

# BAPTISTS ON MISSION



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## Mission Statement

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

## A Message from Our Executive Director



On February 24, Russian troops invaded Ukraine. As NC Baptists, we've been in partnership with Ukraine and other former Eastern Europe countries for many years. Because of these relationships, we were able to respond immediately. One of the first things that we were able to do was to send volunteers to assist refugees in Poland, Moldova and Hungary.

In Poland, we are sending teams who are working with displaced families, mostly women and children.

In Moldova, North Carolina teams are working right now at the Moldovan Baptist camp, which is housing

over 200 Ukrainian refugees. We are sending 10 people each week to help with cleaning and cooking, working with children, and ministering to people physically and spiritually. In Hungary, NC teams sorted materials, food and supplies at a warehouse outside Budapest. These supplies were then sent on to the refugee centers near the border housing Ukrainian refugees. Some NC teams also helped at the refugee centers assisting refugees who had just crossed the border.

Millions of Ukrainians left the country, but millions more are internally displaced people (IDP). Right now, we are serving internally displaced people inside of Ukraine. We are working in one region in western Ukraine with over 100,000 displaced refugees.

We are helping get food and other supplies to them and have opportunities to witness and pray with them. We are also sending medical teams who are serving and ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of these IDPs (Internally Displaced People).

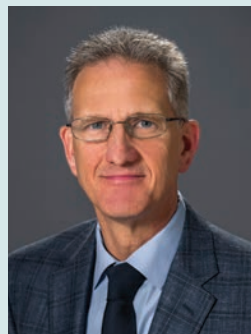
Finally, we have a partner organization, House of Hope, getting food and other needed supplies into the war zones. Thousands of people are hunkered down in basements in some of the hardest hit areas in eastern Ukraine. Many of them are not able to leave. We are working with a German Christian group called House of hope.

Through your generous giving, we are providing approximately 15,000 loaves per day. Our goal is to provide 500,000 loaves. Inside each bread bag, there is a gospel tract that offers hope in this life and in the next. Through providing loaves of bread in eastern Ukraine, there have been many opportunities to share bread and the gospel. In one location, the House of Hope team had the opportunity to share the gospel with Ukraine soldiers. On one occasion, 400 soldiers heard the gospel, and 200 prayed to receive Christ. Within a few days of this happening, this group of soldiers was on the front line, and Russian troops broke through the front line killing most of the soldiers. Stephan told us many of those soldiers who had responded to the gospel are in heaven right now.

Lives are being changed and people are learning that God cares about them. Thank you for praying and giving and going.

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

# Can Missions Involvement Aid in Revitalizing Your Church?



Is there a secret formula to revitalizing our churches? Don't we all need a little revitalizing? Every church is different, but one key common need is community involvement through missions. Directing our focus away from ourselves creates energy and purpose.

Recently, I have witnessed this in my own church. Our small, country church feels revitalized. Even with our wonderful pastor of twelve years announcing his resignation, we are excited about where God has us now. Pastor Rich made many trips to Guatemala, leading our church to be "On Mission Together."

A team from multiple churches traveled to Guatemala in February of this year. I did not take part in the trip, but it was a blessing to experience it from a non-participating perspective. On the Sunday following their return, there was an obvious sense of unity, love, and energy from the team. Entering before worship, embracing in the isles, celebrating what God had done. It's really special to see Daniel, a college freshman, and Blanca, a high-school student, participate in their first mission trip.

Testimonies poured out of their hearts. We heard about the orphanage, training facility, medical clinic, and how God has transformed shattered lives. We heard about long construction days, fellowship, worship, meals, singing, and spending time with the precious children.

Our missions conference took place in Winston-Salem the very next weekend. Nearly the entire team was able to attend. Our pastor asked on Sunday, "How did God speak to you during the conference?" Blanca walked boldly to the podium, smiling and gleaming with joy. She announced that she had been called to be a missionary. This amazing teenager with many gifts and talents decided to follow Jesus wherever he leads. Again, there was an overwhelming joy that came upon our congregation.

A few months later, our congregation is still reeling with enthusiasm. More focused than ever before on outreach to our neighborhood, spiritual growth, prayer, witnessing, unity, and serving God. Of course, further mission involvement through Baptists on Mission is also being discussed. How will God connect us next?

**Can missions involvement aid in revitalizing your church?** Yes, it can! The answer is not a one-time mission trip. It is ongoing, missional involvement throughout the year. It becomes the church's identity, a missional DNA that propels the church to fulfill its purpose.

**Your next step for impactful missional involvement is to** connect with Baptists on Mission in Cary. A wonderful, experienced staff is waiting to personally assist you. The following pages give you tangible ways to extend locally, nationally, and abroad.

**We would love to hear your missional stories!** How has your church been energized through missions? How have missions been a catalyst for revitalization? Send your **missional story** to [ccarpenter@ncbaptist.org](mailto:ccarpenter@ncbaptist.org).

See you on the mission field!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen C. Couch".

Steve Couch





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# LIVING ON MISSION

## 2023 BAPTIST MISSIONS CONFERENCE

JESUS SAID TO THEM AGAIN, "PEACE BE WITH YOU.  
AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, EVEN SO I AM SENDING YOU."  
JOHN 20: 21



**APRIL 14-15, 2023**

HICKORY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
CHARLOTTE, N.C.

**Cost:** \$20 per person.

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

Pre-registration is required.

**Registration Deadline: April 6, 2023**

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

For registration, hotel information and additional details, visit:

**[www.baptistsonmission.org/  
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# Volunteer of the Year

## Jimmy Lawrence

**Jimmy began doing Disaster Relief when a tornado went through his hometown.** He was one of the local fire chiefs called upon to help at the fire department. Jimmy didn't know anything about NCBM Disaster Relief until they came to his town to help. These volunteers were totally self-sufficient. Jimmy was most impressed that the chainsaws became quiet at 11:00 on that Sunday morning and remained silent until Noon when worship at the local churches was over.

Jimmy wanted to learn more about this organization, so he went to Stoneville, where they were "training on the job" after the tornado. That was in 1998, and he has been involved in all aspects of Baptists on Mission since that time. His first call-out was to West Virginia after a major flood in Kimball. Jimmy served as a "yellow hat" for many years, responding when he was called to go, if at all possible. Because he and his wife, Pam, were both still working at that time, they coined the phrase "weekend warriors." They would leave after work on Friday and travel as much as four hours away to help those in need on Saturday and Sunday and then return home to go back to work on Monday. After several years of service, Jimmy was invited to be a "blue hat." After a while, he was asked to be one of the site coordinators. His faithful service led him to several states, including West Virginia, Mississippi, Louisiana, North and South Carolina, Kentucky, Iowa, and Florida.

Jimmy was the site coordinator in New Bern during Hurricane Florence. Then in 2019, he was asked to be the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator. He is still leading our volunteers with a servant's heart.

Baptists on Mission is extremely proud to name Jimmy Lawrence as the 2022 Volunteer of the Year! **Thank you for your committed and dedicated service in sharing God's Word in love and deed!**



# Baptists on Mission Heritage Award 2022 Honorees



## Steve and Nellene Carter

have been married for 55 years. The first six years of their marriage were spent traveling the world with the US Air Force working with nuclear weapons. Then, in 1975, they settled down in Lincolnton, North Carolina, which is still their home. Steve worked for 27 years in nuclear power with Duke Energy, and Nellene worked in banking for 28 years.

In 1992, 30 years ago, everything changed. The Carters gave their lives to Christ. They immediately began to fulfill their call through involvement in Disaster Relief and World Changers. Steve served as a crew chief in 14 World Changers events, including the first one in Alaska.

Sensing the call to early retirement, the Carters began fulltime mission involvement. They have participated in over 100 short-term mission trips, including 21 to Gulfport, MS after Hurricane Katrina and 17 trips to Clyde, NC after Hurricane Ivan. In addition,

they have committed weeks of their lives on mission trips in Honduras, Brazil, Mexico, Cuba and Haiti.

In 2006, the Carters purchased a camper and traveled to Vermont, where they coordinated mission teams in the renovation of small churches for several summers.

In 2010, the Carters became Baptists on Mission On-Site Coordinators for the Vermont Partnership, which they held for ten years. The Carters met and encouraged dozens of mission teams serving in Vermont each summer. Those teams and the Carters were salt and light all over Vermont.

Because of the Carters' work, many children and youth heard the Gospel through VBS and sports camps, perhaps for the first time. The kingdom work of the small congregations and pastors was strengthened and multiplied. Church buildings were repaired to be better places of worship.

The Carters were also well-loved

by the many Vermont pastors and their families with whom they built relationships over the years. After church groups returned from Vermont to North Carolina, they continued to pray, send valuable items, and write encouraging cards and letters to churches in Vermont.

In 2011 Hurricane Irene decimated Vermont and in 2012, Hurricane Sandy hit New Jersey. Steve served as a Disaster Relief Blue Hat for both events. Rising to the call, the Carters assisted with Hurricane Florence rebuild and the construction of Baptists on Mission Charity Rebuild Center in Rose Hill, NC.

The Carters have two sons and four grandchildren. They are members of Macedonia Baptist Church in Lincolnton.

**It is an honor for Baptists on Mission to recognize Steve and Nellene Carter as our 2022 Heritage Award recipients for their immeasurable dedication.**



# 2022 Events

## AUGUST

- 3-6 Deep Impact (half), Red Springs
- 22 Region 2 Missions Rally - Goldsboro, NC
- 22 Region 8 Missions Rally - Statesville, NC
- 22 Region 10 Missions Rally - Bryson City, NC
- 23 Region 1 Missions Rally - Windsor, NC
- 23 Region 4 Missions Rally - Durham, NC
- 23 Region 6 Missions Rally - Laurinburg, NC
- 23 Region 9 Missions Rally - Mars Hill, NC
- 25 Regions 3 Missions Rally - Bladenboro, NC
- 25 Region 5 Missions Rally - Asheboro, NC
- 25 Region 7 Missions Rally - West Jefferson, NC

## SEPTEMBER

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

## OCTOBER

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

## NOVEMBER

- 10 Region 2 Men's Worship Rally
- 14 Region 4 Men's Worship Rally
- 17 Region 6 Men's Worship Rally
- 21 Region 8 Men's Worship Rally
- 29 Region 10 Men's Worship Rally

# 2023 Events

## JANUARY

- 2-4 Here & Now Missions Experience for College Students & Young Adults, Shelby Mission Camp
- 20-21 BOM's Board Meeting, Caraway
- 21 NCBOM Annual Business Meeting, Caraway
- 22 Baptist Men's Day in the Churches

## FEBRUARY

- 18 Region 1 Disaster Relief Training, Murfreesboro
- 20 Region 2 Missions Rally - Forest Hills BC, Wilson
- 20 Region 8 Missions Rally - Mt. Ruhama BC, Maiden
- 20 Region 10 Missions Rally - Truett, Hayesville
- 28 Regions 1 Missions Rally - Rocky Hock BC, Edenton
- 28 Region 4 Missions Rally - Fairview BC, Apex
- 28 Region 6 Missions Rally - FBC Rockingham
- 28 Region 9 Missions Rally - Pole Creek BC, Candler
- 23 Region 3 Missions Rally - Charity Rebuild Center
- 23 Region 5 Missions Rally - Oaklawn BC, Winston Salem
- 23 Region 7 Missions Rally - Booneville BC, Booneville
- 25 Construction Skills Training, Red Springs

## MARCH

- 4 Region 3 Disaster Relief Training, Fayetteville
- 11 Construction Skills Training, Charity
- 18 Region 5 Disaster Relief Training, Asheboro
- 25 Construction Skills Training, Shelby

## APRIL

- 1 RA Car Race
- 14-15 Baptist Missions Conference, Hickory Grove
- 29 Region 7 Disaster Relief Training, Mount Airy

## MAY

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- 5-6 Men's Outdoor Weekend
- 19-21 Deep Impact KIDS Weekend, Red Springs
- 20 Region 9 Disaster Training, Hendersonville

## JUNE

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- 12-16 Deep Impact KIDS Weekend, Hendersonville
- 12-17 Deep Impact, Shelby
- 15-18 Deep Impact (half), Shelby
- 17-24 Deep Impact, Honduras
- 19-23 Deep Impact KIDS Weekend, Shelby
- 19-24 Deep Impact, Hendersonville
- 25-28 Deep Impact KIDS Mini-Week, Red Springs
- 26-July 2 Deep Impact, Philadelphia, PA
- 29-July 2 Deep Impact KIDS Mini-Week, Charity

## JULY

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- 2-8 Deep Impact, Caswell
- 3-8 Deep Impact KIDS, Caswell (WMW hybrid)
- 3-8 World Missions Week, Caswell
- 9-15 Deep Impact, Atlanta, GA
- 10-14 Deep Impact KIDS, Red Springs
- 10-15 Deep Impact, Morehead City
- 16-19 Deep Impact KIDS Mini-Week, Morehead City
- 22-31 Deep Impact, South Africa
- 24-29 Deep Impact, Boone
- 29-Aug 2 Deep Impact KIDS Mini-Week, Charity
- 31-Aug 3 Deep Impact (half), Red Springs
- 31-Aug 5 Deep Impact, Red Springs

## AUGUST

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

## SEPTEMBER

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

## OCTOBER

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

## NOVEMBER

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



# 2022 Missions Rallies

## for Men, Women & Youth

### YOU ARE INVITED TO THE AUGUST 2022 REGIONAL MISSION RALLIES.

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

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

► **Region 1**

Tuesday, August 23  
Askewville Baptist  
110 Askewville Rd  
Windsor, NC

► **Region 2**

Monday, August 22  
Love Memorial Baptist  
192 Woodland Church Rd  
Goldsboro, NC

► **Region 3**

Thursday, August 25  
Center Road Baptist  
2484 Center Rd  
Bladenboro, NC

► **Region 4**

Tuesday, August 23  
Ridgecrest Baptist  
1104 Milton Rd  
Durham, NC

► **Region 5**

Thursday, August 25  
Cross Road Baptist  
1566 Old Cox Rd  
Asheboro, NC

► **Region 6**

Tuesday, August 23  
New Hope Baptist  
11480 Hasty Rd  
Laurinburg, NC

► **Region 7**

Thursday, August 25  
Midway Baptist  
1670 My Jefferson Rd  
West Jefferson, NC

► **Region 8**

Monday, August 22  
South River Baptist  
2659 S Chipley Ford Rd  
Statesville, NC

► **Region 9**

Tuesday, August 23  
FBC Mars Hill  
67 N Main St  
Mars Hill, NC

► **Region 10**

Monday, August 22  
FBC Bryson City  
37 Church Ave  
Bryson City, NC

### *How to Register:*

[www.baptistsonmission.org/rallies](http://www.baptistsonmission.org/rallies)  
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### *Information needed:*

Name, email, phone number,  
church name and total attending

### **Registration is due one week prior to the Rally Date**

Supper 5:50 p.m. (no charge)  
Program 6:50 – 8:30 p.m.





# Relief for Today. **HOPE FOR TOMORROW.**

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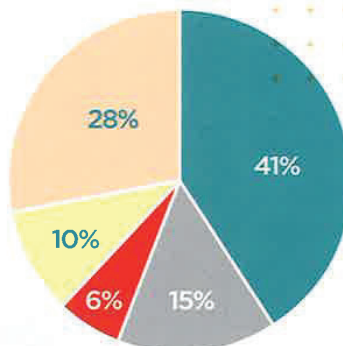
Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Romans 15:13* CSB

ARE YOU FILLED WITH HIS JOY?  
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ARE YOU FILLED WITH HIS JOY?  
ARE YOU FILLED WITH HIS JOY?  
ARE YOU FILLED WITH HIS *joy?*

## YOUR GIFTS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA MISSIONS OFFERING HELP:

- Spread the gospel.
- Relieve suffering.
- Treat the sick.
- Plant new churches.
- Mobilize people in missions.
- Minister during disasters.



## Join in the **WEEK OF PRAYER**

for the NCMO from

**Aug. 28 to Sept. 4.** Additional prayer points are available at [ncmissionsoffering.org/pray](http://ncmissionsoffering.org/pray).

■ Baptists on Mission	\$856,720
■ Church Planting	\$596,000
■ Mission Camps	\$313,080
■ Associational Projects	\$210,000
■ Mobilization Ministry Project	\$124,200
	<b>\$2,100,000</b>

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# Would you be willing to die for your faith and the ability to share it with family and friends?

Please continue to pray for our partnership in Togo. We continue to move forward but at a slow pace. The vision for the partnership is to develop a demonstration farm and teaching facilities as a way of ministering to people in the region. We recognize that by sharing the Gospel and faith in a merciful God, the price may be high, but the rewards are great. Praise be to God.

A Christian missionary working in North Africa recently shared a situation with me. I would like to share it with you and ask that you be in prayer for this family and others living in similar circumstances. Specific names and places have been excluded for obvious reasons.

Recently a father, his 15-year-old son, and another 24-year-old young man were arrested by police at the border crossing as they were returning home from a neighboring country. Their offense was carrying a backpack of material deemed illegal by the Sharia law under which they live. Inside the bag were several copies of Gospel books written in native languages to

share with friends and family. A small booklet, "A Letter to the Galatians from Paul," was among the material seized."

Following an investigation, the two younger men were released with no charges in answer to prayers. On the other hand, the father has been imprisoned and charged with two crimes: proselytizing and apostasy. If convicted under Sharia law, it could result in the death penalty.

A lawyer was contacted and agreed to take the case, assuming that this client would deny his faith and drop the charges. When this Christian brother explained that he had come to faith while living and working in Ghana and would not deny his faith in Jesus Christ to get out of trouble quickly, the lawyer said he could no longer represent him. After discussion with the family and others from the community of believers, the lawyer agreed to continue to represent his man by God's grace. - Please pray over this Muslim lawyer and the relations that he is forming as he does his work.

He is being held in a jail designed for 40 people along with 112 other men

arrested for not meeting financial obligations. The family visits daily to provide meals as is the custom. - Please pray that this Christian man will hold to his faith and be released soon. Pray that many in Muslim-dominated regions will hear the truth proclaimed in Paul's letter.

Pray that the wisdom of 1 Peter 3 will take the form of the right words and right actions. Pray that the sentiment found there can be expressed and heard around the court and by the judge.

Pray that he, his wife, and his children will have a permanent place in the local community when the father is released. Pray that the local extremist, the Islamists who live in this country, will not be energized by journalists reporting on this case.

Praise God that this father and his family have been counted worthy to be persecuted for the cause of Christ. Jesus told us to expect such treatment and to rejoice amid persecution.

As in all things, pray that God will be glorified.

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# On Wings of Hope

By Chris Olin

The Aviation Ministry gives hope to many who need a way to get to a specialist or medical facility that can provide care for their condition. We help make what seems like an impossible trip due to either a great distance or financial hardship possible! The pilots in this ministry have a passion for flying and sharing the Gospel. So, instead of flying somewhere just for fun, we use our time, planes, and talents to give hope to others. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Eph. 2:10.

We work through various Angel Flight agencies. These agencies provide the logistics needed to coordinate the different aspects of the flight. We, as pilots, look over listings of needed flights and pick flights that match the capabilities of our planes. We often look for flights with the same person we flew on previous trips. This allows us to build a relationship with them

and gives us more opportunities to tell them that Jesus loves them. If they put their trust in Him, He can give them real and everlasting hope.

On one flight, we were picking up a patient who had flown with us many times before from Columbia to Charleston, SC, to see her specialist. She was not feeling well that morning and was desperate to get to her specialist. She knew the local doctors in Columbia did not know much about her disease. She was very anxious to get underway, so we gathered her things and walked toward the plane. Usually, we pray in the terminal, but since we knew her so well and due to her condition, we did not take the time to pray like we typically do. As we approached the plane, she stopped us dead in our tracks and exclaimed, "I told my friend here that you always pray with me before each flight, so we need to pray." So, we stopped right then and prayed. By building a relationship over the years with

Tiffany, she felt confident in asking us to pray, and she knew that God would answer our prayers.

As we approached Charleston, she started feeling worse and asked if we would be able to get an ambulance to meet us to take her to the emergency room at MUSC. Unfortunately, we were too far out to talk via the radio to the airport where we were planning to land. However, we were low enough to make a phone call so they could help arrange transportation before our arrival. Tiffany hoped we could get her to her specialist that morning, and she knew God could make it happen. She later told Angel Flight Soars that we saved her life that day.

If you are interested in aviation and would like to be a part of this ministry as a pilot, ground crew for youth events, or a ground angel, see the contact box below.



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## Bananas and cookie recipes: **Connecting Church and Local School**

Grove Park Baptist in Burlington has a partnership with the elementary school across the street. Candy Reavis shared their ministry is all year long. Here are a couple of examples of what they are doing, sharing goodness and love in Jesus's name.

The volunteers at church give every student and staff member a fresh banana with a label on it, "With love from Grove Park Baptist Church." The church secretary prints up the labels and volunteers apply them to each banana. They did about 300 bananas for K-2, and another time they served them up for 3-5 grades. The church volunteers deliver these to each homeroom at the school. Another beautiful witness in this endeavor is a local Food Lion grocery store that donates all the bananas!

This project is for the school staff at Christmas (they look forward to it every year). It's called "Cookies in a Jar." First, church folks donate all the dry ingredients for chocolate chip cookies. Then volunteers form an assembly line in the church kitchen to measure and pack those ingredients into quart jars in a certain order. The white and dark layers look pretty in the jars, especially when pre-cut circles of holiday fabrics are added to the lids. Each jar has the baking directions as well. Then the jars are delivered to the school and placed in the staff's mailboxes. The church always gets lots of positive feedback! These and other activities show the staff and students of this local elementary school how much they are loved and supported, and even more so does the Lord.

Blessings to all volunteers who connect with local schools and minister in Jesus's name!

Connect with Jeanette or Chelsie at Baptists on Mission to find other ways to get involved.

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# Joy Restored in Churches

If you seek help to bring God's people back together in unity and excitement following the two-year Covid separation, look no further than Church Renewal Journey. Below are testimonies from pastors who recently experienced that in their churches:

## Northbook Baptist Cherryville, NC

Our church did the **Awakening Weekend**, and it was wonderful. Some blessings we experienced are:

Folks who had lost their joy were restored. Folks who were discouraged left encouraged. Love and unity were restored. Forgiveness and repentance were given. Many questions were answered. **A young man prayed to receive Christ!** More plans are being made for future discipleship that agrees with our discipleship strategy. Meals and fellowship brought blessings. New friendships were kindled. All praise and glory given to King Jesus!

*Pastor Robert Wise*

## Pleasant Valley Baptist Church Waycross, GA

**The Church Renewal Journey Awakening Weekend** exceeded everyone's expectations. Our prayers have been for the Lord to awaken our church and have his will and way in every life present for the weekend. Yet, even before the weekend began, the planning process, the in-home prayer meetings, and the corporate prayer meetings, we saw God answer prayer and start to move in a mighty way. God's team to lead our weekend was just exactly who we needed. They truly served our church, and our people enjoyed the fellowship with them immensely.

**We saw three people saved during the weekend and followed the Lord in believer's baptism that Sunday!**

Many people talked about what they learned about people they have been going to church with for years and developed new relationships with people they see at church every week.

The church saw how important prayer is in the life of our church and corporate prayer as a body of believers and has scheduled the next step.

**Our evaluation service on Sunday night began at 6:00 p.m. Sunday evening, ending around 9:30 p.m.** There were continuous testimonies about what God had done in our church and their individual lives throughout the weekend. The whole process and weekend were a tremendous encouragement to me! **Revival has truly come to our church!**

If any pastor has questions or wants to speak with me about beginning The Church Renewal Journey, please don't hesitate to give them my phone number. I would be thrilled to talk with them. Again, I am a grateful Pastor for all the Lord has done through the weekend! To him be the glory!

*Pastor David Marshall*

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# Preventing Human Trafficking through Freedom Teams

By Jeni Martin Johnson

**When pain collides** with faith and friends, ministries are born. For example, our Freedom team was born out of a passion for making a difference in fighting human trafficking in our local community.

Team leader Kristi Stratton spent many years in an abusive marriage to a “John.” A John is the client of a prostitute. He frequented sketchy massage parlors and brothels and brought this into their marriage. Kristi first became interested in human trafficking when she saw an episode of Law and Order and then heard Natalie Grant and Christine Cain speak at Women of Faith. Kristi is now divorced and God has turned her past sufferings into a passion for activism to prevent trafficking.

Jeni Johnson is the adoptive parent of a human trafficking survivor. So you can imagine how sparks flew when Kristi and Jeni first met! Today, Kristi and Jeni serve together with a group of church members at First Baptist Church of Asheboro, NC, on a Freedom Team. The team began when World Relief asked Jeni about piloting the program. Jeni reached out to Kristi, and the ball was in motion. Soon after, several interested church members attended a training by World Relief. The newly founded Freedom Team quickly contacted local leadership like our sheriff, who soon hired an officer specializing in trafficking.

The team ordered soaps to be placed in local hotels. A local printer donated stickers with the national hotline number. The busiest time for hotels is when the High Point Furniture Market is happening in our community, so we target that time period for soaps to be in hotel rooms.

The team also created a strategy and a goal of placing the hotline number in all public restrooms. Next, a packet was created so businesses could choose what display method worked best for them. The packet contained posters, postcards, and stickers. Gas stations were the first target, and most agreed to display one of the options the team provided.

The team consists of teens through senior adults.

The teens expressed that prevention in their health classes was minimal, even just one paragraph in their book. AbolitionNC has a free state standardized curriculum for NC. Our team got to work and asked to meet with those over curriculum choices in Asheboro city and county schools.

Several staff have been trained in how to recognize warning signs of trafficking in students. AbolitionNC also has a free curriculum that raises awareness in students to help recognize signs that someone may be grooming them.

Part of Jeni’s daughter’s story has been published by a non-profit called Brave Global. The name of the book is *Brave in Real Life* by Guy Chevreau. Brave Global seeks to empower vulnerable young people to resist being trafficked, say no, and live safer lives. Brave Global has a journal that can be used in youth groups. They also do events that empower vulnerable young people.



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# FAMILY time

## — MAKING THE MOST OF IT —

**We've all heard** that time is a thief when in actuality, the true thief is the distractions that steal our joy in life and keep us from spending our time wisely. In a 24-hour day, it is difficult to fit in everything that needs to be done – that's where priorities come into play. In addition, the demands of life for most adults can be overwhelming. Throw a family into the mix and it becomes even more challenging.

When our sons were younger, I remember in the toddler and preschool stages, feeling as though I were drowning in the day's tasks. As our boys have grown more independent and self-sufficient in their teen years, it becomes easy to press autopilot as a parent and allow technology to consume our children's time. They come home and want to retreat to their rooms and stare at their screens – and honestly,

my husband and I have that same temptation to "check out."

But when we consistently

give in to that temptation as parents, we miss God-appointed opportunities. One of my favorite and most convicting Bible passages is in Deuteronomy 11. *"Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and worship other gods and bow down to them (vs.16)...Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds, tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads (vs. 18). Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up (vs. 19). Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates (vs.20) so that your days and the days of your children may be many (vs.21)..."* (NIV)

Rest assured, none of us are perfect parents – but thankfully, we do have a perfect Heavenly Father, and He wants to love our children through us. Therefore, if we prayerfully seek to make the most of our time with our children, God will honor our efforts and be faithful to equip us at every stage of parenting. Here are a few action points to help you intentionally use your time well as you shepherd your children.

- Commit to eating meals together a certain number of times each week.
- Limit screen time at home as a family (including parents too).
- Plan regular family outings – an afternoon at the park, family game night, breakfast together at a local diner, nature walks, bowling, putt-putt, etc.
- Finally, and most importantly, read God's Word and pray together.

Remember, the days are long, but the years are short so make the most of the time you're given and enjoy making memories of everyday moments.

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## Disaster Recovery

# Part of the Family

### **I am one of the most blessed people in the world.**

I am blessed to have Jesus as my Savior and the Holy Spirit living in my heart. My heavenly family is God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. My earthly family consists of my wonderful wife, Pam, our two daughters, and our precious almost nine-year-old granddaughter. I also have a great church family at Mayodan First Baptist.

I am also a part of one more family - Baptists on Mission. From the top of the BOM staff (Richard Brunson and Tom Beam) to the newest trainees in 2022, I have met some of the most loving, caring, and selfless people I know. Examples of these types of people showed up in their response to flooding in the Spring of 2021, then another flooding event in Haywood County. Before we even completed all the requests in Haywood County, we had another call-out to New Orleans because of a hurricane. Again, our volunteers stepped up and responded to these events.

As December rolled around, we thought we were finished with the 2021 storm events and thinking about getting ready for Christmas. Boy, were we all wrong! God had one more opportunity for us to be His hands and feet. On Saturday, Kentucky called because a devastating tornado had hit them. We were asked to respond to Bowling Green. We (Pam and I) left on Sunday and arrived in Bowling Green late Sunday afternoon. We were asked to meet with Kentucky Baptist at Hillvue Heights Church. While driving to Kentucky, I made some calls and Tom sent out some emails. I was concerned about how many Recovery Teams would/could come because of how far away we were, and it was also approaching Christmas. Little did I know that I was about to be wowed. We had over one hundred people on-site by Monday night from North Carolina. I have responded to many events, but never have we had over one hundred NC volunteers on Day One outside of our own state!! Have

I mentioned how selfless our BOM people are? Even though the distance they had to travel was so great and it was fast approaching Christmas, they still came to help people and share the Gospel. They also came to give people hope and to let them know they were not alone. Our turnout was so great, from our volunteers to all the local volunteers, that we completed all our requests in only one week. We still had people wanting to come and help, but because we had already had such a large turnout of volunteers, we had to stand them down.

I want to thank all my BOM family for what they mean to me. If you want to become a part of this family, we will have more training all across the state beginning in the Spring of 2023. In the meantime, if you want to get involved, you can contact me or the Baptists on Mission office. We would love to have you as a part of our family, and I know that you will indeed be blessed.



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# MASS FEEDING— To God be the Glory!

by Terry Hall

As you are reading this article, hurricane season has already begun. BOM Disaster Relief is praying that NO hurricanes have made landfall. But if a hurricane has, then Mass Feeding is ready. This past Spring, training was completed in Regions 2-4-6-8-and 10. Many new volunteers attended, and BOM Disaster Relief's hope is that God will fill the teams needed with "new" and "seasoned" volunteers when asked to deploy. After all, when Disaster Relief is called to a site, it takes many volunteers using their God-given talents to minister to the survivors.

Our Feeding Units will often be needed to quickly deploy and set up operations to supply hot meals to survivors and first responders. These feeding units have dedicated "setup" teams. New members are always needed, so if this is an area you feel led to explore, please contact me. I will gladly connect you to the caretakers for each unit. What better way to serve God than to provide a hot meal and

water to hurting people. BOM DR has excellent partners with the American Red Cross or the Salvation Army in helping survivors. A large site requires many volunteers in many different ministries to be successful. By letting God use you, much is accomplished.

Even if you feel that you cannot personally deploy, this does not stop you from being a part of the Disaster Relief community. Continually PRAY for those that do deploy. GIVE to the Fall campaign (NC Missions Offering), which funds many different ministries, including Disaster Relief and Disaster Recovery.

Personally, I am blessed to be a part of BOM DR ministries. North Carolina is blessed to have so many dedicated volunteers. Please accept our invitation to join the "Yellow Shirt" community in any way you can.

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# Disaster Relief Trainings

We now offer virtual trainings for those whose badges expire at the end of this year. Please click on this link to see when your ministry is being offered to update your badge.

For those that want to update badges or are new to Disaster Relief, we offer the following trainings in the spring of 2023. Locations and Registration is open at the same link above.

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

## Locations and Dates for in-person Spring 2023 disaster relief trainings:

Region 1 – February 18

Region 3 – March 4

Region 5 – March 18

Region 7 – April 29

Region 9 – May 20





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“It’s Just What Families Do”







**Vicki and Jimmy Huffin - Teachey, NC near the Charity Rebuild Center**

*House dedication on April 15, 2022*

Vicki grew up with 4 siblings at the Mills Home (Baptist Children's Homes) where for the first time she felt like she was part of a family. Vicki wasn't an orphan any more and loved the fact that everyone looked out for each other at Mills Home.

Hurricane Florence blew across NC in 2018 and took Vicki's home with it. She had no idea how they would ever rebuild and that's when the folks at Charity Rebuild Center stepped in. Less than four months later her new home was being dedicated. "I had a feeling it would be finished by April but this is amazing" Vicki said.

"The camper FEMA provided was a blessing but I can't wait to walk in my shower. What an even bigger blessing that will

be. I think that's one of the things I'll enjoy the most."

The fact that her new home was being dedicated on Good Friday wasn't lost on Vicki. "Easter is all about hope for the future, rebirth." And that's exactly what this new home is going to be.

Continuing the lessons she learned at Mills Home, Vicki has always looked out for others. Nieces and nephews turned to their aunt's home as a place of refuge, a place to run when life threw storms in their path. "It's going to be a joy to see my grandchildren, nieces and nephews stay here with us whenever they need to. We love to be there when people need help, and this house will allow us to do that again. It's just what families do."

Discover how you can restore lives through the Baptists on Mission rebuild centers and mission camps.





## Baptist Builders

# Rebuilding Lives, Offering Hope

Storm debris broke through a series of bridges in Haywood County on August 17, 2021. The resulting avalanche of water destroyed everything in its path. Yet, hope rose from the debris as local churches answered the call to help their neighbors. Volunteers in yellow shirts arrived to clear debris and tirelessly removed soggy floors, mold-infested sheetrock, insulation, and furniture.

Volunteer teams help put the pieces back together for families whose lives have been torn apart by a disaster. You can help! Whether you are a skilled construction pro or a novice, you can be a blessing to families on the long journey back after floods have destroyed your home. Volunteers have already worked in over 1800 homes damaged by Hurricane Florence and 50 homes in Haywood County. More

are on the waiting list! We need volunteers of all skill levels, but volunteers who can do plumbing, electrical, and HVAC installations are particularly critical.

Using funding provided by the United Way of Haywood County, Dogwood Health Trust, the Governor's Office of State Budget and Management, Mountain Projects, and Haywood County, we anticipate repairing dozens more homes in Haywood County. This includes building several new homes from the ground up. In addition, funding from the State Employees Credit Union is being used to repair dozens of homes damaged by Hurricane Florence nearly four years after the flood. Will you help? Will your church help? Send teams to work for a day or longer. Adopt a family and see their home repair through to completion.



Register your team for Haywood County at:

<https://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:

<https://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/By-Mission-Type/Disaster-Relief/Hurricane-Florence>

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# Armenia



Vardan was ready to quit. After two years of ministry in Sisian, he felt it was time to return to Yerevan, the capital city, to get a good job to provide for his family. His wife Lucine said, “You really need to pray about this. I will follow your leadership if God tells you that He is finished with us here. Otherwise, I’m afraid that

I will have to stay here while you go back to Yerevan.” As Lucine shared the story, her eyes lit up with great joy, and Vardan laughed with a deep peace as he reported God’s answer to his plea: “I am your Protector and Provider.” They have been in Sisian for ten years since that defining moment and that phrase describes what the Hakobyan family has lived.

When Azerbaijan and Turkey invaded Armenia and seized much of the Nagorno-Karabakh Region on September 27, 2020, Armenia received no assistance at all from other countries, including the U.S. The 44-day war caused over 4,000 Armenian deaths, with tens of thousands fleeing the region. Armenians learned that God was indeed their protector and provider. Since a peace treaty ended the war on November 10, 2020, Armenian Baptists are seeing open doors for the gospel and a tremendous opportunity to plant new churches all across the country.

Baptists on Mission has been by their side to assist in reaching new communities and training new leaders since helping build a seminary beginning in 2001. We can join Armenian Baptists as they fan the flames of revival sweeping the country and witness God’s hand moving to bring peace and hope. A recent team of pastors saw churches filled to capacity for afternoon revival services, eighty pastors participating in a two-day pastor’s

conference, and many new believers committing their lives to Christ.

Work has begun on a new seminary extension in Stepanakert, Nagorno Karabakh, the epicenter of the recent war. Pastors of both churches in the city, one a new church plant, report an openness and hunger for the gospel. A new church building was dedicated on May 1 in Dvin, an Assyrian community where there has been strong resistance to the gospel. Because of a generous donation, work is set to begin on a new classroom for a church in Ijevan where the children meet in a 10’ x 6’ kitchen. This church is packed to capacity every Sunday and has started Bible studies at five mission points in their region. With the assistance of NC Baptists, we will help Armenians build a new Yezidi Kurdish Christian Church in a southern Armenian town, one of only a handful of Christian churches anywhere in the world, reaching a culture that is traditionally pagan.

Armenian Baptists invite your team to help with construction, teach at the seminary, or hold sports camps or medical clinics. Teams can also lead VBS, women’s conferences, or men’s conferences.

### Will You...

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

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

**Go:** Send a team.

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



# Cuba is Open and Ready for NC Teams



Dollie Noa and I traveled to Cuba April 10-16, 2022, to visit pastors, My Camp, and Santiago's retirement home. We flew into Havana and drove to My Camp in Santa Clara, where we met with the new camp managers, Pastor Roy and Michael. They have

made many improvements to how we want to host teams at My Camp and have been able to do some additional construction work, as you can see in the pictures.

We traveled to Santiago to see Pastor Donis and visit the Retirement Home. They would really like teams to be able to come to the retirement home to do maintenance.

We then traveled back to Havana by way of Holguin, Las Tunas, Camaguey and Santa Clara to fly home at the end of the week.

We visited many pastors and reestablished some relationships as we start with sending teams back to Cuba after the COVID issues over the past 2 years. So it was very, very good to be there.

We took a great deal of money that many of you and your churches had sent to our office.

Things are desperate in Cuba. First, there is difficulty finding fuel. (When the van we were riding in got down to 3/4 tank full, we began looking for fuel!) There is difficulty finding food, especially meats. We did see many roadside stands full of fruits and



vegetables, but lack of money leads to food insecurities.

Right now, our teams will be flying to Santa Clara for work at the seminary and to Santiago/Holguin to work at the retirement home. However, airports are opening back up soon, allowing us to send teams to both locations.

After being at My Camp in Santa Clara, we feel that we are 6-10 teams away from completing the work on the dining hall and administrative building. This is exciting, and we need you to be involved in completing this work. COVID

pushed this project way behind, and we want students to begin attending classes at the seminary ASAP.

Will you put together a construction team so this can become a reality? The team cost will be \$3,000, and BOM will send an additional \$2,000, which will be \$5,000 for construction. Per person costs will be based on the following - airline tickets (approx. \$750), insurance (\$65), lodging, meals and transportation (\$480), visa (\$125), and t-shirt (\$12) - approx. \$1,450 per person. This could change based on the airline costs at the time we purchase and the time of year you travel.

Teams traveling to work at the retirement home in Santiago will do some construction and maintenance. Costs are approximately the same as above, including the team costs.

The dates for 2022 are on the website waiting on you to reserve. The 2023 dates will go up by July. Please consider getting a team together to help get this work completed.



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

# GUATEMALA

## A Labor of Love

After a somewhat slow start to the year, over eighteen mission teams are scheduled to serve at the Good Shepherd Center and Good Shepherd Children's Homes in 2022. Missionaries Roger and Vicki Grossmann oversee the ministry and the teams' work. The Grossmanns have been dedicated to reaching the Quiche people of Western Guatemala for over thirty years. The Good Shepherd Center, which was built with the help of scores of mission teams, provides a place where Quiche church leaders can come for training, fellowship, and planning. The Center also includes a medical clinic, where hundreds of patients are seen and cared for over the course of the week. Vicki, who has a PhD in nursing practice, oversees the work of the clinic, as well as the work of medical teams who serve in villages and small towns when they come.

The Grossmanns also direct and oversee the operation of the Good Shepherd Children's Home, located in another location in Quetzaltenango.

The home provides a Christian environment for children who have been placed there by the court system. Most of these children have been abused and/or abandoned by their parents. At GSCH, they experience something that most have never known – love. Their backstories often break the hearts of those who hear them, making the joy of knowing that these children are being introduced to Christ and His love more fulfilling.

Teams who serve in Guatemala enjoy staying at the beautiful Good Shepherd Center, like stepping back into the past with its old colonial building style. They enjoy the work, which often includes tile, adobe, and other methods that are not commonly encountered by volunteers. Working with a team of Guatemalan experts makes it easy for almost anyone to pitch in and make a significant contribution. Whether serving in construction, leadership training, or medical, volunteers can visit and meet the children at the GSCH and host

a “family night” for the older youth who live in a cottage near the center. Team members come away with a greater appreciation for mission work in Guatemala and feel that they are part of the growing of God's Kingdom there.

Baptists on Mission (BOM) is blessed to be a part of the Good Shepherd Ministries in Guatemala. We partner with the International Indigenous Community Development (IICD) and the Baptist Children's Home of North Carolina (BCHNC). A nearly full slate of teams (18) is scheduled through 2022. More teams will be needed in 2023. In addition, we will need multiple teams for various construction projects, 2-3 medical teams, and couples/individuals to serve throughout the year as Children's Home Assistants. They will need to commit to staying at the children's home for 1-2 months. Please see our Guatemala Partnership website for a more detailed description of each of these tasks. Pray about being a part of this meaningful ministry!

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



The Good Shepherd Children's Home has been host to many mission team over the years – both those working in it, and those working out of it.



Mission teams provide back-breaking, but heart-warming work that contributes to the Gospel being shared with the Quiche people of Western Guatemala.



The children at the Good Shepherd Home are shown love, many for the first time in their lives. Most importantly, they are introduced to a Savior who loves them more than anyone else.



# Never a Dull Moment While Serving in KENYA

Baptist on Mission is glad to be sending teams once more to the East African nation of Kenya. COVID has been hard on the ministry, but Shem Okello and his team of pastors have not stood idly by. They have been working to continue reaching the villages in and around Ahero. COVID has brought them new ministry challenges – but also new ministry opportunities. The prayers and support of many here in North Carolina have made a big difference.

Three teams are scheduled to serve in Kenya in 2022. Volunteers serving with Baptists on Mission through the Houses of Hope ministry return knowing they have had a true “African Experience”. Just getting to the ministry site is a bit of an adventure. A lengthy plane ride lands our teams in the capital of Nairobi. After a night’s rest, a day’s van ride brings them to the small town of Ahero, near Lake Victoria. Our teams stay at the Catholic guesthouse. Each day the team travels to a village to build a house for a widow or family in need. All volunteers can participate in beginning the house project with the help of a small group of Kenyan workers. Along with construction, volunteers engage in ministry with the village children who come by to check out what is happening.

Team members also enjoy going house to house through the village with a translator to share the gospel and testify why they are there. They find it a privilege to be invited into the simple homes of these humble people. Most consist of mud walls, dirt floors, wooden windows and doors (if any), and bare-bones

furniture. Despite this, it does not take long to understand that these people are content with what they have and are gracious hosts. They are glad to hear what a volunteer has to share.

At the end of the day, the whole village is invited to come together for a house dedication that includes singing, prayer, an evangelistic message, and a blessing. It is a joyous time and a good way to end the day. After that, the local pastor, who served as translator and fellow laborer throughout the day, will use the house for twelve weeks to lead a Bible Study. This will deepen the villagers’ understanding of who Jesus is, what he has done for them, and how to follow Him more closely.

A trip to Kenya and participation in the Houses of Hope ministry is a life-changing adventure. Teams can be as small as 5-6 volunteers or as large as 14-16. Simply call the Baptists on Mission office with an 11-day travel timeframe. Trips begin on a Tuesday and conclude on the following Friday. The trip includes approximately \$950 for ground costs (which covers a one-night stay in one of Kenya’s world-famous game parks) plus airfare, which runs from \$1200 – 2000, depending on the time of year. Come experience Africa while assisting a family in need and providing Bible Study and a potential new church start in Kenya!



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

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# Least of These Projects

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

Least of These Projects meet the physical and spiritual needs of some of the most vulnerable people in the world. You can partner with nationals we know and trust to offer hope amid hopelessness with a one-time donation or a recurring gift. A gift of any size placed in the hands of the Master can provide hope. One small boy offered five loaves and two fish, but “what is that for so many?” Well, Jesus fed thousands of people with that meager offering. Trust Him to use your gift to His glory.

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

**Ukraine** – Offer food and hope for only \$2 per person per day to a Ukrainian struggling to survive a brutal war. We also support an ongoing soup kitchen that feeds 200 children per day in a small church.

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

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

**Hungary** – In Roma Gypsy camps, a church building often serves as the only gathering place. Roma volunteers built two new church buildings during the pandemic with funds donated by NC Baptists.

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

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

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



You may donate online at [www.baptistsonmission.org/](http://www.baptistsonmission.org/)  
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# International Roma Partnership

By: Alicia Jones, missionary and in-country coordinator



*Alicia Jones lives in Eastern Hungary and serves as the in-country coordinator for the Roma Partnership hosting Baptists on Mission teams serving in Hungary, Romania and Ukraine. Since the Ukrainian war began, she has been*

*helping our teams serve the Ukrainian war refugees in both Hungary and Western Ukraine. In the following testimony, she tells little snippets of stories she has heard over the last few weeks as she has served alongside our medical teams working in Western Ukraine.*

We listened as a 73-year-old gentleman shared about his son-in-law who lost his life for their country. A few days later, he escaped and when he looked back, he saw a missile landing on his home. Another older couple's son stayed behind and was forced to gather the rubble of the bombings. He lives on the tenth floor back in Kharkiv and many things have been leveled. His parents are fearful of what may happen to him.

One woman gave birth here in Western Ukraine and stayed where we served today. She and the one-month-old returned to the frontline area yesterday because her husband is somewhere there.

Amid heartache, God is working! He saved ten souls this past Sunday at our local partners' church through the message given by our volunteer. The congregation is housing a family from the east in the church building.

God brought us to tell one village lady that she is not yet dead and buried because He has a plan for her. Part of His plan was to meet us. God helped a depressed financial secretary find hope through the gospel. She said she'd be in church every Sunday if they'd preach like this!

The principal told how God used the refugees housed in her school to call her to really live. After COVID, she had become depressed, without reason to live. When the war broke out, many of her students from the last 33 years and friends and coworkers contacted her asking what they could do to help. The older people God brought to her facility from the east had lost everything - their homes, possessions, and even loved ones. She claimed, "I'm living for the first time through tears! These old people have nothing left, yet they are so set on living. They put me to shame. Look at all the love and friends God's given me." Her favorite verse has become: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Doing just that makes life worth living!



For more information about the Roma Partnership, visit <https://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/Outside-US/Roma-People>. Teams are returning to work in the Hungarian public schools and we will continue working in Ukraine as we can.

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# Door of Hope Village

## Bringing Hope to the Hopeless

When three babies were abandoned every day in Johannesburg, Berea Baptist Mission Church made a hole in their wall and installed a 'Baby Box' allowing mothers to leave their babies any time, day or night. The moment a baby is placed in the box, care workers receive an electronic alert, the baby is taken in, and the anonymity of the "donor" is ensured. News has spread, and other babies have been brought in person by their mothers or through police, community members, hospitals or clinics. Door of Hope has rescued over 1800 babies since the first baby, Georgina Smith, came in 1999.

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



### You and your church can offer help by:

**Praying** – The process of rezoning the property of Door of Hope Village from agricultural use to allow construction of nearly 100 cottages has taken years and is almost complete. We anticipate receiving final approval in 2022 or early 2023 so that several new cottages can be built, each providing a home for 6-8 children. Pray for the children who will be served, many teams to volunteer, and funds to build the new cottages and replace the oldest Baby House.

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

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

### REGISTER YOUR TEAM:

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

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# When we do all we can and see God do things we cannot do.



**We pray for God to “give us this day our daily bread,” but do we really believe He does that? Does God really answer prayers?**

Stephan, the coordinator of a network of bakeries and delivery drivers with whom Baptists on Mission has been working since the early days of the war with Russia to deliver bread. This bread is delivered to thousands of Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in Ukraine each day. Stephan tells this miraculous story of survivors from Mariupol, Ukraine, who came into Germany:

A family was locked in their basement in Mariupol for days with the war right outside of their door. They were praying because they could not leave their basement and had no food, only two bottles of water and one package of cookies. As they were praying and worshiping God, they saw an angel walking through the room and they said, “Thank you, God, because you will provide.” When they came out many days later, the bottle of water was still full and the cookies were still there. God protected and provided.

We are responsible for doing all that we can do, as Jesus powerfully said in Matthew 25: 34-40:

*34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’*

*37 “Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ 40 And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’*

Many individuals and churches have given generously to offer bread to thousands of people every day for \$1 per person per day. They have fervently prayed for God to meet the needs of those who face untold hardships daily as the conflict rages. In addition, courageous drivers deliver bread all across Ukraine, offering relief for the moment and hope for the future.

God is doing what only He can do and He invites us to join Him!

Until He returns, we must respond to those in need by doing all we can.

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**Days after Russia invaded Ukraine**, volunteers with Baptists on Mission were there. Welcoming Ukrainian refugees into Poland, Hungary and Moldova. Organizing and distributing supplies in warehouses. Providing medical care to internally displaced people within Ukraine's borders. Supplying food and essential items to families through our partnership with House of Hope. These are just a few of the ways we are providing relief for today and hope for tomorrow.

### THROUGH JULY, 2022

#### TEAMS

Hungary/Ukraine	15
Moldova	13
Poland	17

#### VOLUNTEERS

Hungary/Ukraine	170
Moldova	91
Poland	130







# Comfort for the Suffering

## Maria Corchado



At first glance Maria Corchado might not seem like an ordinary missionary. Three strokes have left their mark yet she still manages to get around airports, respond to disasters and somehow finds herself in the right place at the right time. She truly is a woman on a mission.

As a chaplain with disaster relief Maria understands that words of advice aren't needed when someone's suffering, just being there with the ministry of presence is often more than enough.

She's a firm believer that God gives you the ability to comfort those who are suffering.

"When I heard about the project in Hungary working with refugees from Ukraine I didn't know what I would be able to do, but the Lord put so much peace in my heart I had to go. I just wanted to be His hands and feet, to listen to the hurting with His ears and to share His compassion."

Each day her team had the opportunity to share God's love with people crossing into Hungary from Ukraine. (to share God's love with people escaping the war in Ukraine) "We saw mothers crying and I would just sit down with them, no words, but it would eventually lead to a hug and more tears. They were walking into the unknown, **little did they know they were walking into the arms of a follower of Jesus.**"

"I grew up in a war torn area of the Philippines, at times we didn't know if we would live from day to day. I asked the local missionaries if there was any hope if I died and they told me about John 3:16 which changed my life forever. Now I love sharing with others about the comfort found in the arms of our heavenly Father."

During her last trip to Puerto Rico Maria taught a group of ladies how to knit. (the craft of knitting) When they learned she would be traveling to Hungary the group sent a box of hats for Mari to distribute. Each hat was placed on a child's head with a hug and the reassurance that even in the midst of war, they were loved and a child of God.

After her 3rd stroke Maria asked God to "please just let me do a little." He said 'My child, you will do much more than that,' and He has always made a way."

**Gal 6:2** Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

**2 Corinthians 1:3-4.**

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.**













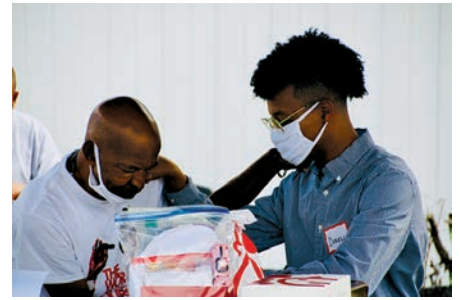
# Ukraine Crisis Response

## Thank you for praying, giving, and going!

As NC Baptists, we send volunteers into Poland, Moldova, Hungary, and Western Ukraine. We are also working on getting needed supplies to internally displaced refugees. God has opened a door for us to help get supplies into Ukraine.

As of July 20, 2022, we have been able to send 45 teams (399 volunteers) to Poland, Hungary, Moldova or into Ukraine. Please continue to pray, give and go. For more information on how you can help please go to <https://baptistsonmission.org/ukraine-crisis>





# Health Screening Ministry Divine Encounters

She walked onboard, happy and cheerful. She was excited we were in her neighborhood. A local church had sponsored the Health Screening Ministry mobile unit in town, and she was one of the patients.

She lived with her grandmother and had walked several blocks from her home to get to the clinic. Each volunteer that interacted with her noticed how delightful she was.

When she sat down at my station, I could tell she wanted to talk. We talked about her family, home life, and Jesus. This was always my favorite part of working at the clinic. Hearing each patient's story. For a solid 10 minutes, I had her undivided attention, and she had mine.

How often do we overlook these encounters? Time spent investing in someone for just a brief moment. Showing them they are valuable. Holding their hand. Giving a hug. Letting them know they are loved and cared about by us, but more

importantly, by God. They are not forgotten.

That's the thing about a mobile clinic. You never know what you will encounter. I've experienced a boyfriend banging on the clinic door while we counseled a woman on domestic violence rescue options. I've prayed with patients suffering from depression and despair. I've cared for those who are homeless or hopeless. I've gathered information about identifying trafficking victims.

“I've cared for those who are homeless or hopeless.”

Some encounters are sad. In those times we sit, and listen, and hold, and pray. Other interactions are full of hope and joy and mercy, and we

talk about how good God is. All are opportunities to show the love of Jesus.

Every clinic is different. Some may have 20-30 patients, while others may only have 1-2. I always tell churches, “Don't worry about the number of patients that are seen, just pray that God will be shared with everyone there.” What seems like a disappointment to us may really be a divine encounter. On days when the patient numbers are small, I've never heard of an instance where the volunteers didn't feel like they were encouraged and uplifted. Sometimes it's those that come to bless others that get the biggest blessing. That's actually always what happens.....God is good, all the time.

Get to know your neighbors. Reach out in an unconventional way. Host a Health Screening clinic in a park, on a farm, in a parking lot, or in an apartment complex.

Anywhere is a great place to share Jesus.

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# Mobile Dental Ministry

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

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

### FEES CHARGED TO THE SPONSORING CHURCH OR ORGANIZATIONS:

- A deposit of \$250 per day is required to hold the clinic; fees listed below are deducted from the deposit. \$250 is the minimum fee.
- \$0.65 cents/mile round trip from Cary
- \$8/patient to help offset cost of materials
- \$5/hour for generator usage (if needed)
- Actual costs of the driver/host's meals and overnight lodging if more than one hour from Cary

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

### Dental Visits May Include:

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

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

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

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

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# APPALACHIAN COALFIELDS MINISTRY

## Tiny Houses and the Lord's Cafe



The homes will provide a support community for those working through the challenges of addiction. Dozens of NC teams have worked on the village.

Thousands of volunteers serve each year through Baptists on Mission's Appalachian Coalfields Ministry. The ways teams and individuals serve are as varied as the number of requests we get in! Many conduct children's ministry in the form of Vacation Bible School, sports clinics, Backyard Bible Schools, etc. Others help with clothes or food distribution projects. Still, others do a variety of construction and remodeling on existing church buildings, parsonages, or ministry centers. The mountain regions of North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky, and West Virginia become

beehives of mission activity each summer. One unique way that our volunteers have served over the past several years is through two unique ministries in western Kentucky.

The Light Community is a ministry of Crossroads Community Church, a

collection of "tiny houses" developed to provide a safe haven for individuals and families. These "tiny homes" are primarily built by volunteer teams and specialty contracted workers. Much of the materials have been donated. Residents of the community are selected through an application process and are expected to maintain a drug-free environment. Though not an alternative to a rehab center, the Light Community is designed to be the next step for those dealing with addictive behaviors. BOM teams have enjoyed working at the Center for the past several years. Ten houses and a laundry house have been dried in. The mission teams should complete the finish work during the summer of 2022. This is just the first phase of the project.



Volunteers from Trinity Baptist in Raleigh begin the footprint of a new "tiny home" for the Light Community in Western Kentucky.

Some teams who work on the "tiny houses" also help out at the Lord's Café – a sister ministry. The Lord's Cafe is

a free restaurant that serves lunch to anyone in the community. It operates solely with volunteers and donations. Despite the challenges, God continues to provide all that is needed to operate and demonstrate the compassion of Christ! On average, 900 meals are served each week during the summer



Volunteers prepare food for the day's guests at the Lord's Café. It is a very fulfilling place to minister.

and 600 meals during the school year. Each Thursday, nearly 400 families receive free groceries. Teams work hard to clean the facility and prepare it for "customers." Others are furiously prepping and cooking the meal. Some serve as "hostesses," seating the guests and acting as their waiter or waitress. They also ask if they can pray for them and do all they can to make them feel cared for.

Afterward, the kitchen and dining room are cleaned, and things are put back in order in anticipation of the next meal later in the week. Volunteers love serving here!

**The Tiny Houses and Lord's Cafe are just two of dozens of requests Baptists on Mission receives each year for mission teams to serve throughout the Appalachian region. This may include VBS, Sports Camps, Construction, etc. Please contact Mark Abernathy at 919-459-5607 or at [mabernathy@ncbaptist.org](mailto:mabernathy@ncbaptist.org). You can also visit our website at [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org) (Mission Projects/United States/Appalachian Coalfields)**

**APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS OUTREACH 2022.** It's not too late for you and your church to participate in the Appalachian Christmas Outreach for 2022. Churches, Sunday School classes, mission groups, families, and individuals are encouraged to collect items and fill backpacks for Christmas 2022. A statewide collection will take place November 5 at over 30 sites across the state. Visit the Baptists On Mission website for specifics about what to collect and how to pack the backpacks. [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org) (Mission Projects/United States/Appalachian Coalfields/Appalachian Christmas Outreach)



# Kingdom-Building in the Keystone State of PENNSYLVANIA

As we travel throughout Pennsylvania, we see many good things - huge fields of crops, rustic Amish villages, large cities like Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, and small towns filled with rich heritage and simple living. But we have also discovered a darkness that covers this picturesque area. There is tremendous lostness throughout Pennsylvania and South Jersey. Of the 16 million people living here, it is estimated that 14 million do not have a personal relationship with Jesus.



A team from Mount Sinai in Shelby, NC conducts children's ministry in a local PA park.

Since arriving in Harrisburg in April, we have had the opportunity to experience the depth of concern that the PA/SJ Convention staff has for their people to know Jesus. We have spent time in prayer with them and heard their hearts. Dewey and I have been visiting pastors, church planters, and their families across the state. In their homes, churches, or at a local restaurant, we hear their concern for their neighbors. We ask them what

their next step is and they quickly share with us the vision God has given them for reaching their neighbors for Christ. Each vision is unique - God-designed.



FBC Indian Trail has taken a team for several years to help a church planter reach out to local schools prior to the start of school.

Some congregations are relocating into larger, donated facilities because they have outgrown their current meeting place. This growth has come as a result of loving their communities, conducting acts of compassion, and developing strategic relationships. Other congregations are utilizing spaces such as a gym, a recreation center, or a home to host those who desire to worship and study the Bible together.

One thing these pastors and church planters all have in common is that they need workers to help them. Pastors' families often carry much of the load necessary for effective worship and discipleship. They pray

for long term volunteers to come work alongside them as church strengtheners. They pray for local believers to develop the desire to serve Christ. They also pray for mission teams to assist them in their work. They desire long term partnerships with churches and associations who will commit to several years of physical, financial, and prayer support.



Sports clinics can be a great way for church planters and pastors to utilize a mission team in reaching out to the community.

As volunteers to use their giftedness, more people will know they are loved by others, and by God. They will see the difference Jesus can make in their lives and will commit to follow Him. This is the deep desire of faithfully committed pastors and church planters throughout PA/SJ. Our invitation to you is to come work these ripe fields. God is working in Pennsylvania....will you join Him? Will you make a difference here?  
- Kathie and Dewey Aiken, NC Onsite Coordinator for Pennsylvania

**Pennsylvania Partnership Requests for 2023 will be ready for your response by late September! Contact our office to receive a projects list or secure a project for your church. You can also go to our website at [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org) (Mission Projects/United States/Pennsylvania).**

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Mission partners are needed in Pennsylvania! Evangelism, outreach events, children's ministry, and construction needs all can be found on the projects list. Each one of these requests represent church planting couples, pastors, and congregations who are asking for help in reaching their lost communities for Christ. If you and your church have been involved in furthering God's kingdom in Pennsylvania - thank you! If you have not had opportunity to do so, please pray about how God might use you and your congregation!

# NEW ENGLAND

## A Unique Project in Marlborough, MA

Since its inception in 2005, Baptists on Mission's New England Partnership has focused on the state of Vermont, and for a good reason. God was moving in the Green Mountain State in mighty ways, and He has used many North Carolina churches to accomplish Kingdom growth. God is opening new doors in New England for 2022, and North Carolina congregations are responding again. Richard Brunson and Mark Abernathy, along with Dewey and Kathie Aiken, traveled to the Greater Boston area in December of 2021 to meet with leaders from the Baptist Convention of New England. Three days of visits produced new opportunities for service.

One of those places was the First Baptist Church in Marlborough, Massachusetts. The church was constructed in 1887 and is a prominent structure in the town. Because of this, new pastor Logan Loveday has found cooperation from the town on improvements and other issues that he never saw as a church planter at nearby Hope Community Church! As the congregation at First Baptist had dwindled to nearly nothing, the two congregations (First and Hope Community) joined in the Spring of 2021 and Logan became their pastor in September. He is young, bright, energetic, and has a vision to see the church reach out to the community in ways that it has not in the past. But the church building is large – and it is old. And that is where volunteer teams are lending a hand. The outside of the church is in pretty good shape, having been re-painted in 2019. It is

the inside that needs some tender loving care. This first year, six North Carolina mission teams are scheduled to assist the congregation in various projects that will make the building safer, and more appealing to those who worship, and come to visit. Projects will include renovating the men's and women's bathrooms, re-flooring the foyer, repainting the foyer and hallways, renovating the kitchen, and refurbishing the sanctuary.

The New England region of our country is richly blessed with natural beauty – from rugged coastline to mountain vistas. Small hamlets, rural farms, and quaint fishing villages give New England its charm. However, the majority of New Englanders are spiritually lost. On any given weekend less than 3% of the population attend an evangelical church. At least 1,000 towns and villages in New England have no evangelical presence of any kind. All six New England states consistently appear in Gallup's top 12 list of the "least religious states." Despite these bleak statistics, God is at work in New England. People are being discipled and new churches are being planted.

The project in Marlborough is just one way North Carolina Baptists are making a difference in New England. Other teams serve through children's ministry, camps, sports clinic outreach, music outreach, and more. Projects take place in Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Maine. Visit BOM's New England webpage to see how you and your church can make a Kingdom difference in New England!



The First Baptist Church in Marlborough, MA was built in 1887. New life is being breathed back into the old building in more ways than one!



North Carolina volunteers are helping to give the interior of the church a needed facelift. Six teams served during the spring and summer of 2022. More are needed.



Dewey Aiken (r), and two men from FBC Marlborough proudly pose with their work in constructing a required, and much needed handicap accessible bathroom.

New England Partnership Requests for 2023 will be posted by late September. Please call to receive a projects list or secure a project for your church. You can find information on our website at [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org) (Mission Projects/United States/New England).

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# ROCKY MOUNTAIN

## Camps, Construction, and More!



Cook teams contribute to the life of our sister camps in Wyoming and New Mexico. Team members are blessed by the opportunity to interact with the campers and staff.

Volunteer teams will be providing construction assistance in several Rocky Mountain states in 2022. The Baptist Children's Home of New Mexico has asked for help in two state-wide facilities. Mike Cannata, formerly the director of the Inlow Baptist Camp (see below), is now the facilities coordinator for NMBCH. He knows the value of mission teams and is delighted to continue working through our partnership in this way. FBC Drexel will be helping them with several projects and repairs on the Portales campus. Three teams will be doing construction/maintenance at the aforementioned Inlow Baptist Camp, located in the mountains of central New Mexico. These include fire-pit construction, opening the camp up and getting it ready for the summer season, closing it down, and winterizing it in late August.

The same tasks will take place at Mountaintop Baptist Assembly, our long-time partner and sister camp in Wyoming. A bit North of there, a South Oak Ridge Baptist team will descend upon the uniquely named hamlet of Ten Sleep, WY. There, the team will complete an addition to the existing church and participate in VBS and other outreach events on behalf of the host church.

North Carolina Mission teams will again be a blessing to two Baptist camps that serve hundreds of children and youth each summer by cooking their meals. Mountaintop Baptist Assembly in Wyoming and Inlow Baptist Camp in New Mexico



Teams served throughout the Rocky Mountain region on various construction, renovation, and maintenance projects.

minister to over a thousand campers each summer. Four teams will cook, serve, and clean up for breakfast, lunch, and supper for a week of camp at Mountaintop and another two teams will do the same at Inlow. For

the teams, the work is hard, the days are long, but the blessings are great. Seeing the energy and excitement of the campers and hearing their appreciation for what the volunteers do is rewarding to most. The camps take good care of the volunteers,



Cook and maintenance teams will also be needed at the Inlow Baptist Camp in New Mexico in 2023. Let Baptists on Mission know if you can put a team together to serve!

providing the housing and meals for them, making sure they feel welcome and a part of the camp family. That is why we see many teams repeat year after year. For the camp, the teams' service makes it possible to make tuition affordable. They love having volunteers on campus as a visual example to the children of what genuine Christian service looks like. It is a good match. This may be just the place God is calling you and your team to serve. Every year we need new teams to fill the schedule. Call Mark Abernathy if you can put together a team of 8-10 to serve!

Cook and Maintenance teams of 8-12 volunteers will be needed to serve at our partner Baptist Camps in Wyoming and New Mexico in 2023! Please call 1-800-395-5102 x 5607 or e-mail [mabernathy@ncbaptist.org](mailto:mabernathy@ncbaptist.org) to receive a projects list or secure a project for your church. You can also go to our website at [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org) (Mission Projects/United States/Rocky Mountain).

# Teams Provide Vital Service in ALASKA

Mission teams from North Carolina continue to make a Kingdom difference in our sister state of Alaska. A team from Pitts Baptist in Concord made a return trip to work in the Wasilla area. They engaged in “park parties”, going to a different town park morning, and then again in the afternoon. The team uses lively Christian music, puppets, and youthful energy to attract children who visit the parks daily during the warm summer months. Once they have their attention, the team uses skits, songs, and creative puppet shows to convey the gospel message to children and parents alike. All the while, the host pastor is circulating among the crowd, meeting people and inviting them to join the church in worship and fellowship.

Other teams served in Anchorage, assisting an established church in finding new ways to reach out to, and become relevant to, their surrounding neighborhoods once more. This included going house

to house to place door hangers, offering to pray with those that they met, and inviting families to bring their children to a Wednesday night children’s ministry, in which the team led. The teams also spent time on the nearby coastal walkway, which runs by the church, engaging both tourists and locals with prayer and gospel conversations. Because of the short summer, Alaska congregations try to make the most of warm days to show their neighbors that God loves them and that the church is there to help.

For the second year in a row, several teams worked at a Christian youth camp. The camp draws children from all over Alaska – and beyond. Teams offer assistance in a multitude of various construction and maintenance needs. This has included the finishing or remodeling of cabins, painting projects, tree removal for fire protection, vehicle maintenance, and more. Teams enjoy not only working at the camp, but also

meeting the campers and the staff, who work there all summer long. Our volunteers are welcomed, and well-taken care of while at the camp.

Finally, two teams assisted a congregation on the Kenai Peninsula in the construction of a 40’x 24’ storage building that the church will use to store materials and supplies for a live nativity they put on each year, as well as VBS and other ministry items. They greatly appreciated the team sharing of their time and talent in construction this much-needed facility.

The opportunity for sharing Christ and furthering His Kingdom in Alaska is great. Many Alaska congregations are small and some located in isolated areas. Our participation in missions in Alaska provides needed resources, leadership, and possibly most importantly, – encouragement. Be in prayer about this exciting Partnership and your participation in it next summer!



Requesting pastor addresses the crowd who has gathered to enjoy creative Gospel presentation from the North Carolina mission team conducting “park parties” in Wasilla.



Talented teams of students engage local children in crafts and games during “park party” activities. The team serve both in the morning and afternoon at different parks.



Teams also render service through a variety of construction and maintenance needs, vital to local congregations.

Project requests for 2023 mission teams will be available by October. To receive a list of projects or to learn more about how your church can participate in Alaska, please contact Mark Abernathy at [mabernathy@ncbaptist.org](mailto:mabernathy@ncbaptist.org) or by calling 919-459-5607 or go to our website at [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org) (Mission Projects/United States/Alaska)



# CONSTRUCTION SKILLS TRAINING



Hands-on training designed for those with limited construction experience opens the door to involvement in missions construction in your community and beyond. Hanging and finishing drywall, laying the laminate

flooring, framing a wall, or building a wheelchair ramp are some of the things you can learn about at Construction Skills Training. You will feel more comfortable helping at one of our Rebuild Centers, building a wheelchair ramp in your community, working at the Red Springs or Shelby Mission Camps, doing an Operation Inasmuch Project, or on a construction mission trip. When you are more familiar with some of the typical skills needed on a construction site, new doors for service will open for you and your church.

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

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



**September 10, 2022- Red Springs Mission Camp**

**September 24, 2022- New Bern Rebuild Center**

**October 8, 2022- Charity Rebuild Center**

**October 15, 2022- Shelby Mission Camp**

**\$10 for Saturday training only**

**\$21 for Friday overnight and Saturday training**

**Register:**

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

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# Missions Camps

## RED SPRINGS MISSION CAMP

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

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

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

### PLAN A TRIP

Here are some things to know before you go!

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

### HOW CAN I HELP?

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

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

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

For more information contact Mission Camp Coordinators Larry and Teresa Osborne, [losborne@ncbaptist.org](mailto:losborne@ncbaptist.org), (910) 843-7700 office, (919) 264-4397 cell

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/RedSprings](http://www.facebook.com/RedSprings) or [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org).





# Missions Camps

## SHELBY MISSION CAMP

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

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

### PLAN A TRIP

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

### HOW CAN I HELP?

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

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

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

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

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/shelbymissioncamp](https://www.facebook.com/shelbymissioncamp) or [www.baptistsonmission.org](https://www.baptistsonmission.org).



The Alexander Family. New Shelby Missions Camp Coordinators.

# Operation Inasmuch

*Moving Out of Our Seats and into the Streets*



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 for them, and then 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)

Every church should be reaching its community. Will your church answer the call? You can mobilize your church for a One Day Blitz or focus on different projects each month all year long. Every person uses their gifts to bring glory to God, bless and preserve the community, and make disciples.

Work together to help the poor and the rich, those involved in churches and those who have no church home, and people of all ages.

Set aside April 29 or May 6, 2023, or choose a date that fits your church schedule.

Contact Paul Langston to have a workshop in your area to help you plan an Operation Inasmuch Blitz Day.

**Please register your church at  
[www.baptistsonmission.org/ncoiam](http://www.baptistsonmission.org/ncoiam)**

**In one day:**

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

**Contact Paul Langston at (919) 459-5611 or  
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at [www.baptistsonmission.org/Missions/North-Carolina/Operation-Inasmuch](http://www.baptistsonmission.org/Missions/North-Carolina/Operation-Inasmuch)**

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

**MATTHEW 25:40**





# Fall Golf Tournament

**2022 GOLF TOURNAMENT  
FOR MEN, WOMEN, AND YOUTH  
October 29, 2022  
Hollow Golf Course, High Point**

**Cost:** \$60 per person (includes dinner)

**Deadline for entry – September 17, 2022**

**12:00: Lunch**

**12:50: Beginning Tee Time**

(Times will be sent to the team captain one week prior)

We would like to invite all men, women, and youth golfers to join us for a day of fun and fellowship. We encourage you to use this opportunity to strengthen relationships with people in your church and more importantly as an outreach to co-workers, neighbors, and others.

**For more information, please check [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org).**

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## 2023 Men's Outdoor Weekend

The latest Men's Outdoor Weekend in late April 2022 was an absolute blast! (Pun intended). After a painful two-year absence due to COVID-19, we enjoyed our largest attendance ever for this event. Over 170 men gathered for a weekend of fellowship, worship, and outdoor fun. The event, held at Camp Caraway in Asheboro, provides men a fun outdoor experience that will challenge them to walk closer to Christ. The weekend begins with a time of worship on Friday night, followed by fellowship around the campfire. Saturday morning features demonstrations on a variety of shooting activities. Saturday afternoon includes competition in skeet, archery, tomahawk throw, pistol shoot, and rifles. Information will also be shared on how your church might begin an outdoor ministry to the men in your area. Next year's event will be May 5-6, 2023. Visit our webpage for more information on how you and your men can be a part of this great event!



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



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

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

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



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



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

## Men's Ministry Training Available

The Baptists on Mission Men's Ministry Advisory Team 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 a discussion on reaching men spiritually, developing leadership among men, engaging men in the ministry of the church, and involving men in missions. We will also talk about what resources are available for men's ministry, including small group ministry. If you would like help in training and preparing the men of your church or association, contact Mark Abernathy at 919-459-5607 or [mabernathy@ncbaptist.org](mailto:mabernathy@ncbaptist.org).

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



# Men's Ministry

## Reaching Men is about Meaningful Relationships

After being canceled for the past two years due to Covid restrictions, the **Men's Outdoor Weekend** was held April 28-29, 2022, with the largest attendance in the event's history. Gary Miller, Director of Outdoor Truth Ministries, provided a challenging message Friday night. On Saturday morning, Gary discussed how churches could use outdoor activities to engage the men of their churches. During the day on Saturday, the men saw demonstrations on the use of firearms, archery, tomahawk, and trapping. In the afternoon, there was a competition between the men to see who was a better marksman. Already the men are looking forward to the event in 2023. It is a great time of fun, fellowship, and to hear an encouraging challenge.

In November, BOM will host five **Men's Worship Rallies** around the state, from the coast to the mountains in Regions 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10. Again, all men are invited to an evening of fellowship that will include missions, music, testimony, a spiritual challenge, and prayer. Join others from the region as we pursue being the men God created us to be! These rallies provide a time of meaningful worship, great fellowship, and inspiration to strengthen ministry to men in the local church. Every man and his pastor are invited.

Men's Ministry through BOM aims to encourage and equip churches to reach effectively, minister to, and activate men. We believe that reaching men is about relationships. Therefore, we promote the development of trusting relationships through meaningful shared experiences that may include fellowship, study, and mission participation. Contact Mark Abernathy if you would like for one of our team members to speak to your men at an event or to meet and discuss how to be more effective in engaging your men.

**For more information on these activities, go to [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org), and click on: /programs/Men's Ministry.**

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## Deep Impact 2023 Dates

### DI Camps

Location	Date	Cost
Shelby	June 12 - 17	\$259
Shelby Half	June 15 - 18	\$149
Hendersonville	June 19 - 24	\$279
Triangle (RDU)	June 26 - July 1	\$249
Caswell	July 2 - 8	\$375+
Morehead City	July 10 - 15	\$249
Charlotte Metro	July 17 - 22	\$249
Boone	July 24 - 29	\$249
Red Springs	July 31 - August 5	\$259
Red Springs Half	July 31 - August 3	\$149
Fall Weekend (Duplin)	October 20 - 22	\$119

### DI City Serve

Location	Date	Cost
Philadelphia, PA	June 26 - July 2	\$379
Atlanta, GA	July 9 - 15	\$329

### DI International

Location	Date	Cost
Honduras	June 17 - 24	\$1,800
Cuba	July 8 - 15	\$1,700
South Africa	July 22 - 31	\$2,650
Puerto Rico	July 22 - 28	\$1,200

# Deep Impact

By Cameron Cabe

Working with Deep Impact was an experience that I was not expecting. What I thought would be just another summertime job turned out to be gospel-centered kingdom work that permanently shaped me as a young man striving to work for God. The structure of the camps allowed for the best of both traditional camp styles and short-term mission trips and being able to see the impact that those local missions made on the students were incredible. It was a common occurrence to see a youth disgruntled at superficial things like travel or “having to work during their camp” come back by the end of the week changed by the impact they were able to make in another person’s life and on fire for God and the work of His kingdom. The goal of DI is to provide gospel-centered, missions-focused, life-impacting camps, and in this, they continue to succeed. They have also set themselves up to be a basic example of the Christian life, with eyes on Christ and his gospel, hands, and feet helping God’s people, and minds and hearts renewed through the impact of the Holy Spirit. Throughout my time with DI I grew spiritually in ways that I would never have expected going into a summer job. I also developed practically, bringing about and shaping leadership skills and laying the groundwork for future kingdom work through an open learning mindset. Through DI, I have made many new friends and even met a few great mentors. I have come to appreciate most about DI, though, how unexpectedly God will work through the experience if you only allow him to.



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## JOIN US IN JANUARY 2023

**When: January 2-4, 2023**

When: January 2-4, 2023

Where: Shelby Mission Camp

Cost: \$44

Includes: 2 nights lodging, 6 meals,  
program expenses, T-Shirt

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

Register online@

**[BaptistsOnMission.org/collegemissions](https://BaptistsOnMission.org/collegemissions)**

For More Information Contact:

**Rick Trexler**

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# In this way

DI Kids 2023



## DI Kids 2023

Hendersonville	June 12-16
Shelby	June 19-23
Red Springs mini	June 25-28
Charity mini	June 29-July 2
Caswell	July 3-8 (WMW hybrid)
Red Springs	July 10-14
Morehead City mini	July 16-19
Charity mini	July 30 - Aug 2
Shelby weekend	Sept 22-24

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

## OUR CHILDREN ARE THE CHURCH OF THE PRESENT

Whitney Houston had a song in the 1980s entitled "Greatest Love of All." The first line in this song is "I believe the children are our future." This is both a beautiful and true sentiment; however, from a church standpoint and people of God, I hear too much that the children are the "future church." In actuality, our children are the "present church," just like our older folks, middle-aged families, and youth are all the present church. Each age and stage make up the church of the "here and now." Many of our children have already given their lives to Jesus and eagerly await opportunities to engage in the life and work of the church in meaningful ways. We don't just build into them for the "one day" ...we need to provide growth and opportunities so that they can participate actively in the life of the church now.

I want to challenge you to seek out children in your congregation and ask them what their story is. How do they know Jesus? And How would they like to share Jesus with someone else? Then, be ready to share your story. Who showed you, Jesus, the first time? Where did you learn what it meant to be the hands and feet of Jesus? When we share our stories, we open up doors for more stories to take place.

Baptists On Mission has provided excellent and safe opportunities for kids to engage body, mind, and soul in God's Mission. Children's missions education programs like Deep Impact Kids are designed to encourage kids and families to get involved in missions, serve their community, and walk with Jesus daily. It is an opportunity to practice sharing stories, engage in compassionate outreach to

others, and learn how to communicate the gospel with what God has given them.

What does that look like? Baking cookies and sharing them with firemen, handing out water bottles at a flea market, praying with another child at the park, helping someone with their clothes hamper at the laundry mat, picking up trash in the community, or spending time with an elderly person in a senior center, and more!

Each year we are amazed at the capacity of our 1st - 6th graders to engage others for the gospel. God has given them what they need. Let's honor those gifts not just as training for the future but because they are relevant in the church right now!

I hope to see your kids at a mission camp sometime this year. ...we want to be a part of your story!

Let us know if you would like someone to come and speak to your congregation about our family missions' programs. We would love to help you learn more about it.

Check out [baptistsonmission.com](http://baptistsonmission.com) to find more opportunities for children's missions education.

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## ROYAL AMBASSADORS



## THE RACE IS ON!

### Mark your Calendar

April 1, 2023 – RA Car Race

Registration Deadline: March 25

Updated information will be available later on the BOM website

<https://baptistsonmission.org/programs/royal-ambassadors> or  
contact James Byerly at [raracedaync@ncbaptist.org](mailto:raracedaync@ncbaptist.org).

## Family MISSIONS EXPERIENCE

### DI Kids Family Mission Event

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

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

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

September 9-10, 2022 – Charity Rebuild Center

October 7-8, 2022 – Red Springs Mission Camp

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





# IN THIS WAY



DEEP IMPACT / WORLD MISSIONS WEEK 2023

FORT CASWELL, NC - JULY 2-8

**For God loved the world in this way: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.**

John 3:16 (CSB)

**"In This Way."** Christians are instructed and compelled to love. As we work in fulfilling the task of the Great Commission, we are to show and share a love that is unconditional, sacrificial, and far-reaching. We look to the Bible as our guide and, in doing so, find the perfect example of the Father. **"For God loved the world in this way."** This will be our theme for the 2023 Deep Impact/World Missions Week at Fort Caswell.

We want you to participate in celebrative worship, powerful preaching, interactive Bible study, and mission's education

filled with inspiration and opportunities for service for ages 5 years through 105 years. Come, learn about involvement opportunities for mission service in state, national and international settings.

Combine all this with a week of opportunity to bond and grow with your church group in the coastal retreat setting of Fort Caswell.

**For World Missions Week registration information:**

Contact the NC Baptist Assembly at (910) 278-9501 or go to [www.fortcaswell.com](http://www.fortcaswell.com)

BAPTISTS ON  
**MISSION** 



# Baptists on Mission

## Values, Culture, Systems

### **BOM Purpose:**

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

### **BOM Vision:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Lee Strobel, Jeff Iorg, Tom Richter, Christy Nockels

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July 3-8 at Fort Caswell on Oak Island, NC  
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