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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



LIVING SENT

We had a great Missions Conference this year! The theme was “Living Sent”.

To Live Sent, you must understand that you are called, gifted and sent.

Called— to be salt and light, called to be God’s hands and feet. We are called to serve God by serving others in his name. Called in Acts 1:8 to be witnesses in our own Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria and the ends of the earth.

Gifted—Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12:7 tells how we have been given a spiritual gift to help each other. God gifts Christians unique talents, interests, and abilities that we can use for His glory.

Sent— in John 20:21, Jesus said, “As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” Jesus was saying, as the Father has sent me as a missionary, I am sending you as a missionary.

During the Friday evening session of the Missions Conference, Taylor Field shared a powerful insight, “If you have a pulse, you have a purpose”. This underscores the importance of personal involvement in missions, which not only helps us understand our calling and gifting but also empowers us to fulfill God’s purpose for our lives.

Baptists on Mission exist to Glorify God by Involving Churches and Christians in Meeting human needs in Jesus’ name.

In Matthew 5:16, Jesus said, “Let your light so shine before men that they see your good works and Glorify your Father in heaven.” We Glorify God when we are “Living Sent.”

Richard Brunson
Executive Director-Treasurer
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



Greetings

Being elected President of the North Carolina Baptists on Missions is an honor. Over the years, the Lord has blessed my wife and me and allowed us to be His servants in many places. I want to tell you a little about my family and myself.

My name is Tim Etheridge, and I have been married to Vicki for over forty years. We were both born and raised in eastern North Carolina and currently live in the country outside of Greenville, NC. Vicki and I attend Riverview Baptist Church, a small church just outside Washington, NC. Both of us are now retired; I worked

for over thirty-five years with USDA, and Vicki taught for thirty years. We raised our two children (son and daughter), assisted the family with cutting and splitting wood, and worked in the garden. Both decided they wanted to get a good education so they would not have to do manual labor. Both furthered their education with one earning a master’s and the other a PhD. Both have since told me that the hard work was good for them and their future work ethic. Our children are married and have spouses we treat as sons and daughters. Our children have blessed us with four grandchildren (three girls and one boy) from 9 months to 7 years old. Vicki and I tremendously enjoy our time with the grandchildren and are sometimes thankful when their parents take them home.

Years ago, my service with NC Baptist Men began as a member of the Agriculture Missions Team. This led to several mission trips where there was a possibility for agricultural assistance. Working with the Agriculture Mission Team has been a blessing, inspiring me to get involved in other ministries. I attended a Disaster Relief training in Edenton in the early 2000s and have enjoyed responding to provide food for those in need since then. Vicki and I have served at various sites where NC Baptists on Missions was helping after a disaster, including New Jersey and Puerto Rico. We have also worked with refugees from Ukraine in Moldova. Over the years, many Baptists on Missions mentors have impacted my life and taught me many important lessons while serving our Lord. Thanks to all who have helped me learn as I served.

Acts 1:8 tells the story of us and our Lord once we believe. It states, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” This verse tells us that once we are believers, each of us will be His witness everywhere we go. It also promises His power will be with us through the Holy Spirit as we represent Him. As you read this magazine, you will see many opportunities for service. These opportunities might be in your own neighborhood, in your state, in our country, or outside this country. Consider where the Lord is calling and go be His hands and feet.

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Tim Etheridge

2024-25 Event Dates

AUGUST 2024

- 3 - 10 ServeNC
- 16 - 17 BOM Board of Directors Meeting - Caraway
- 17 BOM Advisory Council & Board Meeting - Caraway
- 19 Region 1 Rally - Edenton Baptist, Edenton
- 19 Region 4 Rally - Grey Stone Baptist, Durham
- 19 Region 6 Rally - New Home Baptist, Peachland
- 20 Region 2 Rally - First Baptist Church, New Bern
- 20 Region 8 Rally - First Baptist Church, Stanly
- 22 Region 3 Rally - The Lake Church, White Lake
- 22 Region 5 Rally - Glen View Bapt., Winston-Salem
- 22 Region 7 Rally - Laurel Springs Baptist, Deep Gap
- 22 Region 9 Rally - First Baptist Church, Hendersonville
- 22 Region 10 Rally - First Baptist Church, Murphy

SEPTEMBER 2024

- 1-30 NC Missions Offering Month
- 7 Marriage Refresh Conference, FBC Sanford
- 14 Construction Skills Training - Shelby Mission Camp
- 20 - 22 Deep Impact KIDS - Charity Mission Center
- 21 Construction Skills Training - Red Springs Mission Camp

OCTOBER 2024

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

NOVEMBER 2024

- 1 - 2 DR Blue Hat Training - Shelby Mission Camp
- 7 Men's Worship Rally - Region 2
- 12 Men's Worship Rally - Region 4, Pittsboro Baptist, Pittsboro
- 14 Men's Worship Rally - Region 6
- 14 - 16 Youth & College Leaders Retreat - Shelby Mission Camp
- 19 Men's Worship Rally - Region 8, Macedonia Baptist, Lincolnton
- 21 Men's Worship Rally - Region 10, Iotla Baptist, Franklin

JANUARY 2025

- 24-25 Board Meeting @ Caraway
- 26 Baptist Men's Day in the Churches - 91st Observance

FEBRUARY 2025

- 22 Disaster Relief Training, Rocky Hock Baptist, Edenton

MARCH 2025

- 8 Construction Skills Training, Red Springs Mission Camp
- 14-15 Baptist Missions Conference, Calvary Baptist, Winston Salem
- 22 Construction Skills Training, Charity Mission Camp
- 29 Disaster Relief Training, Western Prong Baptist, Whiteville
- 29 Construction Skills Training, Shelby Mission Camp

APRIL 2025

- 12 Disaster Relief Training, First Baptist, Clemmons
- 26 Pleasant Hill Baptist, Elkin

MAY 2025

- 2-3 Men's Outdoor Weekend, Camp Caraway, Asheboro
- 16-19 Deep Impact KIDS Weekend, Red Springs Mission Camp
- 17 Disaster Relief Training, Fruitland Baptist Bible College, Hendersonville

JUNE 2025

- 9-12 Deep Impact 1/2 Week - Shelby Mission Camp
- 9-13 Deep Impact KIDS, Hendersonville
- 9-14 Deep Impact - Shelby Mission Camp
- 16-20 Deep Impact KIDS, Shelby Mission Camp
- 16-21 Deep Impact - Hendersonville
- 22-25 Deep Impact KIDS Mini, Shelby Mission Camp
- 23-28 Deep Impact - Greensboro
- 26-29 Deep Impact KIDS Mini, Blowing Rock
- 28-July 5 Deep Impact - Cuba
- 30-July 5 Deep Impact Family Week/July 4th Week, Charity Mission Camp
- 30-July 5 Deep Impact - Lumberton Rebuild Center

JULY 2025

- 7-10 Deep Impact 1/2 Week - Red Springs Mission Camp
- 7-10 Deep Impact KIDS Mini, Charity Mission Camp
- 7-12 Deep Impact - Red Springs Mission Camp
- 14-18 Deep Impact KIDS, Red Springs Mission Camp
- 14-19 Deep Impact - Wilmington
- 19 Board Meeting @ Baptist Building, Cary
- 19-26 Deep Impact - Puerto Rico
- 21-24 Deep Impact 1/2 Week - Charity Mission Camp
- 21-26 Deep Impact - Charity Mission Camp
- 28-31 Deep Impact 1/2 Week - Charity Mission Camp
- 28-31 Deep Impact KIDS Mini, Camp Dixie, Fayetteville

AUGUST 2025

- 15-16 Board Meeting @ Caraway Conference Center

SEPTEMBER 2025

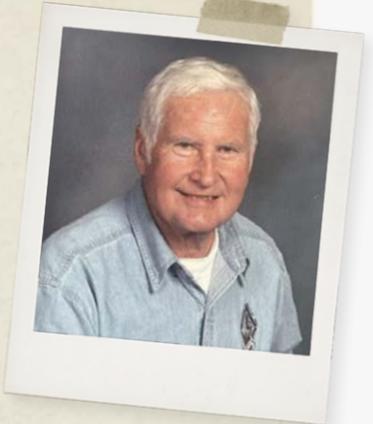
- 13 Igniting the Hearts of Men Conference, Site TBD
- 13 Construction Skills Training, Red Springs Mission Camp
- 19-21 Deep Impact KIDS Weekend, Shelby Mission Camp
- 27 Construction Skills Training, Shelby Mission Camp

OCTOBER 2025

- 17-19 Deep Impact Retreat, Shelby Mission Camp
- 18 Construction Skills Training, Charity Mission Camp



In Loving Memory



A long-time Baptists on Mission volunteer, **Miller Garrison**, age 95, went to his heavenly home on June 9th, 2024. He was a hardworking, generous man who was loved by all who knew him. He was preceded in death by his wife, Peggy, of over 70 years. He is survived by his son Steve Garrison (Wendy), daughter Dotsie Helton (Steve), two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Miller met the love of his life, Peggy Garrison, at Stanley High School. Their love was deep and heartfelt, and they were an incredible team with a shared passion for missions. He retired from Duke Energy. He was a longtime member of First Baptist Church in Stanley, where he served as a deacon and worked countless hours to keep the building in working order.

Miller's impact was not confined to his local community. He was named the NC Baptists on Mission Volunteer of the Year in 1998 and served on the Board in various capacities. His ministry extended to 43 international mission trips (19 different countries), 79 mission trips in the United States, countless trips for World Changers, and an instrumental volunteer to help restore the NC Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell.

Miller Garrison was a humble, genuine, dedicated, quiet, committed servant who never sought recognition for his selfless service. He gladly surrendered his life to being the hands and feet of Jesus, His Savior, inspiring us all with his unwavering dedication.



Maurice G. Cook, age 92, went home to be with the Lord on June 16, 2024. At an early age, Maurice accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. He honored and served Christ in all areas of life.

Dr. Cook's involvement with Baptists on Mission included serving as President and state Agriculture Missions coordinator, participating in several BOM international mission projects, and serving on numerous committees. Maurice, Nancy, and their son, Stephen, spent a year in India as missionaries.

He is survived by his wife Nancy, son Stephen, daughter-in-law Tannen, and four granddaughters. He was born in Franklin County, KY. He received B.S. and M.S. degrees in agronomy from the University of Kentucky and a Ph.D. in agronomy from VPI. He joined the faculty of NC State University in 1962 and retired in 1992 as a full professor, where he taught over 8,000 students in agronomy. Many of Dr. Cook's NCSU students on the BOM Board, past and present, testify to the difference Dr. Cook made in their lives with his willingness to give time above and beyond expectations to help them succeed.

After 29 years of dedicated service, Maurice retired as a Colonel from the U.S. Army Reserve.

He has been rightly described as a humble, gentle, first-class Southern gentleman who loved the Lord! He exemplified that in every aspect of his life, reflecting the peace and joy he found in following Christ.

2024 MISSIONS RALLIES

for MEN, WOMEN & YOUTH

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE AUGUST 2024 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**
Monday, August 19
Edenton Baptist
200 S Granville St
Edenton, NC
- ▶ **REGION 2**
Tuesday, August 20
New Bern First Baptist
239 Middle Street
New Bern, NC
- ▶ **REGION 3**
Thursday, August 22
The Lake Church
1930 White Lake Dr
White Lake, NC
- ▶ **REGION 4**
Monday, August 19
Grey Stone Church
2601 Hillsborough Rd
Durham, NC
- ▶ **REGION 5**
Thursday, August 22
Glenn View Baptist
4275 Glen Hi Rd
Winston Salem, NC
- ▶ **REGION 6**
Monday, August 19
New Home Baptist
1617 New Home Church Rd
Peachland, NC
- ▶ **REGION 7**
Thursday, August 22
Laurel Springs Baptist
7504 US Hwy 421 S
Deep Gap, NC
- ▶ **REGION 8**
Tuesday, August 20
Stanly First Baptist
409 Old Mt Holly Rd
Stanley, NC
- ▶ **REGION 9**
Thursday, August 22
FBC Hendersonville
312 5th Avenue West
Hendersonville, NC 28739
- ▶ **REGION 10**
Tuesday, August 20
Murphy First Baptist
517 Hiwassee St
Murphy, NC

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
- Scan the QR Code
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Information needed:

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LIVING SENT

EVERY CHRISTIAN IS A MISSIONARY



MARCH 14-15, 2025 • CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH • WINSTON-SALEM, NC

Speakers include Anne Graham Lotz, Tom Richter, Sheila Walsh, Lee Strobel, Jennifer Rothschild and Kyle Idleman. Worship will be led by Michael O'Brien.

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

Cost: Friday and Saturday \$20, Saturday only \$15, Friday and Saturday with Friday supper \$32. (Cost includes General sessions, breakout sessions, event materials and lunch on Saturday.)

For registration, hotel information and additional details, visit: www.baptistsonmission.org/MissionsConference or call 919-459-5596. Pre-registration is required. Registration deadline: March 1, 2025.

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Speakers



Worship Leader



JESUS SAID,
"AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, I AM SENDING YOU".
-John 20:21

No Longer Feeling Blue

When Lumberton resident John Butler found out he was getting a new home he had one request: Can you paint it Carolina blue? Volunteers with N.C. Baptists on Mission granted Butler's request, which delighted the lifelong University of North Carolina Tar Heel basketball fan.

From the shade of Carolina blue paint on the outside to every detail on the inside, both John and his wife, Verneeta, found joy in every aspect of their new home when they were given the keys in May which marked the end of a nearly six-year ordeal brought on by Hurricane Florence in 2018,

The Butler's home was one of many across southeastern North Carolina that flooded during Hurricane Florence, a slow-moving storm that stalled over the Carolinas and dumped record rainfall on the region for days in September 2018.

The rainfall resulted in rising rivers and catastrophic flooding. During the storm, the Lumber River near the Butler's home crested at 29 feet—the highest total ever—and covered parts of Interstate 95. The waters devastated the Butler's home.

"When that water came in, there was no stopping it," Verneeta Butler said as she recalled water gushing through the kitchen. "Water was everywhere."

Even after flood waters abated, the Butlers continued to live in their old home for nearly five years, dealing with buckled floors, mold, mildew and other issues.



“We were breathing that stuff in every day, and it was harming us,” John Butler said. “Our floors were buckling. It was awful.”

Volunteers working out of Baptists on Mission’s Lumberton Rebuild Center tore down the Butler’s original home and rebuilt it in about six months. The rebuild center is one of several owned and operated by Baptists on Mission to assist residents following natural disasters who often have no place to turn and lack funds needed to rebuild.

In the past six years, volunteers have restored 1,800 homes. More than 60 of those have been total rebuilds like the Butler’s residence. A grant provided by the N.C. Office of State Budget Management provides funds to purchase rebuilt materials, while Baptists on Mission provides volunteer labor.

The Butlers continue to be in awe of their new home. “We thank God for it,” John Butler said.

Verneeta Butler added: “It’s not just the house. It’s not

just walls and windows and cabinets. It’s a home, it’s where people come to feel safe.”

The Butlers are looking forward to visits from their children and grandchildren. They’re also looking forward to cooking in their new kitchen. The Butlers are known in their community for cooking for neighbors who may need a meal.

“There’s a reason God wanted us to rebuild right here,” John Butler said. “He wanted us to be a lighthouse to this community.”

Thanks to an assist from an N.C. Baptist pastor, representatives from Baptists on Mission helped arrange for former UNC basketball player Brady Manek to visit the Butlers, presenting them with a signed basketball and an experience of a lifetime.

“Taking his time to come see — ain’t that something?” John Butler said. “It’s such a blessing because you know how I am about Carolina.”

A Dream Realized

Partnership births church among Yazidi people in Armenia



For decades, Siaban Uzoyan had a dream that he wondered would ever come to fruition. As the son of Yazidi refugees to Armenia who lived under the iron

Yazidis are indigenous to the Kurdistan region in West Asia that includes parts of Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Syria. They have been marginalized and persecuted for centuries because of their unique religious beliefs that put them at odds with their Muslim neighbors. To escape religious persecution and genocide, many Yazidis have settled in Armenia, where they are the largest ethnic minority .

fist of the Soviet Union, Uzoyan longed to see a church established among his people.

There are very few Yazidi-background believers, with only five known Yazidi churches in the world. Uzoyan and his son, Tengiz, have led a house church for a small group of Christians in the Armenian town of Avshar for many years. They say this new building will open the door to even greater gospel outreach.

Now, Uzoyan’s dream is on the cusp of being realized. By 2025, the first Yazidi Christian church building will be dedicated in Armenia through a partnership between N.C. Baptists on Mission and Armenians Baptists.

“Our goal is to have a Kurdish school so that children can come to Christ,” Uzoyan said. “We would like to serve the Lord and do more, to be an example to the Yazidi Kurdish people in this community that they would come to know Christ, as well. For that, we glorify God, and we humble ourselves before Him.”

“Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, we’ve had a desire to have a church building,” said Uzoyan, a pastor and church planter. “It is such a blessing to know that our prayers are being answered through this partnership.”



Gifts to North Carolina Missions Offering support the work of rebuild centers and ministering to families like the Butlers. To watch an accompanying video about the Butler family, visit www.vimeo.com/951983053 or scan this QR code.





Since 2002, Baptists on Mission has partnered with Armenian Baptists to train leaders and strengthen the local church. A key component of the partnership has been assisting with the constructing of 15 churches. Paul Langston, who coordinates the Armenia partnership for Baptists on Mission, called Armenia a “strategic location” where God is at work.

“Armenia is a strategic location at the crossroads of Europe, Asia and the Middle East,” Langston said. “After the collapse of the Soviet Union which controlled Armenia for much of the 20th century, there was only one Baptist church in Armenia. Armenian Baptists were few in number and all were first generation believers, with no formal training and very limited resources.

“God is allowing us to walk alongside them and develop a new generation of leaders who are reaching their country and region. Additionally, we are partnering with and supporting pastors in other countries in the region now.”

Asatur Nahapetyan, general secretary of Armenian Baptists, said people from North Carolina are making a big difference in his home country.

“It helps the Armenian Christians know they are not alone,” Nahapetyan said. “You helped make us strong so that we can now strengthen others.”



Your generous gifts to the North Carolina Missions Offering support the work of Baptists on Mission’s national and international partnerships. To see a video about the Yazidi church project, visit www.vimeo.com/951982608 or scan the QR code.

BOM Volunteer of the Year Steve Couch



At each annual Missions Conference, one person or couple is recognized as the Baptists on Mission Volunteer of the Year. This year's honored recipient is Steve Couch. He has been a leader in his church, where he has served as a deacon, Sunday School Teacher, choir member, Outreach Team Leader, Missions leader and much more.

Steve's involvement in his church and the invaluable insights from his business experience brought many new ideas and he has been a great developer of the BOM Board of Directors, volunteers and ministries. He has been involved in disaster relief and men's ministry and has made multiple international mission trips to Guatemala, Togo, South Africa, and other places. He has also been a regional director and a ministry coordinator for many years. Steve has invested thousands of hours into strengthening and developing Baptists on Missions ministries and opportunities!

He has served as President of Baptists on Mission for five years, and we are so thankful for his leadership!

Baptists on Mission is proud to honor Steve Couch as our Volunteer of the Year!



2024 Heritage Award Ed and Helen Helms

Ed and Helen Helms, known as 'can-do' people of faith, have not only developed a large family but also a legacy of devotion through their over forty-five years of mission service.

Their journey began with a church building project in Phoenix, Arizona in 1978, where Ed and Helen caught the 'mission bug'. For the next thirty years, they were constantly on the move, serving internationally in places like Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, The Dominican Republic, and more – and nationally in the Northeastern and Western parts of our nation.

From 2005 to 2009, Ed and Helen coordinated teams in renovating The Old Stone Church in North Bennington, Vermont.

In 2010, the Helms became construction coordinators for Baptists on Mission Rocky Mountain Partnership, a position that they held for the next 14 years. Each summer, they traveled to a site in Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, or Montana to

coordinate the work of 12-16 mission teams. Over that time, Ed oversaw the construction of six new sanctuaries, two new educational buildings, a camp chapel, a parsonage, and two church renovation projects.

Ed's knowledge of construction and Helen's gift for hospitality, have made them an unbeatable team. Ed and Helen also developed mentoring relationships with the pastors and church members with whom they served each summer.

One of Ed's favorite sayings is, "If you say yes – God will provide." He and Helen have been saying "yes" to God for the past 50 years – and God has provided! Ed and Helen have been married for 69 years. They have one son, one granddaughter, and three great-grandchildren. They are members of Reepsville Baptist Church in Vale, NC.

Baptists on Mission is honored to name Ed and Helen Helms our Heritage Award recipients for 2024. We appreciate your faithfulness in serving as Jesus' hands and feet!



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To Cultivate and To Keep



The first mention of man’s interaction with the earth and creation is in Genesis 1:28 and 2:15. In Genesis 1:28, the Lord calls for man to “subdue” the earth, ruling over it. Genesis 2:15 reads, “Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.” (NASB1995). Here, man had two purposes: to “cultivate” and “keep” the garden. The Hebrew for “cultivate” is often translated as “work” or “serve”; however, this same Hebrew word is translated as “worship” in Exodus 3:12. The Hebrew word for “keep” can be translated as “to guard” or “preserve.” This same Hebrew word is later used in Exodus, Chapter 20:6, as a call for obedience to “keep” the Lord’s commandments.

The point is this: In Genesis 2:8, God himself provided the garden, and as an act of worship and obedience, He has called us to serve Him and to preserve what He has given us.

At the heart of the Agriculture Missions ministry is a profound call to worship and obey Him in all of our agricultural activities. We strive to fulfill this mission with every seed we sow, every field we tend, and every life we touch.

The Agricultural Missions brochure has a list of goals. One of these goals reads, “Agricultural ministry is not complete

until we introduce people to the Bread of Life and the Living Water.” We often think of missions as tangibly serving with our hands and feet. In the Agriculture ministry, perhaps this means literally providing access to bread and water to those in need. There is nothing wrong with this; however, Jesus told us that He is the “Bread of Life” so we’ll never be hungry, and He is the “Living water”, so we’ll never be thirsty. Our goal with the Agriculture Ministry is to open the door to the Great Commission, sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and demonstrating His love for the church.

We are excited to share that we have several upcoming opportunities for you to get involved. Our team is currently exploring opportunities to serve in Togo, Africa and we have an upcoming trip scheduled for Cuba from August 23-30. We have also recently assisted with soil and water conservation issues at the Charity Mission Camp in Rose Hill, NC, a garden day at the Shelby Mission Camp in Shelby, NC, and begun cooperating with the Veterans Farm of NC in Cameron, NC. We invite you to join us in these meaningful endeavors.

Do you have any interest in the above activities? Do you have ideas for other agricultural outreach opportunities? Perhaps you are interested in being involved with the Agricultural Missions team? Does your church have an interest in starting a local Agricultural ministry? Or do you have questions related to agricultural issues? Whatever your need is, please reach out, and we will serve you as best we can. We also encourage you to visit the Agriculture Missions page of the NC Baptists on Mission for upcoming opportunities, as well as helpful weblinks to agricultural resources.

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The Day Your Life Changes

by Bob Joyner



As Angel Flight pilots, we have the opportunity to help people who need medical attention due to an accident or life-changing illness. God instructs us to use our gifts and talents to serve those in need. 1 Peter 4:10 says, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace". Chris Olin and I had the opportunity to help a person in need.

Eddie is a power line worker in Greenville, SC. It was a normal day for him as he worked with a trainee in late 2023. He always had a safety procedure he followed in his line of work to ensure the power was turned off in his working area. His supervisor came and asked him to move to another location and indicating all was clear for him to work on a transformer. He stated, that this was a big mistake for assuming all was clear. As he started working on the transformer, it exploded and blew him 15 feet into the woods. He was airlifted to Joesph M. Still Burn Center in Augusta, GA, for treatment. The 7,200 volts that went through him severely damaged his left arm and shoulder. Eddie credits God for allowing him to live because he was told that the majority of people do not survive this type of accident.

This will be a long recovery for Eddie with skin grafts and treatments to repair his arm and shoulder. Eddie explained to us that his major problem now is getting a good night's sleep due to PTSD from the accident. We prayed with Eddie, asking for a quick recovery, comfort and the ability to get a good night's sleep during this trial. He has felt God's presence and thanked us for praying for him.

As Chris and I returned home, we recognized how God has blessed us to be able to use Angel Flights to help others in need by encouraging those of faith and witnessing to those who do not know Jesus.



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Can you recall a teacher who made a huge impact on your life?

Most people can. As Christians, we multiply that impact by cooperating with God in the classroom. If you are willing to serve, there are tremendous opportunities for you.



My name is Kevin Rutledge. I grew up in NC and went to NC churches and schools. I felt called to be a missionary at Camp Caraway one summer as a counselor

there. NC Baptists nurtured me and educated me. I have been blessed. Have you been blessed, too? Jesus told us in Luke 12:48a, "To whom much has been given, much is required." It is a challenge for us to serve others. As a long-term missionary in Eastern Europe, I learned much about prayer, the persecution of Christians there and even more about how to be a good teacher. In partnership with Czech Baptists, we found English classes extremely popular. What an opening for the gospel!

Did you know that you can get a job teaching English in almost any country in the world? Have you heard of our English Bible camps in Hungary? If you serve there, your students will be thrilled to have an American teacher. Your classes will be places where the Holy Spirit works in the hearts of young people who have never heard John 3:16. Baptist Educators will continue to provide these opportunities in Hungary and other places worldwide.

Also, right here in NC, there are students in our schools who don't know any Christians. Through contact with Christian teachers, they can know the love of Christ. Many of our teacher friends don't know Jesus. If they receive a gift card or a friendship basket from a local church, they feel appreciated and are so thankful. Yes, churches can significantly influence the local school and make it a mission point for salvation. Baptist Educators can provide training for your church on how to reach teachers and students easily.

Another fast-growing area is the international kids who go into our schools through immigration. Every school district has been impacted by thousands of students coming here. We can touch their lives through after-school tutoring, ESL support and VBS, to name a few. If you aren't a teacher but love students and teachers, your church can be a source of hope for them. Baptist Educators can help you with the first steps to reach international kids.

I look forward to seeing what God is going to do in our schools and around the world. Come join us!

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In This, God Must Be Well-pleased

It is Saturday night, and the lights are down low in the sanctuary. The altar is surrounded by families praying for one another by name. For some, this will be the first experience they have ever had praying in this manner for each family member. A Church Renewal Journey team coordinator commented that this is one of the highlights of a Renewal Weekend. Simply seeing the faces of families praying, "In this, God must be well-pleased," stated the team coordinator.

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves" Philippians 2:3 (NIV). This scripture best depicts the motivation of a Church Renewal Journey team member. Weekends are designed to help build church unity and set a tone for discipleship. Foundational to our mission is prayer. The teams are trained to recognize prayer concerns and to stop and pray about them immediately. Many individuals find this uplifting.

North Carolina team members continue to support the Southern Illinois Baptist Association as they develop Church Renewal in their state. The success of the weekends has been rewarded by Illinois Baptist, which is now forming its own state team.

2024 has been a busy year for Church Renewal. The *Spiritual Warfare Weekend* was piloted at First Baptist Church in Rochelle, Georgia. Our weekend teacher was Rev. Clay Ledford from Victory Grove Baptist Church in

Lincolnton, NC. He expounded on the concept of spiritual warfare in the lives of Christians and the God-given tools available for believers to battle against it.

Several Renewal Weekends have been held in churches around North Carolina, to mention a few: Polkton Baptist, Polkton; Euto Baptist, Marshall; Mount Beulah Baptist, Bessemer City; Southgate Baptist, Thomasville. The weekend events have been tremendous, with salvations, professions of faith, hearts changed, friendships fostered, and faith strengthened by the sharing of testimonies.

Looking ahead, we have planned weekends through the Fall of 2024. As we continue to minister to churches in our communities and throughout the state, we always need new team members. One area of special concern for us is children and student workers. If you find joy in serving the younger generation, the Church Renewal Journey calls you. Visit www.churchrenewaljourney.net and complete a Team Member application today!

Associational Simultaneous Renewal Weekends are a great way for several churches from an Association to participate and schedule Awakening Weekends on the same weekend. AMS, we would **love** to work with your Association if you have churches that could use a Renewal to Awaken their Church. Go to www.churchrenewaljourney.net and fill out a request for an overview of the Church Renewal Journey to be presented at their church.

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The Church is Here!

by Kathie Aiken



Several years ago, when Dewey and I moved from Vermont back to Brevard, NC, we realized we did not know our neighbors. Over several months, we intentionally visited families, taking loaves of zucchini bread, introducing ourselves and asking about prayer needs. These personal visits have made a difference in knowing our community.

During those interactions, we discovered a mobile home park below our house. Over the past years, our small, local church has been able to minister to many of these transient families intentionally. Scores of children and parents have been taught about Jesus, fed, and befriended as our church reached out. One day, we were visiting two twenties- something girls who shared a mobile home. We knew of their need for coats for the cold mountain winter. As I knocked on the door, I

heard Melissa call to Marissa in Paul Revere fashion - "The church is here, the church is here!" In fifty years of ministry, I have never forgotten the impact of those words on me.

Throughout NC, there are thousands of hurting people. In every one of our communities, some families need the care and love of followers of Jesus. They need to know Him through us. But what it takes is for us to get out of our seats and into the streets. It takes us intentionally walking our neighborhoods, praying for Jesus to open our eyes to see our neighbors as He sees them. This cannot be done from our church buildings.... we must go to them.

You may think, "We are small and do not have many people." Start simple. Start with what you know and see in your neighborhood. If there are hungry people, share your summer vegetables or cook a casserole. If

there are elderly people, gather with some friends and go clean their house or yard. If someone has no transportation, offer to take them to the doctor. They need a friend, and they need Jesus. Your congregation can be that source of healing to those hurting around you.

You may discover a larger need, such as outreach to children or ministry to persons from another country. How many churches around you could join your congregation in meeting these needs? We need to remember that we are not called to build our castles but to build the Kingdom.

Your Compassion Ministries Team wants to encourage your church to discover your community's physical and spiritual needs. Whether through the baptistsonmission.org web page or by visiting your church to spend time with you, the team members want to assist you. To connect with our team members, you may contact Taylor Field at tfield@sendrelief.org.

Jesus has mandated us to love God and love others. Let it be said of your neighbors when they see you coming... "The church is here, the church is here!"



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Disaster Rebuild: Rebuilding Lives, Offering Hope



We are not finished; there is still much to do!

"I give up. There is no hope. We will never be able to fix our house and will just have to live with the mold until it eventually kills us," a lady told her husband one day in early 2024. He pleaded with her, "Don't give up; God will provide." The next morning, they received a call from Charity Mission Center in Rose Hill saying, "We just got word that we have received a new grant that will allow us to build you a new home!" Just a few months later, the Reyes family was handed the keys to a brand new home thanks to the work of volunteers and the generosity of the Office of State Budget and Management.

"Congratulations on the new appropriation that Baptists on Mission is receiving in the new NC Budget." That call in late 2023 opened another new door for rebuild volunteers and underscored the importance of the North Carolina Missions Offering. The North Carolina General Assembly has recognized the impact of Baptists on Mission volunteers by appropriating \$5 million in state funds for natural disaster response, allowing us to build and repair many more homes. These funds will purchase materials to repair homes for families struggling for years to recover from the damage caused by Hurricane Matthew in 2016 or Hurricane Florence in 2018. It may also be used in a future disaster to move quickly from Disaster Recovery, where we remove debris and damaged materials, to Disaster Rebuild, where we help put the pieces back together.

This means that the need for volunteers at our rebuild sites in Rose Hill, New Bern, Lumberton, and Canton is great! It also means that your church's gifts to the North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO), which provides the entire regular budget for Baptists on Mission, are as crucial as ever. Administrative funds from this appropriation will help defray some of the costs. Still, we could not operate our four rebuild sites without your gifts to the NC Missions Offering and designated gifts to Baptists on Mission. That means that YOU are holding the ropes for volunteers as they help rebuild lives.

Volunteers at Baptists on Mission rebuild sites in Canton, Rose Hill, Lumberton, and New Bern have answered the call to offer hope for the future to over 2000 families in Eastern NC and Haywood County. Since January 2021, over 50 families have received the keys to a brand new home thanks to the service of thousands of volunteers and funding from several state government grants and private donors. **But we are not finished!**

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

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Register your team for Haywood County at: 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

Disaster Relief Training

Disaster Response Training is important for participating in any disaster we have been asked to respond to. Training prepares you to know what to expect and how to prepare to respond. Training helps you get to know your leaders. And training gets you on the first call out for disasters we respond to. Of course, the best training is at a response site while helping hurting people.

baptistsonmission.org/training/disaster-relief-training

In the spring of 2025, we will have the following trainings and registration will open this fall:

February 22 – Rocky Hock Baptist Church, Edenton, NC

March 29 – Western Prong Baptist Church, Whiteville, NC

April 12 – First Baptist Church, Clemmons, NC

April 26 – Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Elkin, NC

May 17 – Fruitland Baptist Bible College, Hendersonville, NC

For those volunteers who need to update their badges by the end of 2024, you can choose to participate in a zoom training this fall. Listed below are the ministries and dates. Registration will open in June.

Childcare/Family Care

Tuesday, August 13; 6:00 – 9:00 pm
Thursday, September 12; 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Recovery

Saturday, September 28; 9:00 – 11:00 am
Saturday, October 12; 9:00 – 11:00 am

Admin

Saturday, October 19; 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Shower/Laundry

Tuesday, September 10; 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Thursday, September 26; 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Logistics

Thursday, October 10; 6:00 – 9:00 pm
Saturday, October 12; 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Maintenance

Monday, October 7; 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Feeding

Thursday, October 24; 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Saturday, October 26; 10:00 am – Noon

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MEET OUR NEW ADDITION: Family Care Disaster Response

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴When Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them. "Let the little children come to me. Don't stop them because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶After taking them in his arms, he laid hands on them and blessed them. (Mark 10: 13-16)

Scripture tells us that children are important to Jesus. Today, we would not want to stand before God and be rebuked for not taking Jesus to the children and their families. We are so thankful that God has given us a new way to serve him through Family Care by being Jesus' hands and feet for children, families, adults, and seniors.

Family Care is ministering to the needs of the entire family. Our primary mission is to provide comfort to people in any disaster. We can serve by listening to their stories and praying with individuals as they wait to complete an application for assistance in our DR Operation Center. If children are present, we have activities to share while they wait, and we may send comfort items home with them. Everyone, particularly children, wants to know that someone sees them and cares about what has happened to them during a disaster. If given the opportunity, we share the Gospel and give our families with children a Read to Me Bible. We may also serve by distributing water, meals, care bags, and tarps. While serving, we may be called upon to be extra hands for some of our other ministries.

In September of 2023, in Live Oak, FL, following Hurricane Idalia, we had our first call-out for Family Care. When we arrived in the church parking lot, a Disaster Response volunteer approached us before we could unpack our belongings and said, "There is a family here you need to see." We stood in the

parking lot as the family, parents and four children came over to our vehicle and began to share what had happened to them during the hurricane. The family had stayed in their home during the storm, and the older children shared that they were afraid because their roof was blowing away. We listened to their stories, provided some comfort items, prayed with them, and then God provided the opportunity to share the Gospel. Seeds were planted, and the father was excited to receive a Bible. The family came to the church seeking diapers but left knowing how much Jesus loves them. We had the opportunity to make contact with twenty adults and thirteen children during this call-out.

We were introduced to this new ministry at our National Disaster Relief Roundtable in January 2023. God gave us a plan for implementing it in NCDR, and nine months later, we had a new addition. God gave us a sign that this ministry was needed when he provided a family waiting in the parking lot.

The DR Children's Response Team has provided Childcare for over twenty years, and we will continue to do so when needed. But now, with the addition of Family Care, we can extend our reach and share Jesus' Love with many more people. We are excited to see where God takes us with this new ministry and how it will grow in the coming years. We believe each of you has a unique role in this journey. That's why we invite you to train in Childcare/Family Care and to grow with us. Your participation is not just welcomed; it's essential to the success and growth of this ministry.

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Ready For Recovery

The weather is unpredictable and has already been active this year, leading us to respond to a tornado in Claremont, NC in January. There have been other storms that, thankfully, haven't caused severe enough damage to cause a response. The 2024 Hurricane forecast predicts more hurricanes with more severity than in the last several years. Whatever happens, we know who is in control of the weather. No matter what we face, we must be ready to respond. That is why we train. Rest assured, our organization is fully committed to your readiness and recovery.

We had some great training events this year, even though it rained at several of them. I believe God used the rain to better prepare us for when we do respond to events. We added aerial lift training this Spring during the regional trainings. We will have close to 60 volunteers certified to use the lift when we complete this year. The lift will greatly benefit our chainsaw teams while serving our neighbors in a recovery deployment. We will also be having skid steer training this spring and summer and hope to combine the lift with that next year for Heavy Equipment Training.

As we prepare as an NC Baptists on Mission family, we should also prepare as individual families. The best thing we can do is pray for God's protection at all times and acknowledge that everything is in His control. If a natural disaster affects us, we know the same God who allowed the storm will also see us through it.

I love the event in Mark 4:35-41 when Jesus was asleep in the boat with His Disciples when the storm came, and they were so afraid. They woke Jesus and asked if he was not concerned that they might perish. Then Jesus said, "Peace be still," and the wind and the sea became calm. Jesus asked them why they were so fearful and how is it they had no faith. That is the power of Jesus, and it amazes me that the winds and seas obey His command. How often do we obey His commands and have faith in Him when we feel we will perish?

The cost of discipleship is not cheap. In Luke 9:23-24, Jesus tells us we must deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him daily, not just when we feel like it or when it is convenient. I tell people that storms are never convenient and never happen at a convenient time. So I encourage EVERYONE that has prepared to serve by training in the past, this year, or in the future to be "Ready for Recovery".

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SPEAKERS

Tom & Jackie Richter



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Registration: 8:30 a.m.

Program: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



Armenia The Land of Noah

“You strengthened us so that now we can strengthen others.”

Since 2002, Baptists on Mission has had the privilege of walking alongside the Armenian Baptist Union to plant and strengthen churches, train pastors, and build church buildings. As a new generation of leaders rises up to reach their country and region with the gospel, we want to assist them each step of the way.

There are open doors for the gospel and tremendous opportunities to plant new churches all across the country and region. We can join Armenian Baptists as they fan the flames of revival sweeping the country by praying, volunteering to serve, and donating.

God is opening the door for us to support church planters and pastors



across the country as they disciple new leaders and plant churches. Volunteer teams can lead VBS or sports camps, distribute eyeglasses, lead student conferences, help on construction projects, teach at the seminary, or lead Pastor or Women’s Conferences to encourage and strengthen local leaders. God can use you in Armenia working alongside Armenian Baptists!

Your financial gifts can be a lifeline to a bi-vocational church planter or help build a small church building for a house church. Construction will soon be complete 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 worldwide, and this house church has been waiting for a building since 2014. We are planning to celebrate the dedication of this new church building in May 2025 as God provides funds through generous donors in the coming months. Armenian Baptists feel led to plant a new church in a city near the border with Azerbaijan, where we hope to offer financial assistance to a church planter



beginning in 2025 and help build a small building for the believers there. We also pray that we can assist another church plant where a group of about 20 believers meet in a small space in the pastor’s apartment by helping them purchase a small piece of property and then help build a small church building in 2025 or 2026.

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-\$300 monthly or help with church construction costs.

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

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

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CUBA



Is Cuba calling you? The Baptists on Mission/Eastern Baptist Convention of Cuba partnership has many opportunities for you and your church to serve the people of Cuba through missions. We have 4 main opportunities for your team to serve:

Santiago, Cuba- Maintenance and small construction projects – This work will be at the retirement home that NC Baptists built beginning in 2004. Teams are needed for painting, landscaping, plumbing, and electrical work and to prepare for building a new structure (concrete and block).

Santa Clara, Cuba- Construction projects – This work will be at their Baptist camp, called My Camp. NC Baptists have been involved in building and remodeling a few buildings that will be used for seminary classes (primarily for church planters). Work has been completed on the new dining facility. Work is almost complete on the admin building and remodeling a building for housing volunteers or students. Teams will provide concrete and block work.

Water Purification Units- Over the past few years, NC Baptist teams have been able to provide and install 30+ water purification units in churches across central and eastern Cuba. Another 15 are slated to go to Cuba in 2024. Churches are providing clean water for cooking and drinking to those in their communities who only have access to contaminated water. Each unit costs \$1,250.

Ministry Teams- In the past we were able to send ministry type teams to Cuba (VBS, men’s/women’s leadership, collegiate ministry, music, AG, etc.) We are trying to get more of these teams going back to Cuba in 2024. If you want to put together a team for ministry type projects, give Tom Beam or Dollie Noa a call to discuss possibilities.



Construction teams and some ministry teams have a \$3,000 team costs along with their per person costs which ranges from \$1,250-1,650. Most ministry teams have a team cost that is determined based on the ministry taking place in conversation with our Cuban partners.

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

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GUATEMALA

New Friends in Uspantan



Missionaries Roger and Vicki Grossmann have long had relationships with churches and Baptist leaders in the Department of El Quiche. The

city of Uspantan is about 4 hours from Xela, where the Good Shepherd Center is located. This area has been relatively isolated from mission work for thirty years. It suffered greatly during the long civil war that was fought in Guatemala. The past year has seen an effort to send mission teams into the Uspantan area. A vision team traveled throughout the area in March of 2023. Since then, a talented medical team from Two Cities Church in Winston-Salem served in Uspantan in February. The team saw over 680 patients and built good relations with two key churches.

In March, a team led by AMS Gary Holland of the Macon Baptist Association in Franklin traveled to Uspantan. The team stayed in town but rode 45 minutes each day to the tiny village of La Joya Larga (The Long Jewel!) Gary had visited the village the year before and found that they needed a retaining wall in front of the church. Located on a hill, a ragged dropoff of 15 feet sat just within a few paces of the church's front door. Two children had fallen, and the church was in a quandary as to what to do. Macon Association prayed and planned for this after returning from the vision trip. Funds were sent so footers could be put in and ready for the team's arrival in March 2024. Upon arrival, all materials were on site, the footers were ready, and the team enjoyed great weather. Working alongside church members, the 18-foot wall was constructed and fortified in four days. In addition to the wall, the team also conducted

a daily Vacation Bible School, which saw up to sixty children attend. On the final day, eight children made the decision to accept Christ as their savior!

The people of La Joya Larga opened their homes and hearts to the volunteers. The team enjoyed worship and several lovingly prepared meals with the pastor's family and church members. Volunteers and church members worked side by side. Each day was capped with a fun, free-wheeling soccer game on the public pitch in front of the church. The children delighted in playing with the North Americans.

We are thankful for both of these teams' efforts in building relationships and advancing the Kingdom in the Uspantan area. Hopefully, more teams will serve in the future. In addition, as many as twenty-five teams will serve in Quetzaltenango this year at the Good Shepherd Center. Guatemala has been a blessing to North Carolina Baptists! Pray about how you and your church may participate.

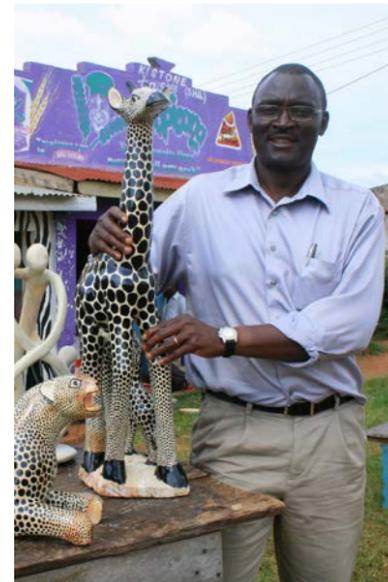


For more information about what God is doing in Guatemala and how you and your church can play a part, contact Mark Abernathy at mabernathy@ncbaptist.org or 919-459-5607. You can also visit our website, which has project description, pictures, video and other details, at www.baptistsonmission.org. (Mission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

KENYA

Farewell Ndugu Yetu

By Mark Abernathy



In February, I was on my way to Charlotte to conduct an orientation session for a team that was planning to serve through Baptists on Mission's Houses of Hope project when I got the word that Shem Okello, our Kenyan contact and dear brother in Christ, had passed away that very morning. I cannot begin to tell you how shocked and heartbroken I was to get that news. To say the least, conducting the orientation was a very difficult task.

Shem was a very dedicated and gifted Christian leader. We first met him in 2006 on a vision trip to Kenya. Missionary Jack Yates introduced us and greatly encouraged us to develop

a working relationship with Shem, who, at that time, was the president of the Baptist Convention of Kenya. Shem's love for the Kenyan people showed in everything he did. His vision for the Houses of Hope ministry touched many lives. Hundreds have received a new, safe, and secure place to live. Thousands have heard the Gospel message proclaimed, and a number – only known to God – have given their lives to Christ because of his witness and ministry.



Shem became a trusted friend and someone I felt comfortable sending mission teams to serve with. His attention to detail, organizational skills, and dedication to seeing Christ proclaimed made him easy to work with. And Shem knew – everyone! I was always impressed with the way he was greeted and welcomed by his fellow Kenyans. You could tell that he was a man of stature among his people. He loved to laugh and did so easily. He sang with gusto in



that strong baritone voice. I will miss hearing that distinct British-English/ East African voice of his.

Shem was the lynchpin of his extended family, providing guidance and support for dozens. When his father died many years ago, Shem, the oldest son, held things together and became the family's patriarch. They will be heavily affected by his loss. Let us continue to pray for the Okello family, especially for his wife Joyce, daughters Cherry and Judy, and son William.

Farewell, Ndugu Yetu (Our Brother!) Though we will miss you greatly, we know where you are and whose presence you are in—and we are happy for you! We know we will see you again and look forward to the reunion. If it is not too much trouble, have a hot cup of chai ready for us!

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Shem left a great team of mission servants in place. The Houses of Hope ministry will continue as it has for fifteen years. A mission trip to Kenya can be planned for almost any time of the year. Visit our website at www.baptistsonmission.org to find out more about this life-changing opportunity. (Mission Projects/Outside US/Kenya).



Least of These

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

Partner with nationals we know and trust to offer hope in the midst of hopelessness with a one-time donation or a recurring gift to the *Least of These Projects*.

Armenia – Help church planters (\$200 or more monthly), build a new Yazidi Kurdish Christian church building, or sponsor a child at a summer sports camp.

Ukraine – The Love Help Teach soup kitchen provides nutritious meals for Roma children. It feeds 150 children per day and has expanded to offer meals to senior adults affected by the war.

South Africa – Help build a “Baby House” that will offer a home to infants abandoned beside the road,

dumped in garbage cans, or thrown in rivers. Build cottages that will give toddlers not chosen for adoption a place to call home.

Cuba – Help build a new seminary in Santa Clara or provide a water purification unit (\$1200) to offer water to an entire community.

Haiti – Sponsor an elementary school student for \$30 per month. Provide a meal to students and their families battling to overcome gang violence and a food shortage for \$1 per person daily.

Hungary – In Roma Gypsy camps, a church building often serves as the only gathering place. Help some of the most rejected communities in the world experience the love of Christ.

Africa – Sponsor a church planter through Africa for Christ for \$200 monthly, decreasing yearly over five years. These church planters are serving in countries across Africa.

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MOLDOVA PARTNERSHIP

Unexpected Blessings from God

In 2022, Southside became a part of the Moldova partnership through Baptists on Mission, partnering with the Baptist Church in Colibasi, Moldova, to plant a church in Lebedenco. Since then, the church plant has grown from 3 in worship to an average of eighteen. Eleven people have accepted Christ as Savior and Lord in Lebedenco through the Holy Spirit. It is truly exciting to be a part of God’s work as we partner with these two amazing churches!

Southside was able to send a team in October 2023. We experienced some incredible ministry opportunities. Pastor Zaharia arranged for us to visit church members, help with a sports camp, and worship at the church in Colibasi. Our team thoroughly enjoyed encouraging our sister church and had some awesome worship times with our Moldovan brothers and sisters in Christ. We also enjoyed serving alongside Pastor Boris at the plant in Lebedenco. We participated in a feeding program

he does for children in the area. The program provides a hot meal and time for Bible study. We took part in a Bible study in Pastor Boris’ home one evening and spoke during the worship service on Sunday morning.

One memory that will stick with me is my connection with Amelia. At the sports camp in Colibasi, I noticed this little girl sitting a few feet away. As the others continued playing, she moved closer and closer. It wasn’t long until she and I were in an entire conversation. When it was time to go, she seemed upset that she had no more time to practice her English. I saw her several more times at the church in Colibasi, and she stuck to me like a shadow. You never know what unexpected blessing God will send you while you are in the field!

In January, we received word that Pastor Boris’ car caught on fire and was destroyed. This was devastating news. Pastor Boris used his car to transport the kids to the feeding program and

Bible study. Southside and a sister church here in the U.S. were able to send \$3,000 to help purchase a new car and get the ministry going again.

I am genuinely grateful for Baptists on Mission and our partnership in Moldova.

- Pastor CJ Cauble, Southside, Elm City, NC



The partnership’s primary focus is supporting church planting through strong Moldovan “mother churches.” These churches

are led by visionary pastors who are gospel-focused and mission-hearted. Over 750 villages in Moldova have no evangelical presence. The desire is to see every village have an evangelical church.

Check out the details about this exciting new partnership by utilizing the QR code. Click on the link and pray about how you and your church can participate!



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ROMA PARTNERSHIP

The Harvest Great, The Workers Few

Randy Smith is the pastor of Pine Tops Baptist Church and served with a team in Szekelyhid, Romania.



Jesus says that the harvest is plentiful, and the laborers are few. It was humbling to sit with Christians who desire to evangelize their community and yet not have a pastor to lead them. Sitting with pastors who need help was humbling because the Lord is giving them great growth. It was humbling to see the depth of despair and to see how believers are stepping into those needs to provide for physical needs so that they might have the opportunity to speak to their spiritual needs. I had all these experiences and more while with the Roma people.



It is difficult for me to express how spending time with the Roma people changed both my perspective on how great the need is and how important international missions are. I have always had a passion for missions. From my earliest days in church, it has been expressed to me that there is a great need to go to the mission field to reach those who are far from Jesus. Yet,

I could not have known how great the need was and how God would work in my heart until I traveled to Hungary and Romania.

Seeing a group of believers with limited resources come together and embrace an Acts 2:42-47 type of fellowship was encouraging. It reminds me that people are not reached with the gospel with fancy methods and lots of money but instead with a simple reliance on the Holy Spirit and a commitment to obedience to whatever God has commanded. It reminds me that Jesus is enough and that I do not have to use fancy words, but I simply must love people where they are and tell them of the Savior who died for their sins and rose again.

Would I return? Absolutely. Why? Because the harvest is plentiful, and the laborers are few. My desire is to be used. My desire is to be obedient, both where I currently serve and where God is directing me to serve in the future. The thought of being with my brothers and sisters in Hungary and Romania only makes me more passionate about connecting with and sharing the gospel in North Carolina.



God is doing a great work. The privilege I have is to be a part of it. The joy I have is getting to be a part of it. The responsibility that I have is to be a part of it. This trip was formative for my ministry. I thank God for the opportunity and I am grateful that Tom and Brenda Boberg and my wife, Rachel, were obedient to listening to the Holy Spirit, encouraging me to go. It was a trip that truly changed the level of intensity with which I shared the good news of Jesus. If you know me, I was already pretty intense.

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South Africa – Door of Hope Village

OFFERING HOPE TO THE HOPELESS



What does hope look like? At Door of Hope Village, it starts with a pile of dirt, gravel, concrete mix, and water. Teams take those simple components and offer hope and a future to children whose lives began with abandonment.

Imagine...

Making the concrete blocks that will be used to build a safe, loving home for a child moving into the Door of Hope Village who is desperate for a forever family.

The wall you just painted as the backdrop to the laughter of toddlers playing without a care in the world, knowing that people love them.

In the classroom, you spread gravel to help children know they are loved and loved by their Heavenly Father, who will always be there.

Not only does the Door of Hope save infants from abandonment, but it also shows God's love and gives children a place to grow up rooted in faith, hope, and love. Building homes is just the beginning. The vision for Door of Hope Village is to rescue abandoned babies and offer those not chosen for adoption a place to grow to adulthood. That will mean building a school, a child development center, and more in the future.

You can offer hope to the hopeless through Baptists on Missions' partnership with Door of Hope Children's Mission. There is space for your team in 2025!

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UKRAINE PARTNERSHIP- Who is my neighbor?

By: Thomas Payne



I remember watching the events of the early days of the war in Ukraine unfold on my television. The emotions that bubbled up from seeing the images of the suffering of the Ukrainian people made me want to do something. But what could I do?

In April 2022, I attended the Baptists on Mission (BOM) Conference and learned that BOM had sent teams to assist refugees at some border

crossings and was planning to send a medical team to Berehove, Ukraine. I'm a nurse practitioner, so I gave my information. Only a month later, I was in Berehove, Ukraine, with an incredible group of people.

We went to numerous shelters in and around Berehove and provided medical care to the displaced Ukrainians. Most of them were housed in schools at this point in the war. The patient population consisted mainly of women, children, and the elderly. If one word could describe the emotions of these people, it was FEAR. They were terrified of the unknown and afraid for their loved ones left behind - fiercely fighting on the Eastern border of Ukraine. These people were just like you and me. They had homes, cars, and good jobs. In an instant, it was gone.

That first medical mission was a success. We had the opportunity to provide basic medical care and medications and, most importantly, demonstrate Christ's love! Physical hurts were mended, prayers were lifted, and hearts were encouraged. The trip deeply impacted me. When I got home, I was restless. I wanted to go back. The needs were



huge. I felt the Lord leading me to consider a longer trip. What about my career? What about the finances? It seemed impossible to consider.

At the 2023 missions conference, I learned of the partnership between BOM and Hungarian Baptist Aid and the opportunity to teach English in Hungarian schools for one to two years. My wife and I immediately knew that was our next step. God opened doors and lined up every detail. Four short months later, we moved to Hungary. When you give God your "yes," He will care for the rest! My wife teaches English in a Hungarian school, and I take medical and construction teams to Berehove, Ukraine and the nearby vicinity.

The teams have all been wonderful. Every individual has been motivated and shown the love of Christ while doing their work. A lot has changed since the first team. The schools are no longer used as shelters. The displaced Ukrainians are now living in a hodgepodge of different shelters. Two-plus years into the war, the patient population is now mainly elderly, poor, and those with mental disabilities. Hopelessness and despair have surpassed the initial fears we encountered earlier. The simple act of a medical team providing basic care to these people and sharing the love of Jesus brings visible relief to their faces - they know they are not forgotten.

'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. Mark 12:31



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HEALTH SCREENING MINISTRY

A Home Town Mission Trip

Think back on the last mission trip you went on. Remember the feeling you had when you got home? Were you ready to serve and share the gospel with the whole world? What if you could have a mission trip so close to home that you could take 5 minutes to grab the sunscreen you forgot that morning? What if you could share Christ's love with people in your own zip code? The Baptists on Mission Mobile Health Screening Ministry makes that possible.

With a total of 4 healthcare volunteers (only one need be an RN or higher), your church can meet your community's physical and spiritual needs. When people's physical needs are met, a bridge is created to share the good news. With prices of everything going up these days, the need is greater than ever. Our services are for all who feel the financial constraints of rising costs. Our patients all experience physical, financial, emotional, and/or spiritual needs. By using the Health Screening Ministry to assess their health, they may be able to use the money they would have spent on a co-pay to keep their phone going for another month or buy a winter coat for one of their kids, perhaps even buy a bag of groceries. Or perhaps they need to have a moment to talk to someone who cares.

The Health Screening Ministry provides depression screenings. Unfortunately, we are seeing increases in the number of people who identify as depressed. By having pastors, nurses, lay people, or counselors available to talk and pray, these patients represent opportunities to help

someone in a moment of crisis and possibly point them to the Ultimate Healer in Jesus Christ. It makes a huge impact when you get a chance to listen to someone's story and then pray with them. Even when the prayer is short, the impact will be long-lasting.

When your church is out in your community sharing the love of Christ, the community benefits and the church benefits. Although there is a need for nurses, doctors, and EMTs to meet the physical needs, lay volunteers are necessary to help organize, run, and share the love of Christ with each patient.

The Health Screening Ministry is relatively new, only 9 years old, but through God, it is growing. We want to invite you to grow with us. We are blessed to have a 2nd unit that should be in service by the time this is published. This will allow churches more opportunity to book specific dates and not have to wait as long for other dates. We are also considering expanding our services to offer our churches and patients more.

Come grow with us.

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Mobile Dental Ministry

Surf City Church meets dental needs along NC coast



Dentistry and sharing the gospel are near and dear to Becky Moore's heart, and she loves it when she can combine the two.

Moore is a registered dental hygienist, speaker, and content creator known as the Holistic Hygienist. She owns Restart Hygiene and has launched her first non-profit, Carolina Smiles Initiative. Becky is a native of Pender County and serves The Gathering church in Surf City, N.C., as the dental coordinator for the church's outreach and missions activities.

"I am so happy to find a place to share my talents and give to my community," Moore said. The Gathering has held dental outreach clinics utilizing Baptists on Mission's mobile dental units in the summer of 2023 and spring of 2024. During the church's most recent clinic, volunteers, dentists, dental assistants, and dental hygienists, along with about 14 other church members provided physical and spiritual care to the community in and around Topsail Island, where Surf City is located. Over the two-day event, more than 40 people came from near and far to receive care at the dental unit.

"The residents of Surf City and surrounding areas are so thankful and appreciative of this opportunity to have dental care," Moore said. "We could have double the cleanings if we had space."

Church members offered to pray with each person who came to the event and invited them to The Gathering's worship services. They also gave away door prizes donated by local businesses and provided dental hygiene kits.

Dental missions is a great way for your church to reach your community for Christ. The mobile units can be

deployed to a church, a local park, an apartment or elsewhere in the community to serve those who may have dental or other needs. Meeting physical needs opens the door to meet spiritual needs by sharing the love of Jesus with them. Moore and members of The Gathering Church have seen it firsthand.

"Patients came from all walks of life and many were happy for us to pray with them as they received dental services," Moore said. "Having the dental bus is an easy way to serve and unite others who want to serve and be on mission to our community."

Becky would like to thank every volunteer for sharing their love of Christ for this very special mission. It was a joy to share and work with every volunteer during this mission. We couldn't have done it without The Gathering's support as well as the bus host and all the volunteers in our local community. Becky says, "We can't wait for our next dental mission with the Baptists on Missions ministry!"

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THE DENTAL MINISTRY IS IN NEED OF CDL DRIVERS AND REGIONAL BUS HOSTS FROM ALL OVER THE STATE WHO HAVE A HEART TO SERVE OTHERS.

Happy to Work for the Lord in... APPALACHIAN COALFIELDS

By Joan Caudill, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Millers Creek, NC



Eight volunteers from our church traveled to Lee County, Virginia, to help at the Beacon Light Baptist Church. The church had an upstairs room and was interested in renovating it to provide a gathering place for kids and teens to relax, play games and socialize. The room needed updating, paint, flooring, and lots of love.

removed the old flooring and purchased and installed new. We added some decorative shelves and decorations to make it feel more "welcoming." Some of our adults and kids were able to help organize supplies for crafts, rearrange items for easier access and get the area ready for lots of fun and future projects. We even organized and cleaned their kitchen area upstairs in the church.

We participated in services with the congregation and shared a wonderful meal with the whole church. The families were very appreciative of the work that our team accomplished. Our whole team was so happy to be able to work for the Lord and the ministry. We also had a good time "bunking" at a local Baptist Association and exploring the area. We were glad to be able to serve in Lee County and would definitely encourage other teams to go there, as the help is much needed and appreciated.

Acts 20:35 I have showed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. KJV

Our team was excited to get to work and be able to help the church with this project.

Pastor Chris and Kathy Myers are serving the people in an impoverished area of Lee County. Their work is very hard serving in an area with high unemployment and lack of health care. The coal mine that once employed many locals now serves as a coal-washing facility, and jobs are scarce. The Myers' and their church made our team feel very welcome and Kathy insisted on cooking for us as she feels feeding the team is a mission for her. Needless to say, no one went hungry!

On the first day, we went to work, cleaned out the room and started to paint the trim. The next day, we



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APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS OUTREACH 2024

Appalachian Christmas Outreach 2024 is underway now! Please join us in our goal of preparing and providing 22,000 backpacks for children throughout Appalachia and other places of need! Find out more at www.baptistsonmission.org/aco

Baptists on Mission has developed the Appalachian Coalfields Ministry to minister physically and spiritually to people in some of the poorest areas of our nation. Teams serve in the states of West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, and North Carolina. Projects include week-long service in children's ministry, sports clinics, and construction, to name a few. There are dozens of requests for mission teams to help each year. See how your church can play a part

PENNSYLVANIA Opportunity Awaits!

North Carolina mission teams are finding that Pennsylvania is a very diverse state with various cultures. Teams who serve in the south-central part of the state in and around Harrisburg experience a more “southern” feel. Just a little further to the north, east, and west in places like Hazleton, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, Philadelphia, and Erie, volunteers find more of a “northeast urban” vibe! But no matter which area our teams serve, they find an overarching need for Christ among the people. It is estimated that more than 80% of Pennsylvania’s 13 million do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Baptist Network of PA/SJ executive director Barry Whitworth and his staff want desperately to change that. They have opened their arms wide to invite North Carolina Baptists to play a part in reaching the lost in Pennsylvania.

Little by little, North Carolina Baptists are making a difference at the invitation of pastors and church

planters. In 2024, teams led backyard Bible clubs, sports camps, music outreach, prayer walks, servant evangelism, and other evangelistic outreach. For most Pennsylvania leaders, a mission team represents exposure. It is a way of letting the community know that they are there. The need for an evangelical witness is always great. So while the team of “Southerners” is conducting children’s ministry, sports camps, and other outreach events, the local pastors and church planters are getting to know the parents – meeting them, praying with them, finding out about their needs, inviting them to Bible study and worship.

In addition to the evangelistic efforts, volunteers also contribute through construction. Each year, there is a great need for construction teams to help renovate sanctuaries, educational spaces, ministry centers, and parsonages throughout the state. This service plays a vital part in

reaching the lost. When mission teams tend to the needs of these facilities, it makes it possible for pastors and congregations to reach out to their communities more effectively.

We need you and your church to serve in Pennsylvania in 2025. Many new requests come in each fall, and we are waiting for teams to respond. Evangelism, outreach events, children’s ministry, and construction needs can all be found on the Pennsylvania Partnership projects list as a PDF at the top of the Pennsylvania webpage. Thank you if you and your church have been involved in furthering God’s kingdom in Pennsylvania! If you have not been able to do so, please pray about how God might use you and your congregation. It may be a one-time mission opportunity – or one your church invests in for several years. In either case, you and your congregation will be richly blessed!

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Pennsylvania Partnership Requests for 2025 will be ready for your response by late September. Follow the QR code. Then, click on the link to view and download a .pdf projects request list.



A New Door Opens in NEW ENGLAND

By Brent Winslow, Collide Church, Yadkinville, NC



Often in ministry, when one door closes, another door opens! As we seek God’s guidance in these times of change, the blessings that flow through these new doors are often Ephesians 3:20 blessings. It has been immeasurably more than we asked or imagined for Collide Church and our mission’s connection with Vermont.

In 2022, a team of 25 people—primarily students and young adults—were ready to go on an international mission trip. It was the first non-local mission opportunity for many in our church, and there was great excitement about the trip. However, in March, the door closed on this international trip due to restrictions related to COVID-19.

Despite the disappointment, our team began praying about finding a new opportunity. We received a list of opportunities for consideration after contacting Mark Abernathy and Baptists on Mission. There was

an instant connection from my first conversation with Pastor J. Peterson at Washington Baptist Church in Vermont. Through prayer and conversation, there was obvious confirmation that we should be in Vermont. So, in April, we said yes, and God began cultivating a ministry partnership that continues to grow.



We have taken three mission teams and sent two summer interns to the Washington/Chelsea/Barre area. God has truly blessed our church through what we have experienced in Vermont and given us a heart for the churches and people there. Here are just a few ways we have seen God at work:

- We developed a church-to-church partnership that has richly blessed everyone involved.
- We have held two pastor appreciation events for local pastors and their families. These are great times of food, fun and encouragement for those who

often feel the day-to-day weight of ministry.

- We helped with construction ministry projects in 2022 and flood relief in 2023.
- We have been blessed to connect with kids through VBS in Chelsea for two years.
- We partnered with the churches in Washington, Chelsea and Barre to send two interns to Vermont for six weeks in 2023.
- We have seen tremendous spiritual growth in our team members – especially college students and young adults.
- Last August, we experienced the tremendous blessing of baptizing five of our team members in a pond in Vermont!

This is just the tip of the iceberg of what we have seen God do through this partnership, which opened up when another door closed. Please pray about joining Baptists on Mission’s unique partnership with pastors and churches in New England!

This is just one-way mission teams are making a difference throughout New England. Visit BOM’s New England webpage and pray about how your church can make a Kingdom difference in New England this year!



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Hearts Are Softened By Serving in ROCKY MOUNTAIN

By Kim Jackson, Christ Reformed Baptist Fellowship, Rural Hall, NC

Open my calendar to August in any given year, and you'll find the first week blocked simply as "Wyoming." This marks a very special week when my husband, my team from Christ Reformed Baptist Fellowship in Rural Hall, and I travel to Mountain Top Baptist Assembly on Casper Mountain. We serve as the cook team for Camp Good News, a Christ-centered summer program for elementary school-aged children. The week is led by Child Evangelism Fellowship of Wyoming, a ministry that focuses on advancing the gospel through evangelism, discipleship, and connecting families to local churches.

Our week begins with Sunday dinner to welcome the campers. Monday morning kicks off the first full day of camp, and the recipe for success is early arrival and staying ahead of the next meal prep. We greet sleepy campers with a smile and ensure they get off to a good start with a hearty breakfast. The mood is livelier during lunch and dinner as campers eagerly line up to refuel after a full slate of activities. The most exciting part of mealtime is when the dinner bell rings,

followed by the call, "seconds!" This triggers a mad dash to see what's left for the taking. Our day ends when the kitchen is clean, and thus, the routine continues for the rest of the week.

Serving this mission has softened our hearts in several ways:

- **We have greater compassion for children in need.** Many children attending Camp Good News are food insecure, so camp meals are perhaps some of the last hot meals they will have until school starts. They are so appreciative, and some have even said, "That was the best food I've ever had!"
- **We see firsthand the urgency of reaching the lost.** The number of people in Wyoming who identify as "nones" (with no religious affiliation) is growing. At the same time, Mormonism is on the rise. Only the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ has the power to save.
- **We grow closer as brothers and sisters in Christ.** Our team deeply loves one another, and God knits our hearts together even tighter as we serve. Spending the week together allows us to learn more about each other and to become more intentionally relational.

God has used us to bless MTBA by filling a vital support role that enables camp leaders to focus on ministry. Our work also provides financial benefits since professional catering services would drive up costs, potentially discouraging some families from registering their children for camp. And lastly, God is glorified as we seek to live out Philippians 2:3-4 [ESV] - "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his interests but also to the interests of others." Soli Deo Gloria!



Cook and Maintenance teams of 8-12 volunteers will be needed to serve at our partner Baptist Camps in Wyoming and New Mexico in 2025! Contact us if you have a team that can help!

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A Part of Something Much Bigger in ALASKA

By Renae Pittman, Grassy Creek Baptist Church, Spruce Pine, NC



Our church was recently blessed with the opportunity to serve on a mission team in Alaska. We had a group of eleven, including four youth volunteers. Our plan was to go to an older church building in Anchorage, Alaska and help with some ongoing renovations. We knew it would be long days and lots of work, but we were prepared for the task at hand. What we experienced there was so much more than we anticipated. Yes, we laid flooring, cleaned, painted, etc., and worked really hard to help get this building ready for a new church. However, the best part of this

mission trip was being part of something so much bigger than church renovations and building repairs. You see, the building we worked on actually houses multiple mission groups throughout the summer for weeks at a time. Those groups go out into the parks in the community and host backyard bible school for all the children in the area. This area of Alaska is very much "unchurched," and it is difficult for churches to thrive there.

We live in an area with seemingly a church on every corner - where families and children know they can be in the church house on any given Sunday morning. Sunday in Anchorage, Alaska, is simply another day of the week for most families there. Most children are not being brought up in church or taught the Word of God, or having the Gospel presented to them. Because of this, it is so important not just to have a church but to be the church. Church is not just meeting inside the four walls

of a building to worship, but also going out into the communities and taking Jesus to those who don't even know to be searching for Him. They don't even realize their need for Him in their lives. Wow, what an awesome way to love God and people as He has called us to do.

Although we were not the mission teams carrying the Gospel to the Anchorage community, we did get to be a part of that mission by working on the building that will continue to house these groups in the summers for years to come. We are excited to possibly be one of those groups next summer to take Bible school to the kids there. It was great to establish a relationship in Alaska and learn all about the mission and their love for the people there. The building we worked on is also home to a new church plant that is being cultivated to bring in more people from the community and build upon the foundation of the original church that was there before. This was an amazing time of service and worship for us. We can't wait to go again.

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Baptist Builders / Impact NC Projects

Baptist Builders assists ministries in NC with projects that share Christ's love and help build future leaders. Whether raising walls, doing electrical or plumbing work, hanging and finishing drywall, or painting, a church on mission can transform a neighborhood and change lives.

In recent months, volunteers have been able to help fulfill long-term dreams at churches and ministries in NC. Dennis Holloway led volunteers to construct the SECU Women's Recovery Center at Samaritan Colony in Rockingham. This 14,000-square-foot, 14-bed facility will be the avenue to new life for women overcoming addictions through a 28-day residential treatment program for 136 women annually.

Volunteers have been helping Centerville Baptist

Church in Kelly replace its church parsonage, which was destroyed by Hurricane Florence in 2018. Beginning in May 2024, volunteers have helped Crossroads Church in Whiteville finish the interior of its first church building.

An upcoming project will be on a beautiful property called Tranquility that NC Baptists have near Louisburg, NC. Missionaries can spend time there during their stateside assignments to refresh and retool as they prepare for the next years of their ministry. Two missionary homes are on the property, a caretaker's home, and several small ponds. In late 2024, we plan to build an outdoor picnic shelter that will accommodate groups of up to 100 people. Your church can help create a gathering place that can be used for years to come!

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In 2025 there will be more projects like these, so make plans now to mobilize your church or small group. You can find more information at:

<https://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/North-Carolina/Impact-NC-Projects>

CONSTRUCTION SKILLS TRAINING

Every church serving every community! There are pressing needs for assistance in every community. Is your church prepared to answer the call by building wheelchair ramps, installing grab bars, doing small home repairs or assisting with other construction needs? Hands-on training for those with limited construction experience can help us move out of our seats and into the streets to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

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. You can be "Jesus with skin on" to your neighbors or around the world.

Construction skills training can also open the door for you to serve at Red Springs, Shelby, or Charity Mission Camps; volunteer at one of our rebuild centers in Lumberton, Rose Hill, New Bern, or Canton; or go on a construction mission trip. 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.

Imagine helping hurricane survivors return home after a six-to-eight-year wait, assisting a church plant or replant to renovate a facility, or changing lives in your own community! Plan now to bring a group from your church to learn new skills, develop stronger relationships, and prepare to move out to serve and reach your community.

March 8 and September 13, 2025 - Red Springs Mission Camp
March 22 and October 18, 2025 - Charity Mission Center
March 29 and September 27, 2025 - Shelby Mission camp

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

Register:
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Community Mobilization: ServeNC

Out of Our Seats and into the Streets

Churches across the state moved out of their seats and into the streets during the ServeNC emphasis on August 3-10, 2024. If your church participated, thank you! You can make an impact all year long when part of your church's DNA is seeing the unseen, serving the unserved, and doing even small things that can be big things. If your church did not participate, this is a new day and a new opportunity! Make plans for your church to ServeNC later this year or in 2025.

Imagine thousands of NC Baptists spreading out across our state every weekend to show Christ's love through serving. People of every age from every church to serving every community in NC, not just once a year but all year long. Jesus said in Matthew 25 that when we serve those around us we are not just serving people, we are serving Him!

Jesus went through the towns and villages of His day teaching, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing. When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them and He said to His disciples, "the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." (from Matthew 9:35-38)

Will your church answer the call? Will you answer the call? Every person using their gifts to bring glory to God, bless and preserve the community, and make disciples. That is the church on mission.

Your church can sign up to participate in Serve NC at: <https://ncbaptist.org/servenc/>

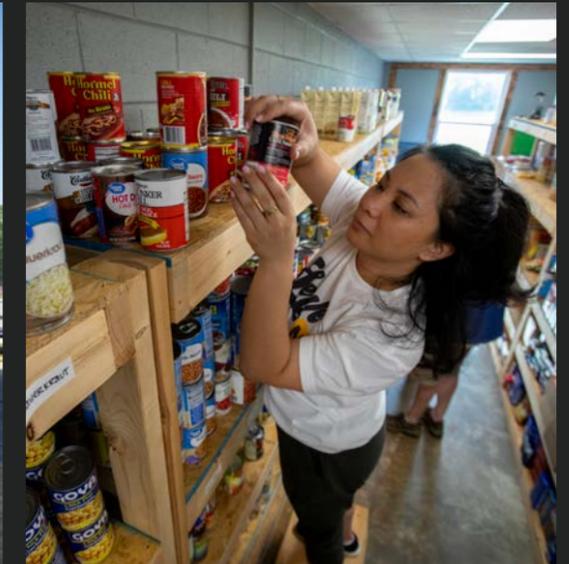
Some of the ways you can serve your community:

- 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

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



Learn more ways that you can make Jesus' love real to your community at: <https://baptistsonmission.org/mission-projects/local-ideas-serve-nc>



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.
- We will contact you one week before your arrival date.

LOCATION

1333 W. Charity Rd.
Rose Hill, NC 28458
Exit 380 off of I-40



For more information, you can contact Mission Center Coordinators Richard and Tammy Weeks by emailing richard.weeks@ncmissions.org or calling (Richard) 910-590-1720 or (Tammy) 910-385-1567



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.
- 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.

For more information contact Mission Camp Coordinators Larry and Teresa Osborne, losborne@ncbaptist.org, (910) 843-7700 office, (919) 264-4397 cell
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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 148 (Lafayette Street). Our sign, Baptists on Mission, is at the entrance of Sharpton Drive and we are at the end of the street.

For more information, contact Robbie at (704) 467-3706 or ralexander@ncbaptist.org.

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An Army of Prayer Warriors

By Tracy Leonard, Prayer Coordinator

The words of Jesus, *"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, beseech the Lord..."* (Matt. 9:37-38) took on new urgency as I heard of the tremendous amount of work that is being accomplished through the few who have answered God's call. The first thing Jesus said to do was pray for workers-workers equipped and prepared for His harvest.

The apostle Paul referred to Epaphroditus as 'my brother and fellow worker' (Phil. 2:25) because he was one of the few who faithfully served. Paul told the saints to "welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him, because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me." (Phil. 2:29-30) (NIV)

Every worker on the mission field through Baptists on Mission is a faithful 'brother and fellow worker' in our world today. For those of us who are called to stay home, may we too be found faithful to the call the apostle Paul gave. May we welcome them in our hearts, holding them continually in our prayers with great joy and honor for all God is accomplishing through them.

Let us all join together, as Brother Paul Langston described as "An army of prayer warriors," standing in the gap with our prayers for our brothers and sisters in Christ. As they leave

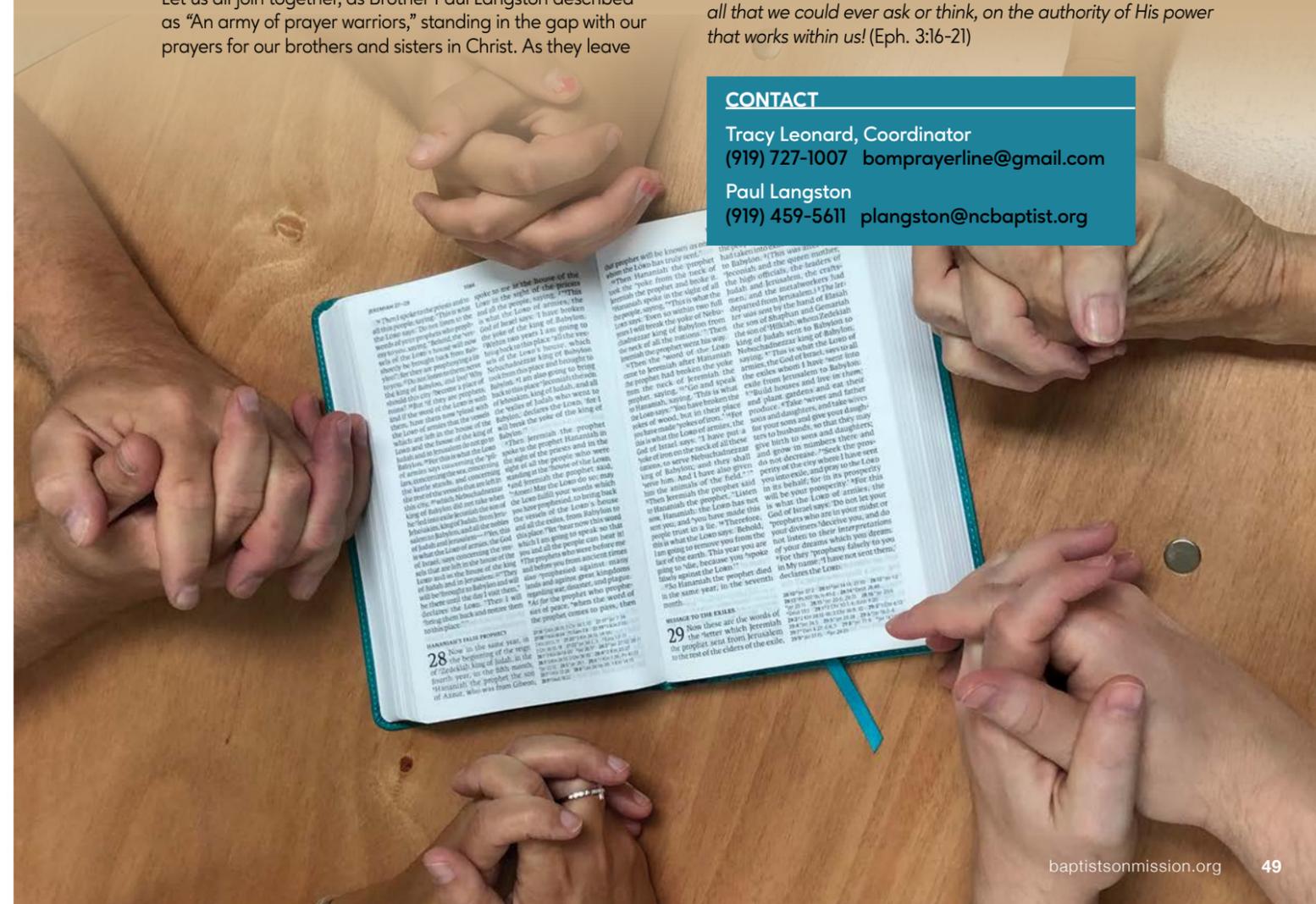
their comforts and repel down into a world of lawlessness, may we also be found to be faithful workers devoting ourselves *"to prayer, keeping alert in it...; praying at the same time... that God will open up for them a door for the word, so that they may speak forth the mystery of Christ..."* (Col. 4:3).

Pray that the Lord will continually grant them peace in every circumstance, for He is sovereign, and He is always working things out according to His kind intentions, even when we cannot see the full breadth and beauty of His plan. "For...now are your ways My ways', declares the LORD." (Is. 55:8). Pray that God will prepare and equip them for every good work in His harvest.

Finally, let us pray that God would grant us..., *to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ will dwell in our hearts through faith and that we will be rooted and grounded in love and able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length, and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge and be filled up in all the fullness of God. Because it is God alone, who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we could ever ask or think, on the authority of His power that works within us!* (Eph. 3:16-21)

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Men's Worship Rallies to be Held Throughout the State in November 2024

Men's Ministry Rallies will be held in five locations throughout the state in November 2024. 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 is three-fold – 1) to worship and fellowship together as men, 2) to share information on mission opportunities, and 3) to provide inspiration, and a model for 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 2 TBD; Region 3 Tuesday, November 14; Region 5 Thursday, November 16; Region 6 TBD; 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.



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 (Church Programs/Men's Ministry)

Igniting the Hearts of Men Conference 2025 September 13, 2025, Site TBD



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 in 2025. 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. Resources for men's personal growth and men's ministry development in the church will be featured. Three breakout session times will offer choices of 16 seminars led by nationwide men's leaders. More details to follow on our website – www.baptistsonmission.org/men **Mark your calendars now!**



2025 Men's Outdoor Weekend



In early May 2024 over 100 men gathered for Baptists on Missions's Men's Outdoor Weekend, a time of fellowship, worship, and outdoor fun. The annual 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 and hunting topics. 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 2-3, 2025. Mark your calendars now and plan to bring your men to this fun event. Visit our webpage for more information – www.baptistsonmission.org/men

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 are discussions on reaching men spiritually, developing leadership among men, engaging men in the ministry of the church, and involving men in missions. We will also discuss 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.

Baptist Men's Day 2025

The fourth Sunday in January is the designated day each year for Baptist Men's Day. Churches use this day to remind their entire congregation of the importance of Baptist Men's ministry within the church, community, and the world. In 2025, the 91st observance of Baptist Men's Day falls on January 26. However, if January 26 is not a convenient date for Baptist Men's Day in your church, please feel free to plan it for any other Sunday. A detailed planning guide is available on our Men's Ministry webpage at www.baptistsonmission.org/men. Make sure you celebrate and honor the men of your church in 2025!

SERVING THE LEAST OF THESE



Our team of 15 students and leaders never anticipated how the Lord would use Deep Impact Philadelphia to transform our hearts during the summer of 2023. Our projects in Kensington exposed us to a unique form of human brokenness.

The poverty and addiction that defined the community added an appropriate weight to the

power of the gospel. Even in the darkest setting, the gospel can transform hearts and lives.

Matthew 25:40 (CSB) tells us, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." One of my greatest joys as a Student Pastor was watching our students live out this concept in real-time.

It was incredible to watch teenagers from across NC unite under the banner of the gospel and boldly proclaim Christ. They served meals to those suffering from urgent hunger, gave water to the thirsty, cleaned trash off the streets of an under-cared-for community, prayed with those who had seldom been prayed for, and engaged those who had been cast off and forgotten with the hope of the Christ. This mission week epitomized Baptists on Missions's vision to glorify God by involving churches and Christians in meeting human needs in Jesus' name.

As is often the case in missions, the work was largely out of our comfort zones. Yet, we quickly discovered that God's grace was sufficient as He faithfully grew our capacity to serve as gospel missionaries. The hands-on ministry experience that we received was invaluable. As was the time serving alongside one another.

If willing and able, would you consider pausing and praying for the people on the streets of Kensington, Philadelphia? Pray that their physical needs will be met. Pray for gospel missionaries to proclaim the hope of Christ. Most importantly, pray that the gospel's message takes root, bringing individuals from death to life.

I cannot encourage you enough to seek out mission opportunities with the students in your churches and ministries! There is no substitute for evangelism and discipleship training while serving communities with the gospel.

Deep Impact leads student mission trips each summer within North Carolina and Internationally. They also provide College and Young Adult mission opportunities through Deep Impact Collegiate Missions. Deep Impact Retreats offer opportunities for your Students and Leaders. Check out the Deep Impact to see more information regarding our mission opportunities and retreats and to register your group: www.baptistsonmission.org/di



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2025 Deep Impact Student Summer Mission Weeks

Shelby Mission Camp (1/2 week)	June 9-12, 2025	\$199
Shelby Mission Camp	June 9-14, 2025	\$299
Hendersonville	June 16-21, 2025	\$299
Greensboro	June 23-28, 2025	\$299
Lumberton Rebuild Center	June 30-July 5, 2025	\$299
Red Springs Mission Camp (1/2 week)	July 7-10, 2025	\$199
Red Springs Mission Camp	July 7-12, 2025	\$299
Wilmington	July 14-19, 2025	\$299
Charity Mission Center (1/2 week)	July 21-24, 2025	\$199
Charity Mission Center	July 21-26, 2025	\$299
Charity Mission Center (1/2 week)	July 28-31, 2025	\$199

2025 Deep Impact International Mission Weeks

Cuba	June 28-July 5, 2025	Fees + Flight (TBD)
Puerto Rico	July 19-26, 2025	Fees + Flight (TBD)

2025 Deep Impact Retreats

Shelby Mission Camp	October 17-19, 2025	\$119
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LITTLE FEET LEAVE A BIG FOOTPRINT WHEN JESUS IS IN IT!



God calls all His people to serve Him, even our littlest people! We often share the phrase, "Go out and be the hands and feet of Jesus!" but what about our littlest servants? Can they make an impact? Absolutely! Our one-day Children's Missions Days allow our children to be hands-on in serving others in Jesus' name. The Children's Missions days are

prepackaged days that provide evangelism training, age-appropriate mission projects, and opportunities to serve the Lord for children and their leaders.

Our one-day children's missions experience was a huge blessing in Hamptonville on May 4th, 2024! We had over 70 participants from six different churches. Our children cooked meals, painted flower pots, and delivered those to local widows and shut-ins. We had groups that organized clothing at local outreach ministries, organized food at food banks, volunteered in local nursing homes, and made cards for the VA hospital. The rain kept us inside, but we could still serve in our community in the name of Jesus!

Would you be willing to host a one-day mission experience at your church? If so, here are some tips and tricks:

Involve your entire church – this will help your church to be involved in missions and have a heart for the children in your church.

Pray for mission sites – ask God to lead you to where you need to be serving.

Plan both indoor and outdoor activities. If you have indoor activities planned, it reduces the stress of having to make as many rain plans as possible!

Serve your church's widows and shut-ins – you may have a great ministry opportunity in your church!

Reach out into the community – nursing homes, food pantries, and thrift stores are great places for children to see the fruit of their labor!

Have pre-planned downtime activities. To reduce chaos if a group gets done early or has downtime between mission sites, have smaller projects (e.g., making cards, coloring trash bags for the BOM laundry unit, or making salvation bracelets for upcoming mission trips).

Have fun!



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DI Kids offers gospel-centered, mission-focused, life-impacting camps for children and their leaders. At a DI Kids camp, everything is prepared ahead of time for you and your kids' ministry group so that you can focus on your kids group.

For more information, email us at dikids@ncbaptist.org. We can't wait to serve with you soon!

DATE	LOCATION	COST
May 16-19, 2025	Red Springs weekend	\$135
June 9-13, 2025	Hendersonville (week)	\$240
June 16-20, 2025	Shelby (week)	\$240
June 22-25, 2025	Shelby mini	\$175
June 26-29, 2025	Blowing Rock (mini)	\$225
June 30-July 5	Charity Family Week / July 4th week	\$185
July 7-10, 2025	Charity (mini)	\$175
July 14-18, 2025	Red Springs (week)	\$240
July 28-31, 2025	Camp Dixie Fayetteville (mini)	\$225
September 19-21	Shelby weekend	\$135



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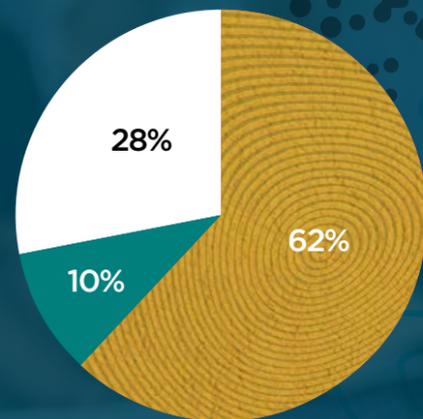


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Your gifts to the North Carolina Missions Offering help plant churches, bring relief to those in need and mobilize N.C. Baptists for missions.



Where Do I Fit In?

Baptists on Mission Ministries

AGRICULTURAL MISSIONS

The purpose of BOM Agricultural Missions is to glorify God by involving Christians in meeting poverty and hunger needs through Agricultural Missions. Volunteers are needed from all walks of life, including foresters, crop scientists, soil scientists, beekeepers, teachers, homemakers, engineers, and farmers.

AVIATION MISSIONS

The Aviation Ministry involves pilots in ministry by providing medical air transport for patients en route to medical care, long-distance air transport for families in need, ground transportation for patients, and assistance in disaster situations. **Earth Angels** are responsible for meeting the inbound Angel Flight and driving passengers to the treating facility, hotel, and/or doctor's office.

BAPTIST BUILDERS

Baptist Builders involves volunteers in all types of construction projects in and out of state. This ministry includes: **Handyman Ministries** which involves assisting those in need by offering volunteer labor upon request for building wheelchair ramps, minor home repairs and other needs for the physically disabled, **Disaster Rebuild**, and **Missions Construction**.

BAPTIST EDUCATORS

A ministry for educators who have a heart for missions and wish to use their educational skills to adopt a local school in various ways, teach **English as a Second Language (ESL)** to reach internationals for Christ and pray for students and teachers for the school year.

CHILDREN MISSIONS

Children Missions opportunities are available to assist families and churches in engaging elementary-age children in mission education and hands-on mission experiences. **Deep Impact Kids (DI Kids)**, is a pre-packaged week or weekend hands-on mission experiences. As a result, elementary-age children and their leaders are provided the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ.

CHURCH RENEWAL

The Church Renewal Journey is a "pew-to-pew" ministry designed to assist the congregation in experiencing a spiritual awakening. Led by lay volunteers, these weekends are known to both revitalize and encourage churches to change their worlds in Jesus' name.

COLLEGE MISSIONS

College Missions is for reaching, discipling, and sending the 18 to 25-year-old population of North Carolina found on our college and university campuses. In addition, this ministry

offers a missions initiative to involve college students in state, national, and international mission projects.

COMPASSION MINISTRIES

All churches are called to share God's love and grace with those who are hurting. Compassion ministry encourages, resources and equips NC churches in the following areas: supporting families affected by disability, foster care/adoption, helping those experiencing divorce or separation, tutoring, hunger relief, helping free people from addiction, job training, and many other areas.

DISASTER RECOVERY MINISTRY

Disaster Recovery is a great way to minister to people affected by disasters. We help with clean-up (tear-out/chainsaw), temporary repairs (tarping roofs, etc.), and other recovery needs. In addition, disaster training events teach volunteers various skills needed to perform their duties under stressful situations.

DISASTER RELIEF MINISTRY

The purpose of Baptists on Mission Disaster Relief Ministry is to relieve human suffering caused by disasters. The goal of BOM Disaster Relief Ministry is to provide ways for Christians to minister to people who are hurting. In addition, we seek to provide organization, equipment and strategy for committed volunteers to help affected individuals/families rebuild their lives and homes.

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS MINISTRY

Family Foundations seeks to assist and encourage churches, pastors, and church leaders in all aspects of the family: Marriage Retreats, Family Enrichment, and Family Missions Involvement.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS/PROJECTS

There are numerous international partnership opportunities that are available for involvement in Armenia, Cuba, Guatemala, Kenya, Moldova, Hungary, Roma Gypsy, South Africa, and Ukraine. We want to glorify God by involving churches and Christians in international short term missions.

MEDICAL MOBILE HEALTH SCREENING AND MOBILE DENTAL MINISTRIES

There are many opportunities for medical and dental personnel to be involved in missions with BOM including International medical mission trips, the Mobile Dental Ministry and the Mobile Health Screening Ministry. In addition, support persons skilled in medical assistance and **non-medical** laypeople are involved in this ministry.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Purpose: Assist churches in providing a well-rounded, balanced ministry that challenges men to grow in their walk with Christ; share their faith with others; find their place of service in the local church, and be on mission with God. Outdoor Ministry is another part of Men's Ministry.

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS/PROJECTS

Many national missions opportunities are available for your church in places like the Appalachian Coalfields, Pennsylvania, New England, Rocky Mountain, Hawaii and Alaska. There are a big variety of mission projects that are needed.

NC STATE PROJECTS

Mission Camps at Red Springs, Rose Hill and Shelby: Involve churches and Christians in life-changing mission projects at an affordable cost; each mission camp can house and feed up to 200 volunteers at a time.

ServeNC (Community Mobilization): Is a one-day to a one-week missions blitz in your community that involves your church in local missions where you live. **Impact NC:** Connects churches and individuals with week-long volunteer mission projects in children's ministry, evangelism, music, and/or construction, plus more. Basic construction skills training is also provided for volunteers.

PRAYER SUPPORT

Because prayer should undergird all we do as Christians, churches are discovering new ways to become involved in missions through prayer walks, as well as praying for mission needs, mission volunteers, and missionaries.

STUDENT MOBILIZATION MISSIONS

Deep Impact Missions Weeks are pre-packaged mission experiences that allow middle and high school students and their leaders to share the love of God with people throughout North Carolina and around the world.

For more information about any of the ministries of Baptists on Missions, contact:

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Lee Strobel, Jennifer Rothschild, Kyle Idleman,
Michael O'Brien.

baptistsonmission.org/events/missions-conference



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www.ncmissionsoffering.org



Marriage Refresh Conference p. 25

September 7, 2024
First Baptist Church, Sanford, NC

www.baptistsonmission.org/familyfoundations



Disaster Rebuild p. 20

The need for volunteers is still great at our rebuild sites in Rose Hill, New Bern, Lumberton, and Haywood County.

A large background image of a smiling woman with blonde hair, wearing sunglasses and a white t-shirt with the word "Serve" in a large, stylized font. She is holding a yellow power drill. The background is a warm, golden-brown color with a blurred image of a construction site.

Serve