men's Worship Rally - Region 2
- 12 Men's Worship Rally - Region 4
- 14 Men's Worship Rally - Region 6
- 19 Men's Worship Rally - Region 8
- 21 Men's Worship Rally - Region 10

2024 BAPTIST MISSIONS CONFERENCE

# LIVING SENT

EVERY CHRISTIAN IS A MISSIONARY



APRIL 5-6, 2024 • HICKORY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH • CHARLOTTE, NC

**Cost:** Friday w/supper - \$15 Friday & Saturday - \$20  
Friday only no meal - \$10 Friday & Saturday with Supper - \$30  
Saturday only - \$15

**Covers:** General sessions, breakout sessions, event materials and lunch on Saturday.  
Pre-registration is required. Registration Deadline: March 18, 2023

Special features include 100 different mission breakout sessions, Friday night missions opportunities supper, mission testimonies, mission fair exhibits and much more.

For registration, hotel information and additional details, visit: [www.baptistsonmission.org/MissionsConference](http://www.baptistsonmission.org/MissionsConference) or call 919-459-5596.

Main speakers include: Anne Graham Lotz, Quintell Hill, Mark Richt (former head football coach at Georgia), Shauna Pilgreen (author and missions speaker), Todd Unzicker, Tom Richter, Jeff Iorg, Alicia Jones (missionary in Hungary) and WORSHIP LEADER Laura Story.

Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you". John 20:21

# 2024 MISSIONS RALLIES

for MEN, WOMEN & YOUTH

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 2024 AUGUST REGIONAL MISSION RALLIES

Come join us for a night of mission inspiration as we experience what God is doing through NC Baptists around the world. There will be worship, testimonies, videos, and information on mission opportunities.

*Mark your calendar now* FOR THIS EXCITING EVENT FOR MEN, WOMEN, & YOUTH.

- ▶ **REGION 1**  
Tuesday, August 22  
Cashie Baptist  
221 S Queen St  
Windsor, NC 27983
- ▶ **REGION 2**  
Monday, August 21  
Kellum Baptist  
1175 Kellum Loop Road  
Jacksonville, NC 28546
- ▶ **REGION 3**  
Thursday, August 24  
Temple Baptist  
3159 Sandersosa Road  
Fayetteville NC 28312
- ▶ **REGION 4**  
Tuesday, August 22  
Bethlehem BC  
8400 Poole Road  
Knightdale, NC 27545
- ▶ **REGION 5**  
Thursday, August 24  
Gate City BC  
5350 Hilltop Road  
Jamestown, NC 27282
- ▶ **REGION 6**  
Tuesday, August 22  
New Hope BC  
11480 Hasty Road  
Laurinburg, NC 28352
- ▶ **REGION 7**  
Thursday, August 24  
Greater Vision BC  
1090 N Minton Road  
Millers Creek, NC 28651
- ▶ **REGION 8**  
Monday, August 21  
Elizabeth Baptist  
301 N Post Road  
Shelby, NC 28152
- ▶ **REGION 9**  
Tuesday, August 22  
Mud Creek Baptist  
403 Rutledge Drive  
Hendersonville, NC 28739
- ▶ **REGION 10**  
Monday, August 21  
FBC Andrews  
1606 Business Hwy 19  
Andrews, NC 28901

**REGISTRATION IS DUE ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE RALLY DATE**

Supper 5:50 PM (no charge)  
Program 6:30 – 8:30 PM

**HOW TO REGISTER:**

- [www.baptistsonmission.org/rallies](http://www.baptistsonmission.org/rallies)
- Scan the QR Code
- Melanie Crawford  
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**Information needed:**

name, email, phone number, church

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# Give the gift of

RELIEF FOR TODAY.  
HOPE FOR TOMORROW.



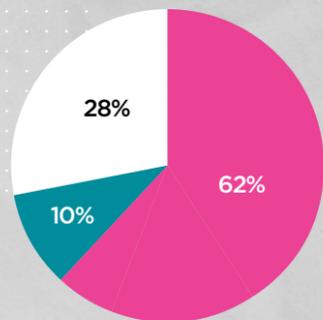
**2023 GOAL:**

**\$2.5 Million**

**Join in the week of prayer**  
for the NCMO from **AUG. 27 TO SEPT. 3**. Additional prayer points are available at [ncmissionsoffering.org/pray](http://ncmissionsoffering.org/pray).

## Pray for...

- Disaster relief volunteers with Baptists on Mission
- Church planters and church plants across North Carolina
- Physical and spiritual needs of those served through medical, dental and health screening ministries
- Mission camps in Red Springs and Shelby
- Local Baptist associations across the state
- More individuals and churches to become involved in missions
- Volunteers ministering through national and international partnerships



■ Baptists on Mission Ministries	\$1,417,500
■ Church Planting	\$710,000
■ Associational Missions	\$372,500

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**MISSION**



**Baptists on Mission Staff**

**Front Row:**  
Tracey Ford, Melanie Crawford, Teresa Jones, Lynn Tharrington, Chelsie Carpenter

**Back Row:**  
Richard Brunson, Tom Beam, K Brown, Crystal Horton, Jordan Caddell, Dollie Noa, Paul Langston, Krissy Watson, Anita Cotten, Mark Abernathy

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Aviation .....	Chris Olin, <i>Charlotte</i>
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Baptist Educators .....	Jeanette Walters, <i>Goldsboro</i>
Children's Missions.....	Sara Williams, <i>Dunn</i>
Church Renewal.....	Bob & Phyllis Foy, <i>Mooresville</i>
Compassion Ministries	Taylor & Susan Field, <i>Black Mountain</i>
Disaster Recovery .....	Mark Hinson, <i>Monroe</i>
Disaster Relief .....	Steve Reavis, <i>Elon</i>
Family Foundations .....	Mike & Hope Edwards, <i>Nashville</i>
International Projects .....	Scott & Janet Daughtry, <i>Selma</i>
Medical Dental Fellowship .....	Sheila Prevatte, <i>Salisbury</i>
Men's Ministry .....	Scott Ward, <i>Charlotte</i>
National Projects	Steve & Nellene Carter, <i>Lincolnton</i>
NC State Projects .....	Terry Barnes, <i>Lenoir</i>
Prayer Support .....	Russ & Ann Evans, <i>Kenansville</i>
Sports and Recreation Ministries .....	
Student Mobilization & College Missions .....	Tracy Salter, <i>Dillsboro</i>

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- Terry Hall, *New Bern* – 2025  
Bobby Temple, *Creedmoor* – 2024  
Brian Lockamy, *Raleigh* – 2023

# BOM Volunteer Couple of the Year Dewey and Kathie Aiken



**Our Volunteer Couple of the Year met when they were in high school.** Faith, family, and missions have been a hallmark of their lives and

partnership together since the beginning. Service in their local church and participation in short-term mission trips became a part of who they are.

Things changed for this couple while enjoying a 25th-anniversary trip through the New England region. Their eyes and hearts were opened to the tremendous spiritual need in the region. A seed was planted, and they began to earnestly pray about what God wanted them to do about it. While attending a Mission Conference in 2002, God's plan became clear. The Lord wanted them to conclude their successful careers as a purchasing manager for Duke Energy, and a registered nurse, and move to Vermont.

In 2005, Baptists on Mission began a partnership with the state of Vermont, and it was simply natural that this couple becomes the on-site

coordinators for the partnership. That began what has been an incredible blessing for North Carolina Baptists!

From 2005-2009 they served in Vermont and helped North Carolina Baptists develop a deep love for the people and the congregations there. In 2009 they felt the call to move back to Brevard, North Carolina, but to serve in the Appalachian Mountains among some of the poorest communities in our nation. Baptists on Mission started the Appalachian Coalfields Ministry, and this couple became our on-site coordinators.

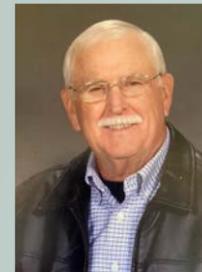
Their work today includes providing on-site coordination in the Appalachian Region (since 2009), the state of Pennsylvania (since 2017), and New England again - all three areas where Baptists on Mission enjoy National Partnerships. They encourage and pray for hundreds of pastors, church planters, and their families. They assist scores of mission teams as they serve in our Partnership areas.

This couple is widely known - and loved - for their positive attitude, their smiling disposition, their can-do spirit, and their loving hearts.

**Baptists on Mission is proud to honor Dewey and Kathie Aiken as our Volunteer Couple of the Year!**



# 2023 Heritage Award Recipient Lee Phillips



**Lee Phillips** grew up in Goldston, NC, where he graduated from Chatham Central High School in 1961. Lee is a veteran of the United States Army Reserve. He is active in his church, Tysons Creek Baptist in Bear Creek, where he has served as a deacon, taught Sunday School and participated in various mission trips. Lee and his wife, Phyllis, have two children, Tony and Jonathan, and they have three grandchildren, Brett, Brady and Landon.

Lee spent his working career in the trucking business. After high school, he started a trucking company and drove a truck for many years. He sold the trucking company in 2000 and has since been a vital part of the Baptists on Mission Mobile Dental and Health Screening Ministries. As a driver for 16 years, Lee has glorified God by meeting human needs in Jesus's name through Baptists on Mission.

Quotes from Lee to Richard Brunson when asked:

*"I'm honored that you see Christ's work in my life."*

*"The most enjoyable part of the past 16 years as a volunteer driver has been helping people. I get to see someone in great pain who cannot afford to go to a dentist, come onto the dental truck and then leave pain-free. To hear their thanks and see how appreciative they are that someone cared about them has been the most enjoyable part of his job."*

*"Working with volunteers is the second most enjoyable part of his job. Some of the best people in the world are giving themselves to help others in need."*

A slogan that Baptists on Mission has is "offering relief for today and hope for tomorrow." Lee Phillips has been doing that for many years. We are thankful for his love for God, others and his service to BOM over the years. Baptists on Mission is so proud to recognize Lee Phillips as our heritage award recipient for 2023.



# Serving With The Heart

## Pat and Greg Norris - Volunteers at Charity Mission Camp

Greg Norris hasn't let his lack of sight prevent him from serving others.

Norris and his wife, Pat, have been regular volunteers at Baptists on Mission's Charity Mission Camp since the facility opened its doors five years ago after Hurricane Florence. Located in a remodeled middle school in the Duplin County town of Rose Hill in eastern North Carolina, the mission camp is a hub for volunteers to serve the community through a variety of hands-on mission projects.

"I was talking this morning about proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ, and that's what this facility does," Pat Norris said. "It proclaims the name of Jesus Christ to the lost, to the hurting and to people in need."

On a recent weekday, the Norrises could be found helping organize and stock the mission camp's food pantry. Greg feels his way to a box of food items and places them on a nearby shelf with some instruction and guidance from Pat.

Greg, who is 65, lost vision in both eyes 24 years ago due to retinopathy, a condition that affects blood vessels in the retina which can cause vision loss. Although he lost his sight, Greg never lost this desire to serve others.

"I tell people I'm not disabled," Greg says. "I'm inconvenienced."

Since losing his sight, Greg and Pat have gone on numerous mission trips.

Greg recalls one mission trip to the Catskill Mountain region of New York state to hold Vacation Bible School at a church in a local neighborhood. The pastor organizing the trip didn't know how Greg could serve. Upon the team's arrival, they discovered the church they were serving out of was located near a nursing home.

Shortly thereafter, Greg was ministering to a group of blind ladies who were residents of the home.

“Each mission trip I go on, God has a specific reason for me to be there,” Greg says.

Now Greg and Pat serve together each week at the Charity Mission Camp in a variety of ways that include cleaning, stocking the food pantry or processing clothes and other donations to the camp’s thrift store.

“I think God just keeps putting people in our path to encourage us and to show us that, you know what, you don’t have an excuse,” says Tammy Weeks, who oversees operations of the mission camp along with her husband, Richard. “God hand picked them to be here to encourage us to continue fighting that battle. Greg serves with his heart not with his sight.”

Greg readily admits there are some things he’s not able to do because of his blindness. (Like driving or going places by himself.) But there’s still plenty that he can do.

In fact, since losing his sight Greg has earned degrees in art and business and been whitewater rafting twice. He’s been skiing, still loves to fish and plays guitar in a bluegrass gospel group.

When people say things like there’s nothing they can do as a volunteer, Greg likes to remind them of one simple truth.

“If there’s something I can do, there’s something anybody can do.”

*EDITOR’S NOTE*

For more on the Charity Mission Camp turn to page \_\_\_\_\_

Scan the QR code for a related video of Pat Norris serving at Charity Mission Camp.





# PROVIDING RELIEF AND HOPE IN VERMONT



**As they surveyed the work being done on their home,** Mark and Ali couldn't believe how fast crews had cleaned everything out. But they also knew this was a different kind of remodel.

In early July, the couple saw a lifetime of memories washed away from their historic home that dates back to 1790 in Weston, Vermont, a picturesque mountain town in the southern part of the state.

Weston was one of the areas hit hard by catastrophic flooding resulting from record rainfall that drenched the Northeast, dumping as much as

two months worth of rain in just two days in some areas.

In the early morning hours of July 11, Mark woke up to rain coming in an open window. He went downstairs to discover water making its way up their staircase. By 10 a.m., the water coming from the nearby West River receded, but it quickly rose again. When the second deluge returned even stronger at noon, Mark had to escape the house by kayak. Days later when it was safe to return, the couple started cleaning up the damage one room at a time.

"Everything was touched," Ali said. "We're gonna get through this, but everything's gone."

If they hoped to make headway in their recovery, the couple needed help in a big way. Help soon arrived when someone from North Carolina wearing a yellow shirt knocked on their door.

After that, a team of disaster relief volunteers from Baptists on Mission started tearing out water-soaked Sheetrock and insulation, while also removing items from the flooded basement. As each pile of debris was removed, the team was replacing it with hope the couple so desperately needed. The moment was emotional for the couple, particularly for Ali.





“This is my family home,” she said. “There’s a lot of emotions, a lot of memories here with my parents. My father passed away here, and it feels like this place is actually grieving. I’m trying to keep a brave face but it feels like everything’s crashing down.”

Seeing the volunteers, however, helped lift the couple up.

“It means the world to have these yellow shirts here,” Ali said. “It’s like you guys are saving us. It’s kindness, it’s a sense of community. It’s just wonderful to have people who don’t know us lend a hand, a kind word and a hug. Mark and I are looking at each other saying, ‘Wow, they want to help us.’ This is huge.”

Gifts to the N.C. Missions Offering make it possible for volunteers to offer help and hope in Jesus’ name to people like Mark and Ali by responding to natural disasters in North Carolina and other states.

As she walked through her home, Ali looked around at everything that had been cleaned out. The scene symbolized the chaos that was clearing from her and her husband’s life.

“It’s wide open and can finally breathe,” Ali said. “It feels like it’s letting go of some of what happened here.”



# The Harvest is Plentiful, But the Workers are Few

Sow with a view to righteousness, reap in accordance with kindness, and break up our fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord until He comes to rain righteousness on you.

The Bible references seeds, gardens, planting, sowing, reaping (harvesting), soil, sunshine and rain. All of this is the basis for the Agricultural Ministry, where our goal is to help Christians share the love of Jesus by becoming involved in missions that address poverty and hunger wherever they exist.

Certainly, poverty and hunger exist worldwide, but what about in your part of the world, your state, town, community, and neighbors? Please join the Agriculture Ministry team as we explore new ways that

individuals and church communities can help meet the growing need for fresh and healthy produce for families in our community.

This year we have partnered with the Shelby Mission Camp to help establish gardens at the Mission Camp and a local shelter and rehabilitation center. Individuals and church groups can come to the Mission Camp and assist in the many aspects of gardening, including planting, weeding, watering, harvesting, and preparing meals utilizing produce from the gardens. We hope that this effort will serve as a model that can be replicated at our other Camps, Rebuild Centers and churches across the state. If your church or group would be interested in exploring opportunities at these facilities

next spring, please let us know.

Gardening is a hands-on activity and at various times, like planting and harvesting, may take many sets of hands. Every garden needs a “champion,” someone with a passion for seeing it through. They don’t necessarily have to be an expert, but someone willing to step up and make things happen. Are you the one?

Fall is the time to be getting your garden ready for spring planting. If you are ready to “break up your fallow ground” and would like to learn more about how to get a garden growing in your community, please contact the Agricultural Ministry Team. We welcome the opportunity to help you seek the Lord and share His grace and mercy in your community.



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# A Day in the Life of an Angel Flight Pilot

by Bob Oglesby, BOM Air Flight Pilot since 1999



like Charlotte or Atlanta? Do I cross over mountains directly or fly a circuitous route that keeps me closer to airports should an emergency emerge? Are there restricted areas to be avoided? What are the expected winds aloft at various altitudes? Do I have sufficient fuel for each flight leg or can I refuel at my destination? All these factors affect my thought process before I file a flight plan.

and reminders that small airplanes don't have restrooms are part of our departure briefing. Just before leaving, I always like to share a short prayer asking God for our patient's healing and continued safe travel.

Flying with our folks towards our destination, we can now enjoy the stunning landscape that unfolds before us. I never cease to be amazed at the beauty God has laid out before us that can only be fully appreciated from the air.

All too soon, we are ready to land at our destination. Once on the ground and depending on the circumstances, I ensure our passengers have transportation to get home to their hospital or that their connecting pilot has arrived and is prepared to take them to their next stop. After goodbyes and best wishes, my copilot and I return home. Our returning conversation often centers around warm thoughts of our patients, the mission, and how God has blessed me with good health, financial resources, aviation skills, and opportunities to serve Him by helping others get from “Home to Hope.”

What is involved in planning and conducting an Angel Flight using a small general aviation aircraft? My first step is choosing and being accepted for a particular mission. I check Angel Flight postings of needed flights and select one that meets my schedule and my aircraft's range and weight limitations.

Once assigned a mission, I contact the patient to assess their flying experience and address concerns or questions about our flight. Some missions are a single direct flight while others involve two or three planes to get patients to distant locations. These coordinating pilots are also contacted. Another call is made to secure my flight's copilot or mission assistant.

Next, I plan our route. Do I have to circumnavigate large busy airspaces

On the day of the flight with all preparations made, I first check the weather forecast and check NOTAMS (Notices of airport closures, flight restrictions, etc.). I do a complete aircraft walk-around inspection. After receiving my clearance to fly my planned route from air traffic control, we launched and are now on the way to pick up our passengers.

Upon landing and taxing to the terminal, I now have the opportunity to meet our passengers, often for the first time. Now, I need to ensure they are comfortable with me and our upcoming flight. A bit of small talk, waivers signed and emailed to Angel Flight,



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# Nine Months: Pray, Go, Serve

## Adopt a school near your church and serve on a local mission field!

Summer comes and goes, and it's Fall before we know it. With that said, let's look ahead to adopting a school for the coming year. Just nine months, how easy can it be!!!

Here are a few tips to help you take that step for the nine months of school.

- Pray for faculty and staff and students
- Pray for parents to teach and care in a Godly manner
- Pray God will protect all who go and come into the school building all year
- Serve a meal, (breakfast or lunch) at the beginning and or end of the year for staff
- Serve snacks, and refreshments at field day events, run the concession stand at ball games
- Volunteer to chaperon field trips (it's fun with little people especially)
- Drop off goody bags for teachers during the year (hint: 2nd week of May is teacher appreciation week) Ex. Gift cards, candy, sticky notes, tissue, pens, markers, etc.
- Write notes of encouragement to a teacher/s, bus drivers/principal



FBC Buies Creek Missions group honored teachers at the elementary school with breakfast casseroles, Bojangles biscuits and goody bags for teacher appreciation week. Also, a local Pizza restaurant donated 45 gift cards to be given to teachers by the church group.

Thank you churches and groups who are already doing this and so much more. God bless you in praying, going and serving in these mission fields during the nine months of school.

Please send me news of what is going on where you are. I would love to hear from some of you and feature your ministry in upcoming publications.



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# New Church Renewal Journey (CRJ) Partnership Is Being Created with North Carolina and Illinois

We are working with Nate Adams, Executive Director of the Illinois State Baptist Association and Scott Foshie, the Director of the Illinois State Baptist Church Revitalization Team to create a Church Renewal Journey Partnership to strengthen and increase the number of Church Renewal Weekends in each state. We will be using the former National Church Renewal Website, [www.churchrenewal.net](http://www.churchrenewal.net) and hoping other CRJ State Coordinators will be joining us in this Partnership. North Carolina Team Members are already working with several churches in IL.

If you are interested and would like to serve as a Renewal Weekend Team Member, you can register at [www.churchrenewal.net](http://www.churchrenewal.net) by clicking on number 5.

Testimony of Equipping/Commissioning Weekend, May 5-7, 2023 by Pastor Ronnie McMillan at FBC Ronda, NC:

"We had a wonderful evaluation meeting last night! People are still testifying and praising God. We had every one of our core group to each choose a prayer partner and agree to pray for their partner daily! I also challenged the groups to list two words that dominated the entire weekend. I decided it was "LOVE" & "PRAYER" and all agreed! Everything we think, ponder and do must absolutely be bathed in prayer and motivated with love, allowing HIM to work through us! It was a wonderful fruitful Weekend! Thank you so much." (Eleven church members were commissioned to use their Spiritual Gifts and be the Image of God in doing so.)

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# Compassion Passion

## Greetings from the Baptists on Mission Compassion Ministries Team.

If you are new to knowing about this part of Baptists on Mission life, keep reading and be introduced to the fabulous ministries that you and your church are a part of. The Compassion Ministries team has been busy with ministry but also with finding out what compassion ministries are needed in the 100 counties in the state. After many contacts and phone calls, it was determined that one of the major needs in the state—in both rural and urban counties—is a way to deal with people’s addictions. People are drowning under the oppression of both illegal drugs and more insidious prescription drugs. A pastor once said, “The devil doesn’t care how he gets you, just so he gets you.” Other areas needing compassionate help included homelessness, food insecurity human trafficking, refugees, and trauma healing, among other

crippling problems for people, both inside churches and out. The team is hoping to “ramp up” the availability of both materials and training for churches and individuals that want to be involved in some kind of Compassion Ministry. Your BOM Compassion Ministries team is seeking to address this in helpful and accessible ways. Our vision/mission states, “Equipping Christians through networking and education to demonstrate Christ’s love to those who are hurting.” The initial meeting (for this year) should provide some practical helps and clear steps for anyone who feels a “passion for compassion.”

There is also a need to address what we call “compassion fatigue.” Many of us start up ministry with an excited and prayerful enthusiasm, then that excitement begins to wane as the ministry gets more tedious

and mundane. Personality conflicts, over-exertion, repetitiveness, a lack of visible results—all of these things can make what began as God’s inspiration in us unappealing and noxious. There is a parallel need to help re-ignite the enthusiasm in those who have lost the passion to serve and to help them regain the motivation they once had.

If you are interested in the Compassion Team and what they are doing, please feel free to contact Taylor and Susan Field (the team leaders for this year) at TField@sendrelief.org. The Compassion Ministries team is open to any thoughts and/or ideas that you might want to communicate to them. Any feedback from your own ministry experiences will help you to do a better job moving forward.



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# Baptist Builders: Rebuilding Lives, Offering Hope

Soon after the flood waters receded, Disaster Relief volunteers helped remove damaged materials, furniture, and belongings from homes destroyed by Tropical Storm Fred and Hurricane Florence. That was a tremendous first step and an indescribable blessing, but how do survivors take the next step and make their home livable? How do you put the pieces back together after your home and life has been wrecked?

Volunteers have worked in over 1900 homes in Eastern NC damaged by Hurricane Florence and 90 homes in Haywood County damaged by Tropical Storm Fred. More are waiting! You can help offer hope.

God has opened the door for us to build new homes for Hurricane Florence survivors from the ground up through a grant provided by the Governor’s Office of State Budget and Management. Our rebuild sites in New Bern,

Lumberton, and Rose Hill will be working in 2023 and 2024 to each build several new homes and repair other homes. Additionally, through grants with the NC Housing Finance Agency, we are completing repairs on homes in Duplin, Sampson, Craven, Pamlico, Robeson, and Cleveland Counties. Our rebuild site in Canton is also building new homes plus repairing damaged existing homes in Haywood County in response to Tropical Storm Fred.

Will you and your church help by sending teams to work for a day or longer? You can adopt a family and see their home repair through to completion.

Whether you are a skilled construction pro or a novice, you can be a blessing to families in the long journey back after floods have destroyed their home. We need volunteers of all skill levels. Volunteers who can do plumbing, electrical, and HVAC installations are particularly critical.

Register your team for Haywood County at: [baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/By-Mission-Type/Disaster-Relief/Tropical-Storm-Fred](http://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/By-Mission-Type/Disaster-Relief/Tropical-Storm-Fred)

Register your team for Hurricane Florence rebuilding in Rose Hill (Duplin County), New Bern, or Lumberton at: [baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/By-Mission-Type/Disaster-Relief/Hurricane-Florence](http://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/By-Mission-Type/Disaster-Relief/Hurricane-Florence)



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# Hurricane Ian and my trip to Cape Coral Florida

by Eddie Games

Hurricane Ian was a powerful category 5 hurricane that hit South Florida in late September 2022. The cities of Fort Myers, Cape Coral, and Naples were hit particularly hard, leaving thousands without power, widespread flooding and tremendous damage to homes and businesses. So needless to say I was not surprised



when I got a phone call from Terry Hall asking if I wanted to take a road trip to Florida. We left New Bern on Friday, September 30th around noon and rolled into Cape Coral Sunday morning October 2. It was a tough trip as we drove through storm remnants in South Carolina on our way down. As we got closer to our destination, we faced several detours, traffic jams and other obstacles that made our trip a lot longer than usual, but with the help of our Heavenly Father, we made it. I knew being part of the first team wouldn't be easy, and I was right.

It's never easy when you leave the comforts of home and travel to a disaster site to face the harsh realities of people hurting, no power, widespread damage, hot temperatures, and everything else that goes with

disaster relief, but that is what we do. Like all the previous disasters I have been a part of, there are many moving parts and a lot of coordination that has to take place, and this one was no different. The Church and the campus were smaller than we would have liked, making it challenging to figure out the best places to set up and stage everything, but we made it work. Actually, God made it work; we were helping. God is great, and I was reminded of that each day I was there. I enjoyed working with some really talented and hard-working people on this trip. There were plenty of times when I thought I had "hit the wall" and couldn't keep going only to look around and see the others plugging away which would give me the God nudge I needed to keep going and finish the job. Again, it wasn't easy, but we accomplished a lot by the end of our week. Prepared thousands of meals for those in need and shared the love of Jesus.



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# Disaster Relief Trainings

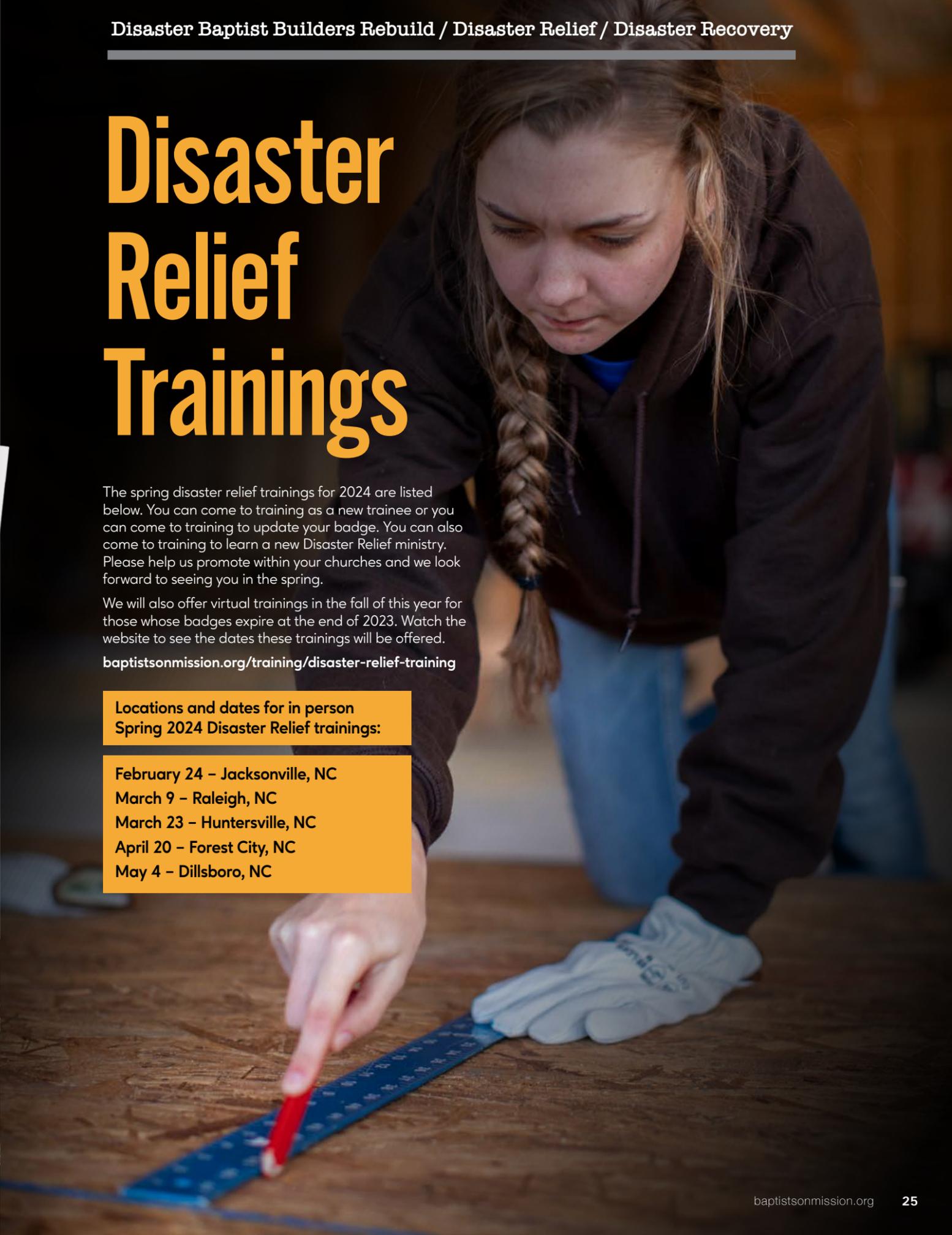
The spring disaster relief trainings for 2024 are listed below. You can come to training as a new trainee or you can come to training to update your badge. You can also come to training to learn a new Disaster Relief ministry. Please help us promote within your churches and we look forward to seeing you in the spring.

We will also offer virtual trainings in the fall of this year for those whose badges expire at the end of 2023. Watch the website to see the dates these trainings will be offered.

[baptistsonmission.org/training/disaster-relief-training](http://baptistsonmission.org/training/disaster-relief-training)

## Locations and dates for in person Spring 2024 Disaster Relief trainings:

- February 24 – Jacksonville, NC
- March 9 – Raleigh, NC
- March 23 – Huntersville, NC
- April 20 – Forest City, NC
- May 4 – Dillsboro, NC



Disaster Recovery

# “God is Faithful”



I am amazed at how God can use ordinary people to do extraordinary things. The Bible records many events of God using many men and women to do something that seemed impossible. Without God, those things would have been impossible. Without God, Disaster Recovery would be impossible.

I began doing Disaster Recovery/ Rebuild with NC Baptist Men (at that time) in Tarboro after Hurricane Floyd. We worked under my greatest hero and Site Coordinator, Mr. Carl Nance and his wife, Mrs. Betty. These two influenced me more than anyone in this ministry. I always saw them being faithful to God and saw God being faithful to them. After doing this work and being with God's people, I wanted

to be involved in missions. I know the Lord has placed his calling on me to serve in Disaster Relief/Recovery and Rebuild.

I have prayed many prayers for God to teach me what I need to know and give me the time and ability to serve Him where He wants me to be. I have been so blessed as

I have done my best to be faithful to him, and I have seen His faithfulness to me and my family. I am reminded of the song “Great is Thy Faithfulness” and how every day brings a renewed relationship with our Heavenly Father.

He has allowed me to grow from a greenhorn Yellow Hat and “through the ranks” to now as the NCBOM State Disaster Recovery Coordinator. But it is NOT anything I have done to deserve anything from Him or to be in any leadership position. It is all about God using an ordinary, undeserving, willing vessel to accomplish His purpose. I don't know anything else I would rather do than serve our Lord.

My wife Cheryl and I have seen God do so many things over the years

that can only be explained as God is faithful and in control. The greatest is seeing God saving lost souls through our Disaster Recovery volunteers sharing the Love and Gospel of Jesus Christ with disaster survivors. While serving as Site Coordinator in Prestonsburg, KY, last year, there were more salvations than any other time I knew of while serving onsite. God said His Word will not return void, and we know that His Word is not only His written Word but also God Himself and His Son, Jesus Christ.

It takes all of us working together as the body of Christ, and I look forward to working with you whenever and wherever God needs us to be. God Bless You All!



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 Pleasant Garden, NC 27313  
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**baptistsonmissions.org**



Tom and Jackie Richter




## Armenia Planting and Strengthening Churches

**“God is my Protector and Provider.”**

The past century has devastated Armenia: genocide at the hands of Turkey (1915-18), Soviet occupation and control (1920-1991), and an ongoing conflict with Azerbaijan and Turkey over the Nagorno-Karabakh Region. After Azerbaijan and Turkey—combined populations totaling nearly 100 million—invaded Armenia, a population of less than 3 million in September 2020, Armenians were left asking, “Will anyone stand with us?” Seeing international support for other countries who are in conflict exacerbated their feeling of isolation.

Since 2002 Baptists on Mission has been privileged to walk alongside the Armenian Baptist Union to plant and strengthen churches. The partnership began with building a seminary that has trained hundreds of pastors since opening in 2003 and continues today as we support and encourage church planters, train new leaders, provide medical clinics, plus lead VBS and sports camps. After recently sending Armenian pastors to another country to assist after an earthquake and hosting pastors from another country for training, the General Secretary of Armenian Baptists thanked NC Baptists, saying, “You strengthened us so that now we can strengthen others.”

Today there are open doors for the gospel and



tremendous opportunities to plant new churches across the country and region. Churches are filled, hundreds of children



participate in VBS, and many new believers commit to Christ. We can join them as they fan the flames of revival sweeping the country and witness God moving to bring peace and hope.

Construction has begun on a new Yezidi Kurdish Christian Church building in a southern Armenian town that is reaching a traditionally pagan people group. There are only a handful of Kurdish Christian churches in the world and we are excited to assist this house church that has been waiting for a building since 2014.

Teams can lead Women’s Conferences, conduct sports camps or VBS, help construct the new Yezidi Christian church or assist pastors and church planters.

**Will You...**

**Pray:** That church planters will answer God’s call and many hearts will be open to the gospel.

**Give:** Sponsor a church planter for \$200 monthly or help with church construction costs.

**Go:** Send a team to serve alongside Armenian believers and strengthen church planters.

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# CUBA Reflections

By Mari Wiles – Chowan University

I have a map of the World that I found in a flea market in Brooklyn, NY. It was printed the year I was born. I love the colors, but I especially appreciate the reminder that in my short lifetime, countries have fallen, been taken over, changed their names, divided, etc. The lines on the map are all artificial. None of us chooses where we are born or what passport we will carry. God reads the hearts and souls instead of maps and roadblocks.

We had the opportunity to go and spend time with our Brothers and Sisters of faith in Cuba. Cuba is a gorgeous Caribbean Island just 90 miles off the shores of Florida. But the stark realities of communism rob the people of basic human needs. A massive food shortage and no gasoline is for sale on the island. How would that impact your daily life? It is a deep burden for these people.

We took in over 550 pounds of food (rice, beans, canned chicken, peanut butter, powdered milk, spices, oatmeal and grits), medicines and underwear, as well as some children's

sports equipment and craft supplies. We were humbled when they gathered us to share their gratitude. They were especially grateful for the rice, medicines and underwear (currently, this is unavailable to buy). They said we had brought some bandaging that was a specific need for one patient and had no idea we could bring it, so they didn't request it. But GOD! They thanked us for bringing underwear and one woman thanked me that we had not just brought it but that much of it was so "pretty".

Here we have all of what we need and most of what we want and we have God. There they have little of what they need and none of what they want BUT they have God. Their faith and worship express the difference. They are as vibrant as the blue waters surrounding their island in living their love for God.

They worship with their whole being and do not seem to worry that the government can shut down a church anytime. They do not look at their smartwatch to see "how much longer" or worry that they will get wet when they



walk home miles in the rain because the country is in a drought and the rain is an answer to prayer.

We were thankful to spend a week scraping and painting, praying and worshipping, sharing simple yet generous meals and hearing the passion and pain of our friends. I wish the manmade restrictions would lighten for these people. But I'm thankful their relationship with God leads them to do heroic things daily. Our host told us on our last day, "When we complain, we disappoint God." I think our team will attempt to complain less and serve more.



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# A New Frontier of Work in GUATEMALA

Missionaries Roger and Vicki Grossmann have worked among the Quiché people for over thirty years. They have worked to develop churches throughout Western Guatemala, including the cities of Quetzaltenango (Xela), Huehuetenango, San Marcos, Santa Cruz and Uspantán. In 2011, Baptists on Mission began a partnership with the Grossmans and Good Shepherd Ministries to build a training center for pastors, women and youth; and a stand-alone medical clinic in Quetzaltenango (Xela). Medical, leadership development and evangelistic outreach teams have also served. That partnership continues today. By the end of 2023, more than 26 teams will have traveled to Guatemala through Baptists on Mission to serve with the Grossmanns.

Because of prior relationships, Roger and Vicki have wanted to expand church development work into the eastern region of their area (Uspantán) for many years. Distance (a four-plus hour drive), 30 years of civil strife, and very poor road conditions have made that a challenge. The internal war ended 20 years ago and life is slowly returning to "normal" as people return or are resettled in the formerly stricken area. The government has been building roads into the area for the last five years creating unprecedented access to remote areas previously under-served with the Gospel. The Grossmanns and other local Baptist leaders feel the time is right, finally, to expand ministry into this largely underdeveloped region of Uspantán. They have asked Baptists on Mission to help them respond to this unprecedented opportunity. In March of 2023, Mark Abernathy led a Triangle East and Macon Associations team to see the area, meet with leaders, and pray about



how God might have them respond. All were impressed with how God is working in this area. The churches are growing, and

hungry for expanding the Kingdom of God. Training for leaders was a constant request, and BOM is working on a plan to offer quality training for church leaders. Follow-up teams are in the planning stages. As the project progresses, others may be asked to participate. Please pray for these initial steps as we seek God's guidance!

In the meantime, teams are needed in Quetzaltenango (also known as Xela). Teams who serve through Baptists on Mission there enjoy staying at the beautiful Good Shepherd Center. Whether serving in construction, leadership training, or medical, volunteers can visit and meet the children at the GSCH and host a "family night" for the older youth who live in a cottage near the center. Team members come away with a greater appreciation for mission work in Guatemala, and feel that they are part of the growth of God's Kingdom there. In 2024, construction, medical, leadership training, and staff relief teams are needed. We also need couples to serve throughout the year as Children's Home Assistants who commit to stay at the children's home for 1-2 months. 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](mailto: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](http://www.baptistsonmission.org). (Mission Projects/Outside US/Guatemala)





# God's Perfect Timing in KENYA

By Stacy Simmons, Gardner-Webb University

Four years ago, I planned a trip to Kenya through Baptist on Mission, to lead a team of Gardner-Webb students to participate in the Houses of Hope ministry. However, COVID put that trip on hold. I continued to pray and trust that the Lord's plans were perfect in his timing. By God's grace, we were able to fulfil those plans in May of 2023.

While in Kenya, our team built four homes for families who were in need. In each village, we had opportunity to minister and share the gospel through a house dedication service. This trip was quite different from any other trip in which I have participated. Each day was different. We didn't know what to expect other than building homes and share the gospel with others. Other opportunities included visiting 2-3 local schools by interacting with the kids and sharing God's word. At one of the school's, we purchased and fed a group of children and their teachers, peanut butter sandwiches. The kids loved it! It was amazing to see the students' faces light up when they received something so simple as

a peanut butter sandwich. Although each day was different as far as what we did, the Gospel message remained the same. We had thirty-four individuals come to know the Lord in our five days there!

One of the sweetest memories I have from the trip was when we built a house for a lady, who was 80 years old. Her previous home had flooded multiple times by heavy rain, which ruined everything she had. Still, there was a kindness and warmth about her. Her story reminds me of when a poor widow gave up two small coins, as this was all she had. (Mark 12:42,44). That afternoon, she brought out a pot of chicken, along with rice and Ugali (cornmeal bread). My team was overcome by the woman's selfless act of love as she sacrificed her remaining chicken for us. She could have given us rice and ugali but instead she gave up her most precious commodity, her chicken. God changed

this woman's heart that day as she received Christ for the first time along with her first Bible. This is one of many stories of how God is changing the hearts of his people in Kenya.

This truly was a life changing trip. It was amazing to see God at work not only in the lives of the Kenya people but in our own. I love the fact that after we left each new home, the Kenyan pastors would begin a twelve week Bible study there, and invite the whole village. God simply used our team to build the homes and lay the groundwork in sharing the gospel. I pray that others who feel led will join Baptist on Mission by being sent to Kenya or other parts of the world.



A mission trip to Kenya can be planned for almost any time of the year. Visit our website at [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org) to find out more about this life-changing opportunity. (Mission Projects/Outside US/Kenya).



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# MOLDOVA PARTNERSHIP

## A Great Opportunity for North Carolina Baptists



Moldovan Baptists have invited North Carolina Baptists to partner with them in the coming years. Recent events have served as a reminder of how fleeting the opportunity to serve in this area may be. The time to strategically assist our Moldovan brothers and sisters in Christ in strengthening an evangelical presence - is now.

**A CHURCH PLANTING EMPHASIS:** The Partnership's primary focus will be supporting church planting through growing, visionary Moldovan "mother churches." These "mother churches" are led by strong, visionary, gospel-focused and mission-hearted pastors. There are over 750 villages in Moldova with no evangelical presence. These churches desire to see that every village in their region has an evangelical church.

**PARTNERSHIP ROLES:** The Moldovan "mother church," with guidance and encouragement from the Moldovan Baptist Union, will develop the planting strategy, identify a qualified planter, send that planter out as part of their church ministry, and provide regular supervision. The North Carolina partner church will provide ongoing prayer support, encouragement through regular and creative communication, and monthly funding for the church planting efforts. In addition, partners

may develop mutually agreed-upon projects – such as Vacation Bible School, outreach ministry, sports camps, etc., that mission teams can participate in. Teams traveling to Moldova will register with the Baptists on Mission office, which will coordinate logistics, including travel, insurance, and background checks.

**STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS:** NC churches will pair with a Moldovan "mother church" to support targeted and strategic church planting efforts for five years. They will be asked to provide \$430 per month during that time. Moldovan Baptists will contribute an additional \$100 per month for a total of \$530 in support. Some notes:

- Two or more congregations could come together to support one Moldovan church plant.
- The amount given will remain consistent throughout the course of the agreement. Because of legal requirements, the church planter will be an employee of the Baptist Union of Moldova. Because of this, it is required that their support remain consistent for five years and not decrease. While the local Moldovan church will provide ongoing local support and guidance, the Baptist Union will provide periodical training sessions and office support for the planters' work.
- Funds for support will come to the Baptists on Mission office in North Carolina and then be wired to the Moldovan Baptist Union for quarterly distribution to the "mother" churches.
- Quarterly reports of each planter's work, celebrations of what God is doing, and challenges/points of prayer will be sent by the planter/mother church to the Moldovan Baptist Union for translation and then forwarded to the Baptists on Mission office for distribution to the NC partnering churches.



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# ROMA PARTNERSHIP

## The God Who Sees

By April Payne - April Payne joined a medical team serving in Romania in December 2022.



My husband's first mission trip was to Romania many years ago. He often spoke of the unique and captivating culture of the Roma people, so we were excited to have an opportunity to visit Romania with Baptists on Mission. Due to the pandemic, a medical team could not visit Székelyhíd, Romania in a couple of years. The villages surrounding Székelyhíd are vibrant

yet impoverished. The culture is complex, and the people are isolated and discriminated against – even hated by many. However, a powerful local team is ministering God's love, grace, and healing in the area! It was thrilling to join them.

Each day, village patients arrived at the makeshift clinic in the church. After seeing a medical provider, they stopped by a ministry area to receive prayer, hugs, and love. They could also obtain medicines the pharmacy prescribes and even receive physical therapy if needed. As a non-medical team member, I felt like I did not have as much to offer our patients, but I quickly witnessed the power and beauty of being seen. Like Hagar in Genesis (see Chapter 16), some view the Roma people as second-class citizens – cast out from society, discarded, and ignored. When Hagar found herself abandoned and in great need, she encountered El Roi. The Great I AM revealed Himself to Hagar as the God Who Sees Me. He saw her and He saw her need. Their faces brightened as patients sat down and shared their stories and prayer requests. As we prayed together, hope would flood our little hand-holding circle. God has not forgotten the Roma people.

The ministry schedule was full and on the last day of clinic, exhaustion was settling in. We started to pack up when we heard the last vanload of patients had arrived. Another family came through

the door. A young boy had been badly burned by scalding water. Sadly, the family had received inadequate care at the local hospital. He received no antibiotics or bandages. The boy would have likely suffered infection and scarring had the team not ministered to him. The mother's fear and concern were so evident in her face. As soon as the little fellow was patched up, he settled down and became peaceful. The next day, we could stop in at their home and check on him. The wounds had already begun healing beautifully. You could see on the mother's face that she had encountered El Roi and was transformed. He met her in the wilderness and provided exactly what her son needed.

God is moving mightily in these villages, and we were privileged to come alongside the Roma church leaders and missionaries and join in the work. As we boarded the van to leave, Pastor Jimmy Hamza said with a twinkle in his eye "we look forward to when you come back home." They certainly made us feel at home and we look forward to returning soon.

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# South Africa – Door of Hope Village

## OFFERING HOPE TO THE HOPELESS

A hole in the concrete wall around Berea Baptist Mission Church is the beginning of a new life for many abandoned infants in Johannesburg, South Africa. Since its founding in 1999, Door of Hope Children's Mission has rescued over 1860 abandoned children whose future was hopeless. Baby Houses provide a caring Christian environment for infants while they regain their strength, often from life-threatening issues, prior to being adopted. The goal is for children to be adopted into "forever families," but many are not chosen for adoption. What happens to those not chosen?

Adoptions have become increasingly difficult and the number of toddlers who need a place to call home is growing. Baptists on Mission helped build the original baby houses beginning in 1999. Now, we are helping build Door of Hope Village outside of Johannesburg to offer a place to call home to children a family does not adopt. Each house at Door of Hope Village will provide a home and host parents to six toddlers.

Teams will start with a pile of dirt, gravel, concrete mix, and water. The end result will be hope. Once completed, Door of

Hope Village will include dozens of homes for hundreds of children, a school, a Child Development Center, and more. You can be a part of Door of Hope Village rising from farmland near Johannesburg, South Africa.

**Pray-** For volunteers and financial resources to build the new cottages and for more children to be adopted to grow up with their own new families.

**Give-** Offer hope to children who started life with nothing. Each cottage costs about \$35,000 to build, but any gift is helpful. The cost of caring for a child is about \$60 per month.

**Go-** Every team will visit a baby house in Johannesburg, worship in churches, and have an excursion day that includes viewing wild game in a nearby park.

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<https://baptistsonmission.org/Missions/Outside-US/South-Africa>.



# UKRAINE- A Unique Mission Experience

By Sylvia C. Davis - Sylvia Davis is a member of Pleasant Garden Baptist Church.



Imagine... your nation is at war; you have fled your home with your children and a few essentials leaving everything else behind. Your husband is defending the country, you are worried for him, and how you will survive in this crisis... you seem to have more questions about life than answers. We were privileged to serve these people through Baptists on Mission (BOM) medical missions to Ukraine. I first went in August 2022 and then again in March 2023. As a nurse for 31 years, there are few situations I have not seen... until these trips when I learned how many of our problems are "first world problems."

Our mission consists of clinic days where we travel an hour or more to sites where internally displaced people live in schools, churches, and camps. Our team attended to a variety of medical needs (diabetes, hypertension, minor infections, and arthritis) and provided desperately needed spiritual encouragement. Medications and vitamins (donated by local churches that we brought to Ukraine) were dispensed as indicated. Once, because we had an ultrasound machine with us, our doctor identified a pulsating abdominal aortic aneurysm and was able to send the woman to the hospital for immediate surgery. Without diagnostic equipment and prompt treatment, this likely would have been fatal for her.

Because I had not considered how disabled I would be without reading glasses, I was surprised at what a hot commodity they were. A couple from my church donated 120 pairs; I sewed fabric cases to fit and brought them with me. People tried them on using a small print Bible or hymnal to determine the strength needed. I have spare readers laying all around my house and these people were immensely grateful to have just one pair.

On both missions, I was impressed with the degree of organization. Our leaders always had their "finger on the pulse," keeping aware of political tensions and communicating with leadership within BOM. We could attend to the needs of Ukrainians because our team leaders attended to our needs. We did not have to figure out directions to clinic sites, where to eat, or anything else because our leaders took their roles so seriously. I do not know if or when God will call me back to Ukraine, but if He does, I will go. If you have never been on a mission trip, I encourage you to seek God's will and take steps toward serving!



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## Health Screening Ministry

# Sharing the Gospel While Serving the Community

By Wanda P. Wray RN, MS, Gorman Baptist Church, Durham



On first hearing of the Health Screening Ministry several years ago, it seemed such a great way to help serve our community while being able

to share the Gospel with others. I volunteered several times over the years and received such a blessing from the experience. Then God allowed us to have this service available in our community!

Our Outreach ministry has been going strong at Gorman Baptist Church as we take to the streets to share the Gospel with others in their neighborhoods. However, in the colder months, with people not spending as much time outdoors, we sought a way to continue reaching our community members. God presented the perfect way for us to continue this with the Health Screening Ministry!

After prayerful consideration, we scheduled the Ministry to occur on the first weekend in April to coincide with our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We passed out flyers letting the community know about the Free Health Screening event being offered. This gave us the opportunity to talk to the Durham Community, sharing the Gospel and showing the

church's love for everyone in the community.

We were very worried about the weather when the day arrived because high winds and rain were in the forecast. We took that to the Lord, and as always, God worked through all of that. The weather was better than predicted, and several hours into the event, people were coming. When things slowed down, Crystal, the ministry director, got into a van with us and we went to search for participants and continue to advertise at Walmart. We even had someone request that we pick her up on her lunch break and bring her to the Screening. As it turns out, she is a recovering addict, which allowed us to continue ministering to her.

We screened and shared the Good News with 22 people on the event day. Most importantly, three people came to know the Lord that day while visiting the Screening event. Praise the Lord! We are so thankful that God sent this ministry for us to reach our community and allow us to connect with people so we could share witness about God's love and His free gift of salvation! We plan to host this event in the coming years to reach others!

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Medical Dental Ministry

# New Fields of Ministry



For more than 50 years, North Carolina has been the leading producer of sweet potatoes in the United States. It's a distinction that the state has held since 1971, thanks to operations like Lancaster Farms in Wilson, N.C.

R.B. Lancaster and Sons Inc. is a seventh-generation family farm that dates back to the late 1700s. Lancaster Farms produces many different crops, but their main crop is sweet potatoes. They export sweet potatoes across the United States and around the world.

The mental and physical health of farmers has gained increased attention in recent years as the global pandemic joined factors like unpredictable weather, financial challenges, fluctuating markets and more that place unique stressors on those working in the agriculture industry.

To help address this growing need, Baptists on Mission's dental and health screening ministries have served workers at Lancaster Farms each of the past two years. The project grew from meetings with the N.C. Department of Agriculture representatives and the nonprofit N.C. Sweet Potato Commission to explore ways Baptists on Mission could serve and support farm workers throughout the state.

In June 2022 and May of this year, both Baptists on Mission's mobile dental and health screening units spent a day serving workers at Lancaster Farm's sweet potato

packing facility, where volunteer dental and medical providers offered free health and dental screenings and services.



Hilda Villanueva, assistant packing line manager with Lancaster Farms, said she appreciated her job sponsoring the event because "it helps us greatly with our mental and physical well-being."

Julia Arnette (Office Manager) with Lancaster Farms said following the May event that partnering with Baptists on Mission is a joy.

"Lancaster Farms sponsoring Baptists on Mission's dental and health unit is truly a service we are proud to offer our employees," Arnette said. "Our family loves being able to give back and provide a free service to the ones who are helping make our business function."

Arnette attends Peace Church in Wilson, N.C. Peace Church partners with Doug Rogers, who plants self-sustaining indigenous churches throughout Latin America and the United States. Rogers worked with local Hispanic churches and pastors in the area to come out for the Baptists on Mission event in May. Rogers helped collect 50 Bibles and gospel tracks provided to employees at Lancaster Farms.

Arnette said the event shows how meeting physical needs opens doors to meeting spiritual needs.

"The cost of dental work is expensive and Baptists on Mission providing them with these services with no charge is truly a Godsend," Arnette said. "We believe a small act of kindness can bring a person closer to God. This outreach builds the bridge from the person to receive a touch of love from God while opening the door for the gospel to be shared. Lancaster Farms is proud to show the love of Christ to our workers."

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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

# APPALACHIAN COALFIELDS MINISTRY

## Falling in Love with Missions

By Renee Murphy, Pisgah Baptist Church



"When given the opportunity to serve others through missions, our prayer is often, 'Lord, help us be a blessing,' not always stopping to realize that He has planned for us to receive a blessing as well. Our church began a partnership with Ivydale Baptist Church in West Virginia in 2020 with our first Appalachian Christmas backpack distribution event. Ivydale is a small congregation of less than 20, but they share the Gospel throughout their economically challenged area. Jobs are few and drug addiction has a stronghold there. Our Appalachian Christmas Outreach and summer mission events have drawn many from the community who do not attend

church on a regular basis, if at all. We have been blessed to pray with them and for them. We look forward to hearing how God has answered these prayers each year on our return visits.

God has allowed us to pray with and meet the physical needs of a family that we suspected was living out of their car. We have seen God answer the prayer of a single dad who needed a job that would not require him to be away from his kids. Seeds are planted during each visit, and God works in Ivydale.

God is also at work among our congregation. One of the greatest blessings our church has been granted is the spiritual growth of our

own children and youth. They are involved year-round in the planning and collection of backpack items, have made jump ropes out of t-shirts, repaired handicap ramps, made hundreds of snow cones, put on skits, and gone door to door passing out plates of food. Even though it is a long trip, and they work hard while we are there, they still often ask, 'when are we going back to West Virginia?'. Our next generation is falling in love with missions and are learning to share Jesus with others.

While our mission teams include about 30 adults and children, our entire church is involved year round in this ministry. Through collecting the items needed to fill backpacks, every member gives what he or she can. We all feel invested in this ministry. We pray that God continues to use our small church as He changes lives in West Virginia and beyond!"

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This is just one example of how NC congregations are making a difference each year through Baptist on Mission's Appalachian Coalfields Ministry. We would love to see you and your church become involved.

**APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS OUTREACH 2023**

It's not too late for you and your church to participate in the Appalachian Christmas Outreach for 2023. Churches, Sunday School classes, mission groups, families, and individuals are encouraged to collect items and fill backpacks. A statewide collection will take place November 4 at over 30 sites across the state. Visit our website for specifics about what to collect and how to pack the backpacks. [www.baptistsonmission.org/aco](http://www.baptistsonmission.org/aco) (Mission Projects/United States/Appalachian Coalfields/Appalachian Christmas Outreach)





# PENNSYLVANIA

## It's Worth It!

By Rev. Tim Trexler, Mount Sinai Baptist, Shelby, NC

"It's Worth It!" During our church-wide mission trip to Harrisburg this summer, this phrase kept our Pennsylvania Partnership team focused. Over the past six years, we have been blessed to have built relationships and experienced koinonia with three congregations in central Pennsylvania. The beauty of serving The Lord together creates a community and camaraderie that lasts a lifetime.

Mission trips create a perfect environment to model the message we proclaim weekly and weekly. They offer ways to engage the culture around us with the hope of the Gospel. Even while traveling, things as mundane as visiting rest stops, experiencing car trouble, and asking for directions can all lead to gospel conversations. Being attentive, intentional, and recognizing that God is always at work around us is the key to living on mission. The reality is that God is always up to good in the lives of His children (Philippians 2:13). Likewise, God is always working in the

lives of lost people to draw them to His Son Jesus and salvation (John 6:44). The ebb and flow of daily life produces divine appointments to communicate Christ and the message of the gospel up close and personal. God orchestrates these divine encounters to fulfill His good, pleasing, and perfect will.

It's worth it, no matter the traffic jams, the trailer trouble, unfamiliar sleeping arrangements, the mix of strong personalities, late nights, early mornings, cold showers, no showers, sewage issues, and sudden changes of plans. Why? Witnessing our youth and children unashamedly share Jesus with others, seeing God's heart on display through team members who gladly give and share, rejoicing over lost souls being saved, the church encouraged, and saints refueled are all sources of great joy! These divine appointments and eternal investments stay with you forever. Yes, indeed, "It's Worth It!"

Evangelism, outreach events, children's ministry, and construction needs can all be found on the Pennsylvania Partnership projects list. Each request represents church planting couples, pastors, and congregations who are pleading 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! It may be a one-time mission opportunity – or one that your church invests in for a number of years.

I strongly encourage you to pray about where God may lead your church to be On Mission. It will be an opportunity to build community among your church members and to increase your awareness of living as an Everyday Missionary once you return home. Anyway you look at it, "It's Worth It," because Jesus said, "Go," and you can know your labor in the Lord is not in vain! Mission partners are needed in Pennsylvania!

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Pennsylvania Partnership Requests for 2023 are listed on our website and ready for your response! Visit our website at [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org) (Mission Projects/United States/Pennsylvania).

# NEW ENGLAND

## Linking Hands for a Gospel Purpose

By Kathie Aiken, On-Site Coordinator, Baptists on Mission

As Dewey and I travel throughout New England meeting with pastors and ministries, we enjoy the towns, countryside, diversity, and history of the six states. But we have realized through the years that the part of New England we love most is the people. A huge network of working relationships has been created through the partnership that Baptists on Mission has developed with New England churches over the last eighteen years. NC churches and associations have had years of ongoing ministry in this area. Many have come to love New England in response to the widespread need for the gospel.

This past year, our partnership expanded from Vermont and Maine to include more of Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Working alongside the leadership of Baptist Churches of New England, we have more ethnic churches and church plants requesting volunteers to help them reach their communities for Christ. Those relationships will expand even more this year as we meet even more pastors and church planters. The sky is the limit to NC Baptists' impact on

Kingdom growth in New England. We are praying that many of you will be led to work in this ripe field.

One need that has particularly pierced our hearts is the need for prayer walking and encouragement teams. In so many New England towns, there are few evangelical churches. The pastors and their families are often isolated and the work is discouraging. In addition to pastoring and working full-time secular jobs, these families spend hours developing trusting relationships with their communities. If we as NC Baptists can be hands and feet to walk alongside them and pray for God to open doors for them, we will do this. We look forward to leading many of these teams and encouraging others to do so in the next years.

Another area of great need is teams working alongside our Haitian, Hispanic and Brazilian congregations in towns of the Greater Boston area. All around the big city are small towns that often have large pockets of diversity. We have enjoyed getting to know and appreciate

these wonderful pastors and church leadership teams. They have growing churches with many being saved and baptized. They are outgrowing their buildings and many need help in preparing for more growth. We ask NC Baptists to consider linking hands with these churches. The nations have come to New England.

Whether it is in partnering with a church plant in New Hampshire, helping a growing church in a Boston suburb prepare their building to house mission teams, assisting a Brazilian church prepare for youth and children outreach or helping a small church in a Vermont farming community, you can make a difference in New England. We look forward to helping you link hands with our New England friends....all for gospel purpose.



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# A Long-Term Investment in ROCKY MOUNTAIN



In the summer of 2008, Jimmy Huffman led a cook team from Caraway Conference Center to Mountaintop. A member of FBC Asheboro, Jimmy involved his church in the ministry the very next year. Since then, FBC Asheboro has served at the camp as a 'mainstay'. Charles Havens and wife Teresa have been instrumental in leading teams of 10-12 volunteers for the past ten years. Charles explains, "Our work involves cooking, serving and cleaning up for three meals a day, five days a week. This requires long hours and strenuous work. While the camp is in a beautiful location, this is certainly no vacation."

and seeing the campers at each meal, we place a Prayer Jar out at each meal for the kids to put in prayer requests. We normally get between 15 to 20 each week and pray for each request. But the thing that we look forward to the most, and the primary reason we have kept going back is the report we get on Friday afternoon highlighting the number of campers who accepted Christ as their Savior during the week! No matter how many travel problems we may have experienced getting to the camp or how difficult the week may have been - this makes it all worthwhile and keeps us coming back year after year!"

Thank you, FBC Asheboro, for your dedication to this ministry! Mountaintop Baptist Assembly reaches hundreds of young people for Christ each summer - many of whom make life-changing decisions. The camp directors have expressed many times over the years how grateful they are for the teams from North Carolina, whose service helps keep camp affordable for the youth of Wyoming. Your service has borne fruit for the Kingdom of God in ways that we will never know this side of heaven. Thank you for your Kingdom investment!

Baptists on Mission started the Rocky Mountain Work & Witness Ministry in 2005. Prayer and construction teams went to Wyoming that year, fifteen construction teams, to help build a two-story mission apartment building for the Wyoming Baptist Convention. In 2006 we were introduced to camp director Beth Williams and the Mountaintop Baptist Assembly. Mark Abernathy traveled to the camp to meet with Beth and talk about ways North Carolina teams could serve at the camp through cooking and construction/maintenance teams. Baptists on Mission has sent teams to Mountaintop every summer since. Scores of teams and thousands of volunteers have served throughout the Rocky Mountain region through this partnership.

That may not sound like a recipe for return trips year after year, but Charles knows first-hand that once bitten by the missions 'bug,' it's hard to recover! "We truly look forward to these trips each year. There are lots of things that have kept us coming back. First is the camaraderie with team members and getting to really know each other. Each evening we have a time of team devotions, prayer, and reflection on the day. Great fellowship! Second is getting to know the campers and staff at Mountaintop. In addition to serving

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Cook and Maintenance teams of 8-12 volunteers will be needed to serve at our partner Baptist Camps in Wyoming and New Mexico in 2024! You can also go to our website at [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org) for other Rocky Mountain opportunities in children's ministry, construction, and evangelistic outreach. (Mission Projects/United States/Rocky Mountain).

# Teams Provide Vital Service in ALASKA



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Project requests for 2024 mission teams will be available by late September. 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](mailto:mabernathy@ncbaptist.org) or by calling 919-459-5607 or go to [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org) (Mission Projects/United States/Alaska)

# CONSTRUCTION SKILLS TRAINING

**Join us for Hands-on training** for those with limited construction experience and let's move out of our seats and into the streets. Recent Construction Skills Training participants have learned some of the basics in laying out projects and framing by building chicken coups, storage buildings, and wheelchair ramps. Other skills offered have been laying vinyl plank flooring, drywall, electrical safety, and roofing.

Hanging and finishing drywall, laying laminate flooring, framing a wall, or building a wheelchair ramp may seem like foreign languages, but they can be the avenue for you to make Christ known and seen in your community, working at the Red Springs, Shelby, or Charity Mission Camps, participating in ServeNC, or on a construction mission trip.

Bring your family, youth group, church, or a group of friends to learn the basics. You can be one of those who

help hurricane survivors return home or meet a need in your own community. Every year we have projects in the Appalachian Coal Fields, New England, the Rocky Mountains, and throughout NC where you can use your new skills.

You will also learn about our Rebuild Centers and Mission Camps and how you can practice your new skills while impacting a community for Christ.

- September 16, 2023- Charity Mission Center
- October 7, 2023- Shelby Mission Camp
- October 28, 2023- Red Springs Mission Camp
- Spring and Fall Trainings are coming in 2024!

\$10 for Saturday training only  
\$21 for Friday overnight and Saturday training

Register:  
[baptistsonmission.org/training/construction-training](http://baptistsonmission.org/training/construction-training)

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# Missions Camps CHARITY MISSION CAMP

**Purpose**— The purpose of the Charity Mission Camp is to assist churches, individuals, and organizations to get involved in missions by using their God-given Deeds. We accomplish this by offering affordable short-term missions opportunities to men, women, students and families.

**Facilities**— Our facility can house 200 volunteers in our 62,000 SQ FT facility. We have 16 private shower stalls, with handicap availability and a self-serve laundry room. Our site has a game room, a lounge, a gym, and sports fields. We have an exercise room for physical health and a prayer chapel for spiritual health. We also have a tool room with all the necessary tools and supplies. Teams can use classroom and conference rooms to have Bible studies and team building time. There is an on-site thrift store and food pantry.

**Opportunities to serve**— Construction, Handyman ministry, Wheelchair ramp construction, youth camps, Men retreats, Women retreats, Couples Retreats, Prayer Retreats, Packing and distributing senior adult food boxes, working in the thrift store or food pantry, Sports camps, VBS, Backyard Bible clubs. We are also willing to work with your team on creating your own mission experience that fits your church.

## PLAN A TRIP

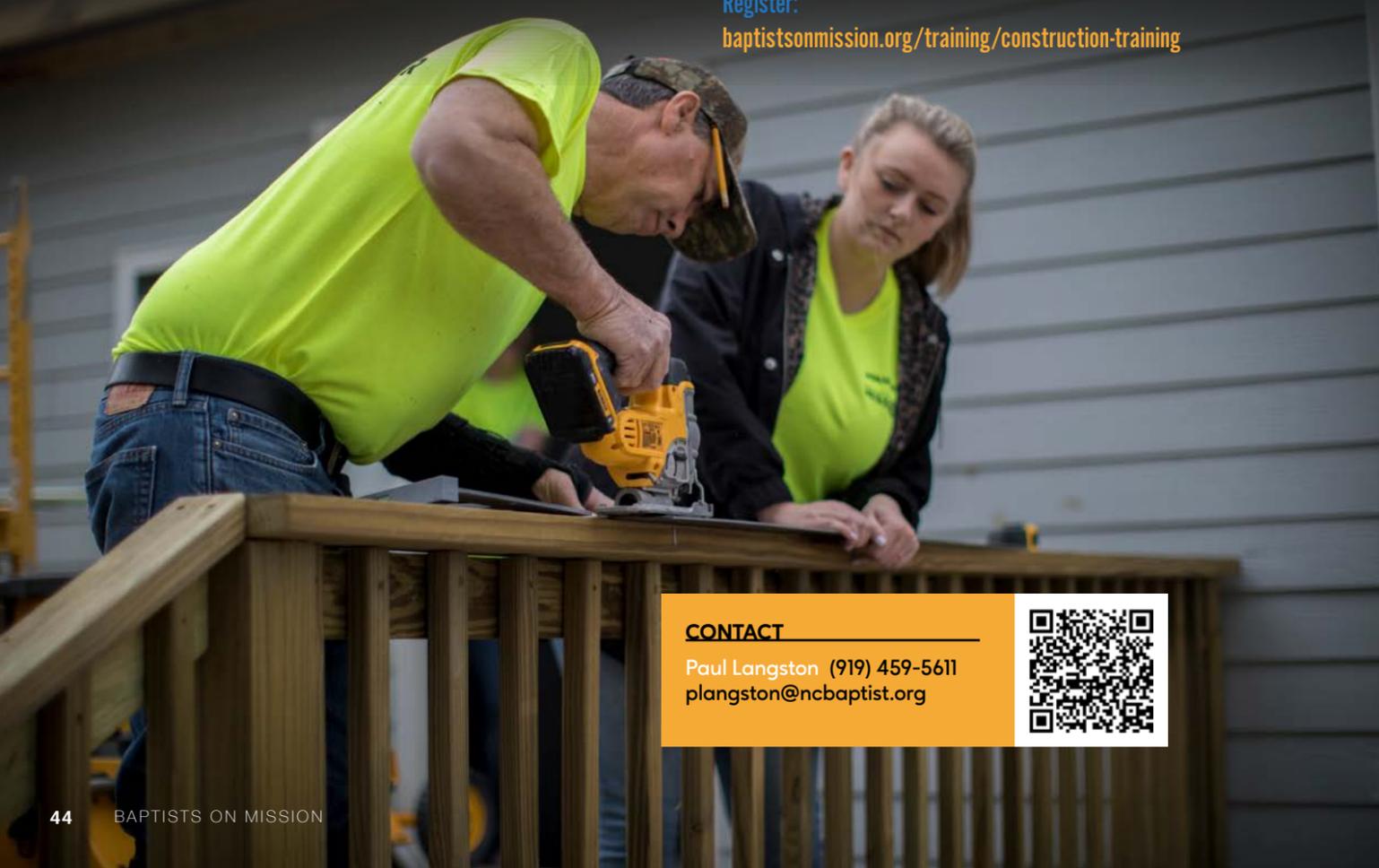
- The cost is \$21 per person per night. This includes lodging, meals while you are here, and supplemental insurance.
- Volunteers must be 13 years old and up. Youth groups must have 1 adult per 4 youth.
- Workdays are Monday-Saturday. No Saturday evening meals, and the camp is closed on Sunday.
- RV sites are available on request.
- Registration is online at [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org).
- We will contact you one week before your arrival date.

## LOCATION

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# Missions Camps

## RED SPRINGS MISSION CAMP

**Purpose**—The purpose of Red Springs Mission Camp is to get churches involved in missions. By providing affordable short term options, your church or youth group can experience missions without the cost and time involved in an out-of-state mission trip. You will be helping people who are in need in their own state.

**Facilities**—Our facility can house up to 200 volunteers per day and the ministry opportunities are endless. Our tool room and warehouse are fully equipped with all the supplies you will need for a construction or non-construction project.

Ministries offered through Red Spring Mission Camp are: Construction, Handyman Projects, Children's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Sports Camps, VBS, Yard work for the Elderly, Painting, Disaster Relief Work (Following a Disaster), Community Distribution (August), Community Thanksgiving Dinner (November), Community Toy Distribution (December)

### PLAN A TRIP

Here are some things to know before you go!

- Cost is \$21 per person per night. This includes lodging, meals while you are here, and supplemental insurance.
- Volunteers must be 13 years old and up. Youth groups must have 1 adult per 4 youth.
- Work days are Monday–Saturday. No Saturday evening meal and the camp is closed on Sunday.
- RV sites are available on request.
- Registration Forms for your group can be found on [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org).
- We will contact you one week before your trip to verify date, number in team, arrival time, and any special skills of team.

### HOW CAN I HELP?

**Labor needs:** volunteers with a servant's heart; roofers; carpenters; electricians; painters; cooking teams; children's workers; cleaning teams; couples to work in warehouse.

**Material needs:** building supplies; cleaning supplies; non-perishable food; furniture; appliances; toiletry items

**Location**—The camp is located at 114 Industrial Road, Red Springs, NC on the corner of Hwy 211 and Industrial Rd.

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# Missions Camps

## SHELBY MISSION CAMP

**Purpose**—The goal of Shelby Mission Camp is to involve churches in missions. We work with youth, seniors, all ladies, all men or mixed groups. We would consider it a privilege to host you and your church group at the Shelby Mission Camp.

**Facilities**—Shelby Mission Camp currently has two metal buildings on 12 acres of land with another 30 acres for future development. The administration building house, feed, and sleep 200 mission volunteers per day. The warehouse is used to store building materials and tools.

### PLAN A TRIP

- Daily \$21 per person fee covers lodging, 3 meals, and supplemental volunteer insurance.
- Work days are Monday–Saturday.
- No supper is provided on Saturday night and the camp is closed on Sundays.
- Teams need to bring their own tools (some tools can be provided), towels, wash cloths, toiletries and bedding (don't forget your pillow).
- RV sites are available by reservation only.
- Participants must be 13 years or older.
- Youth groups must have a 1:4 ratio of adult to youth and at least 2 skilled construction workers for every 10 youth.
- Call or e-mail one week before your mission trip to verify date, number in team & team skills, and arrival time.

### HOW CAN I HELP?

**Current needs:** Current Needs: Construction is a big part of what we do as we help hurting people. We need skilled help with roofing, plumbing, HVAC and electrical. Help is also needed for building wheelchair ramps, floor replacement, painting or yardwork. Whatever your skill level we have a place for you.

For those that prefer other ministry opportunities, bible schools, sports camps, senior adult ministry of various kinds, the potato project, Books on Mission, and working with other helping ministries in our communities are also needs.

**Location**—GPS will not find our location at 302 Sharpton Drive in Shelby, NC; however, you can use 1327 S Lafayette Street, Shelby, NC 28152, which is located directly across the street. We do have a street sign for Sharpton Drive, which is off Hwy 18 (Lafayette Street). Our sign, Baptists on Mission, is at the entrance of Sharpton Drive and we are at the end of the street.

BOM welcomes Robbie & Kristie Alexander as the new Shelby Missions Camp Coordinators. For more information, contact Robbie at (704) 467-3706 or [ralexander@ncbaptist.org](mailto:ralexander@ncbaptist.org).

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The Alexander Family, New Shelby Missions Camp Coordinators.



# ServeNC

## Moving Out of Our Seats and into the Streets

If your church wasn't around, would your community notice?

ServeNC is an opportunity for every NC Baptist church to serve its community in Jesus' name.

Let's be on mission together – all of us, across the state, loving our neighbors for the sake of the gospel and the glory of God.

Next summer, join N.C. Baptists from the mountains to the coast as the hands and feet of Jesus. Will you set aside one week in 2024 to make an impact through service projects?

Every church reaching its community.

Every person using their gifts to bring glory to God, bless and preserve the community, and make disciples.

What specific needs can your church meet in your community?

Help the poor and the rich, those involved in churches and those with no church home, and people of all ages.

Set aside August 3-10, 2024 or choose a date that fits your church schedule.

For more information on how your church can be involved in local missions, contact Paul Langston at (919) 459-5611 or [plangston@ncbaptist.org](mailto:plangston@ncbaptist.org).

Sign up and learn more at:  
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- 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



Imagine the impact of 100,000 people from 1500 NC churches all serving "On Mission Together." We can make Christ visible in every county in North Carolina.



## Igniting the Hearts of Men Conference

September 9, 2023 @ Apex Baptist in Apex, NC



Do you desire to see men come alive with the realization of Christ's calling upon their lives? Would you rejoice to see them engaged in growing, meaningful fellowship with our Lord and other believers? Join us for one unforgettable day of encouragement, exhortation, and inspiration for men at the Igniting the Hearts of Men Conference at Apex Baptist Church in Apex, NC. This one day equipping conference is designed to prepare men to be courageous, effective Christ-followers. The IHM Conference is for men of all ages and will include worship, and inspiring messages from two nationally known keynote

speakers - Brett Clemmer, president and CEO of Man in the Mirror Ministries, and John Tolson, author, professional sports chaplain, and found of the Tolson Group. Resources for men's personal growth and men's ministry development in the church will be featured. Three breakout session times will offer choice of 16 seminars led by men's leaders from around the nation. Cost of the conference is \$39 per person. If registering ten or more, the cost is \$35 per person. There will also be a \$10 per person on-site lunch option when registering. Visit the Baptist on Mission Men's Ministry webpage for more information and/or to register. [www.baptistonmission.org/men](http://www.baptistonmission.org/men). We look forward to seeing you in Apex on Saturday, September 9!





### Men's Worship Rallies To Be Held Throughout State in November 2023

Men's Ministry Rallies will be held in five locations throughout the state in November 2023. These rallies feature a good meal, great fellowship, worship, a spiritual challenge for men, missions information, and a prayer time. The purpose of the rallies are 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 how to strengthen 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 1 Thursday, November 9; Region 3 Tuesday, November 14; Region 5 Thursday, November 16; Region 7 Monday, November 20; and Region 9 Tuesday, November 28. (Specific rally sites will be listed on our website). Registration is \$5 per person, which will go toward covering the cost of the meal.



### 2024 Men's Outdoor Weekend

In early May 2023 over 120 men gathered for Baptist on Mission's Men's Outdoor Weekend, a time of fellowship, worship, and outdoor fun. The event, held at Camp Caraway in Asheboro, provides men a fun outdoor experience that will also challenge them to walk closer with Christ. The weekend begins 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. Next year's event will be May 3-4, 2024. Visit our webpage for more information on how you and your men can be a part of this great event!



### Men's Ministry Training Available

The Baptists on Mission Men's Ministry Advisory Team is available to provide 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 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, contact Mark Abernathy at 919-459-5607 or mabernathy@ncbaptist.org.



For more information on these events and for starting or strengthening your ministry to men, contact Mark Abernathy at 919-459-5607 or mabernathy@ncbaptist.org or visit our Men's Ministry webpage at [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org) (Church Programs/Men's Ministry)

# Two years in Hungary. An eternal impact.

*Paving the way for the gospel in public schools.*

Are you looking for a way to fill a gap year or two after college? Or, perhaps you are newly retired, newly empty-nested or just looking for a couple of years to serve internationally? Join us as a missionary and use your gifts and talents for the sake of the gospel.

Baptists on Mission, in partnership with Hungarian Baptist Aid, seeks volunteers to serve as teachers for approximately 50 schools operated by the Baptists on behalf of the government. With native speakers for bilingual programs or English as a second language instruction, these schools provide new and unique opportunities for children, influencing language development and formation in other areas. With teaching as a platform, this position focuses on sharing the gospel, building relationships in the community and helping in growing local churches or church planting efforts.

Tom and April serve in Hungary for the 2023-24 school year. Read their testimony here: "God began to whisper to our hearts about international missions several years ago. Our daughters were making their way through college and we knew our nest would soon be empty. We started praying, preparing, and exploring options. During the Perspectives class ([www.perspectives.org](http://www.perspectives.org) - we highly recommend it!), we heard dozens of missionary stories, but one really rocked us both. Hundreds of years ago, the Chinese asked Europe to send Christian missionaries to come and teach them. War broke out and the church did not send anyone. Can you imagine a wide open door to China? How would our world be

different today had the church sent missionaries? When we first read about the Teach in Hungary opportunity, we were astounded to learn that today, in 2023; another door has opened wide to the gospel of Jesus. A European nation has invited Christians into their public schools! The invitation is almost unfathomable in our Western world which is so often against Christ. How long will this door remain open? With our daughters out of the home and starting their own teaching careers, we can accept Hungary's invitation. We want to carry the Good News right through this open door into the hallways of the school and into the hearts of Hungarian children."

#### Qualifications and Requirements

The ideal candidate will have a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited US college or university. A teaching degree is preferred but not required. A love for children and experience working with children, along with a passion for sharing Christ is essential. A pastoral recommendation and a background check are required for all applicants. A minimum one-year availability is necessary, with an opportunity to extend.

For more information visit, [baptistsonmission.org](http://baptistsonmission.org) or contact Teresa Jones, [tajones@ncbaptist.org](mailto:tajones@ncbaptist.org), 919-459-5613.



# SERVING ON STAFF FOR JESUS

By Sam Otten, Deep Impact Assistant Director & Worship Leader

I have always had a heart for missions ever since I was young, but I didn't know what God was calling me to do yet. That was until God gave me the opportunity to work for Deep Impact. I had always wanted to serve on a summer staff but never knew how to get involved. However, God had a plan for me to serve, I just had to listen and obey the opportunity He gave me. I always try to remember that we should not be afraid of what God is telling us to do. We should be afraid not to follow what He tells us to

do. I am so thankful that God has opened the door for me to serve; it has truly changed my life. Serving on the Deep Impact summer staff is so fulfilling and fun! I would highly encourage any college student that is able, to find somewhere to serve. I can't express how much God has humbled me through these experiences. One of my most memorable moments last summer was when I had the opportunity to serve in Honduras. It opened my eyes to the conditions that other countries live in. We are so blessed in America with everything we have, and we tend to live in a three-foot world where we only look at the things that are right in front of us. I had always heard what a third-world country was like, but you can never truly understand until you are there. It was a pleasure to be able to go and take over forty students to serve the people of Honduras. While we were there, we could worship with them, help with construction projects, host Vacation Bible Schools in Honduran schools, and experience the Honduran culture! One of my favorite parts was seeing the Honduran people worship the Lord. They have so little, yet they worship with everything to have. It was beautiful to watch, inspiring me to be so thankful for everything I have. Again, if you are a college student considering serving on mission, I highly encourage you to find ways you can. It has truly been such an eye-opening experience that I am very grateful the Lord has shown me.



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2024 DEEP IMPACT STUDENT MISSIONS

[baptistsonmission.org/di](https://baptistsonmission.org/di)

Deep Impact offers gospel-centered, missions-focused, life-impacting camps and trips for students in 6th-12th grades and their leaders.

di MISSION WEEKS

<b>Shelby</b>	June 10-15	\$320
<b>Shelby (half)</b>	June 10-13	\$220
<b>Hendersonville</b>	June 17-22	\$320
<b>Winston Salem</b>	June 24-29	\$320
<b>Caswell</b>	June 30-July 6	TBD (by Caswell)
<b>Morehead City</b>	July 8-13	\$320
<b>Charity Mission Center</b>	July 22-27	\$320
<b>Charity Mission Center (half)</b>	July 22-25	\$220
<b>Red Springs (Fall Retreat)</b>	Oct. 18-20	\$150

di CITY SERVE

<b>Columbia, SC</b>	July 15-20	\$450
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di INTERNATIONAL

<b>Cuba</b>	July 6-13	\$2,200
<b>Puerto Rico</b>	July 20-27	\$1,600



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# KID'S MISSIONS DAY



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# KID'S MISSIONS DAY

## EQUIPPING CHILDREN TO SERVE LIKE JESUS!



Our Children/Family Mission Mobilization team has been busy reaching out to churches, encouraging hands-on mission involvement. Not only for the children but the adults as well! Adults play an important role in the spiritual formation of the children in our families and in our churches. This includes mission education and, most importantly, mission involvement.

DI Kids gives children and adults the opportunity to be involved in missions with overnight events

from May until September. These mission-focused, Gospel-centered, life-impacting events offer the chance to combine hands-on mission projects with the camp experience.

Another entry point to help introduce children to the importance of serving others and being the hands and feet of Jesus is through our One-Day Kid's Mission Days. There have been three events since October 2022 and three more are on the calendar for 2023.



The Kids One Day Event was a huge success. Seeing so many kids from churches across the state involved in missions was great. Through the various projects, the kids were able to make a direct impact in four counties in NC, as well as across

the state and world. We look forward to participating in future Kids One Day Events and other events through Deep Impact Kids. (Joe Yandle, Kids Pastor, Ridgcrest Baptist Church Durham)

Our church was the first to try a ONE DAY Kids' Missions Day. It came at a time when we had not entirely bounced back from the season of covid. We needed an outward focus.

The "One Days" are a perfect way to engage people intentionally without the expense and time of overnight trips. Often, we get busy with life... even with church life and forget that our kids need to be intentionally engaged in missions if we ever hope they will grow up to be missional adults. Our "one day" was a



win-win on all fronts. We served our community, built stronger relationships, connected with other churches that came to serve with us, and empowered our kids to be the hands and feet of



Jesus. What I loved most was watching the adults become energized by working alongside the children. Our young disciples' enthusiasm to engage in the world around them is contagious! But they need us to create opportunities for them. What are you doing this weekend...grab your families and spend ONE DAY doing missions together. (Sara Williams, Minister to Youth and Children, FBC Dunn)

Register now for a 2024 DI Kids mission camp experience or a One Day Event! [www.baptistmission.org/dikids](http://www.baptistmission.org/dikids) For more information about hosting a One-Day Kids' Event in your community, contact Dollie Noa [dnoa@ncbaptist.org](mailto:dnoa@ncbaptist.org).

### One-Day Kids' Mission

- September 30 – Cross Road, Asheboro
- October 21 – Lighthouse, Sylva
- November 4 – Bethlehem, Knightdale
- November 18 – Charity Mission Center, Rose Hill



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DI Kids 2024

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## Saved and Called to a Holy Calling

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Red Springs Mission Camp	May 17-19	\$125
Hendersonville	June 10-14	\$235
Shelby Mission Camp	June 17-21	\$235
Charity Mission Center (mini)	June 23-26	\$160
Red Springs (mini)	June 27-30	\$160
Caswell	July 1-6	TBD (by Caswell)
Red Springs Mission Camp	July 8-12	\$235
Morehead City FBC (mini)	July 14-17	\$190
Blowing Rock Conf Center (mini)	July 29-Aug. 1	\$225
Charity Mission Center	Sept. 20-22	\$125



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## Baptists on Mission Values, Culture, Systems

### BOM Purpose:

To Glorify God by involving Christians in meeting human needs in Jesus' Name.

### BOM Vision:

That every Christian sees themselves as a missionary who is to share Christ's love through their words and actions. We believe that a Christian is called to use his/her gifts in such a way that "our good works bring glory to God." (Matthew 5:14-16)

### 1. VALUES- the deepest commitments and beliefs held by Baptists on Mission:

- Love: Every person is loved by God, and He desires to be in a relationship with them.
- Prayer: The power of prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit are the key agents for transformation.
- Calling: God calls all of us to serve Him by serving others in His name.
- Giftedness: The giftedness of every believer is a vital part of the Body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12)
- Sending: Every Christian is a Missionary who is called, gifted and sent.
- Respect: Every person we serve is valued by God and should be treated with kindness and respect (Galatians 5: 22-23).
- Humility: We recognize that everything we have and do comes from God and that what God does counts.
- Excellence: Every act of ministry and service is for God and deserves our best effort.
- Integrity: Personal integrity in all that we do.

### 2. CULTURE- the expressions of Baptists on Missions' values we seek:

- Practicing sacrificial service to each other (teamwork) and to churches and volunteers with whom we are in contact.
- Our Board of Directors/Ministry leaders places great value on lay leadership.

Speaker: Tom Richter Worship: The Museum

- Passionately glorifying God by serving others and making Him known to the best of our abilities.
- Good, detailed planning of life-changing mission projects and events.
- Communicating well. We will speak the truth in love.
- Developing trust among co-workers and volunteers, healthy discussions on best practices and a strong commitment to Christ, our work and each other.
- Inclusion of volunteers regardless of religion, gender, age, race, or ethnicity so that they might know Jesus.
- Responding to every phone call and email as an opportunity to glorify God.
- Valuing all opportunities to serve. No job is beneath any team member.
- Accessible and respectful interaction with people who contact us.

### 3. Baptists on Mission System of Operation are the day-to-day processes by which staff carry out our ministries and include:

- Helping churches and individuals to be personally involved in missions.
- Connecting people with their place of individual ministry/service.
- Answering phone calls by saying, "How may I serve you?"
- Responding to emails and other communication promptly and with accuracy and kindness
- Actively promoting BOM opportunities when communicating with people.
- Reporting to work promptly and with a willingness to work until the job is complete
- Building relationships with ministry partners
- Seeking the input of all team members



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April 14-15, Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC  
Featuring Sheila Walsh, Jennifer Rothschild, D. A. Horton,  
Lee Strobel, Jeff Iorg, Tom Richter, Christy Nockels

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Various dates 2023. To learn more about Deep Impact  
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July 3-8 at Fort Caswell on Oak Island, NC  
Children, K-Grade 5; Youth, Grades 6-12; College; Adults

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