

# 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



Alicia Jones is our in-country coordinator for our Roma Partnership in Hungary. Alicia was home recently, and I heard her share her testimony and speak from the Prayer of Jabez. Alicia shared from 1 Chronicles 4:9-10- Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, "I gave birth to him in pain." Jabez cried to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so I will be free from pain." And God granted his request.

Alicia used these verses to share her testimony of the last ten years. As a teenager, she had read the Book of the Prayer of Jabez and prayed for herself for many years, not realizing how God would answer.

Her points:

**Pain** - Jabez was born in pain; his name means pain. She shared that we have pain in our lives. For her personally, the pain came when she was in Ukraine and had to leave.

**Pain causes us to cry out to God** - Jabez prayed for himself.

**Oh, that you would bless me** - it's okay to ask God to bless us. He wants us to call out to him.

**Enlarge my territory** - Jabez asked for God's blessing and for his territory to be enlarged. Alicia shared that she had no idea how much the Lord would enlarge her territory. She shared her testimony about Romania, Hungary, and all the schools. She then shared about the Ukraine war. God brought her full circle when the first family she ministered to following the start of the war, was the gypsy family that took care of her when she first went to Ukraine.

**Let your hand be with me and keep me from harm** - she shared how God has been with her throughout the entire journey. She knew He would keep her from harm.

**God granted his request** - Alicia pointed out that God blesses us so that we can be a blessing to others. She brought home the point that this prayer is not selfish but helps us discover how God wants to use us.

Baptists on Mission exist to Glorify God by involving churches and Christians in meeting human needs in Jesus' name. Will you cry out to God to bless you so that you can be a blessing to others? Will you cry to God to enlarge our territory so we can get more churches and Christians involved in meeting human needs in Jesus' name? Will you cry out to God to work in and through our lives for His Glory?

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

# Do We Have Any Volunteers? Please Raise Your Hand



We've all been in a room when someone asks, "Do we have any volunteers?"

This question gets asked a lot, and thank goodness for those who ask it, because it immediately lets us know that needs exist. Think about how much your local church depends upon faithful volunteers. (You might even be one of them.)

Many ministries both inside and outside the church simply wouldn't exist without volunteers. It's the same for us at Baptists on Mission.

Baptists on Mission is focused on engaging church members in missions locally, nationally and globally. The vast majority of those who serve with us are volunteers who simply seek to serve in Jesus' Name and glorify God in all they do. Past and present, thousands of dedicated volunteers are involved in missions locally and

around the world through Baptists on Mission. To them, I say, "Thank you." We would not exist without you.

We hear the word "volunteer" a lot, and it got me thinking about the whole idea of volunteers and volunteerism. What exactly is a volunteer?

"Volunteer" comes from the Latin *voluntaries*, which means "willing" and "of one's free will." It's a person who voluntarily undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service. Volunteering can be traced back to Britain in medieval times where there was an urge to help the poor and the sick.

If you volunteer to do something, you offer to do it without being forced to do it. Volunteerism is the act of contributing free labor to conduct community service or support a nonprofit organization, like Baptists on Mission. There are more than 1.5 million nonprofit organizations in the United States and 10 million nonprofits worldwide. Approximately 63 million Americans – 25% of the population – volunteer their time, talents, and energy to make a difference.

In short, volunteering is a reflection of servanthood, which is what we are called to as followers of Christ. Those who represent Christ's church are missionaries called by God who demonstrate love for Him and love for others.

People usually serve in the areas that match their gifts and passions. God has gifted each of us for service, and through the 19 different ministries of Baptists on Mission, we have something for everyone. The Baptists on Mission staff does an amazing job of serving, leading and enlisting people to serve while, most importantly, pointing others to Christ. The content in the pages that follow highlight the many different ways that God is using our volunteers to make an eternal difference in a variety of ways.

For those who are currently volunteering and serving with Baptists on Mission, I say, "Thank you for raising your hands and saying, 'Yes God, I am willing to serve.'"

For those of you who aren't yet serving, I leave you with the question: "Do we have any volunteers? Please raise your hand."

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen C. Couch". The script is fluid and cursive.

Steve Couch

*"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." – Matthew 5:16*

# 2022 Involvement Stats

## AGRICULTURE MISSIONS

- Partnering with the Shelby Mission Camp to provide opportunities for volunteers to learn about and participate in community gardening projects in the Shelby area beginning in 2023.
- Continuing to promote church and community gardens as an outreach and ministry tool.
- Partnering with Togo Christian Mission to develop an Agricultural Demonstration Farm in Togo. Land purchase has been finalized. Trips possible during 2023.
- Continuing to provide information and support to in-field missionaries on drip irrigation, composting, well drilling, and solar powered pumping systems.

## AVIATION MINISTRY

- 64 active NC pilots
- 90 trips flown in NC
- \$157,320 in public benefit
- 12,068 miles flown

## BAPTIST EDUCATORS

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

## CHILDREN'S MISSIONS

- 402 participants at DI Kids
- Family Missions
  - 18 families
  - 81 participants
- One Day Kids Mission: 52 participants

## CHURCH RENEWAL

- 5 - Church Renewal Overviews Presented to AMS (DOMs) and Great Commission Catalysts
- 15 - Church Renewal Congregation Overviews presented
- 8 - Church Preparation Group Trainings for Renewal Weekends
- 9 - Church Renewal Journey Weekends Coordinated
- 1 - Church Renewal Display and Breakout Session at NC Baptist State Convention (49 Attending Breakout)
- 6 - NC Baptist Church Renewal Fellowship Officers Meetings (3-live

meetings & 3-Zoom meetings)

- 3 - Church Renewal Journey Weekends outside of NC (2- GA & 1- VA)
- 1 - Annual NCBCRF Officers Meeting and Election at Caraway Conference Ctr (Saturday, Dec 3rd.)

## DISASTER RELIEF/RECOVERY

### RESPONSE LOCATIONS:

- Out of State: Bowling Green, Kentucky - Tornado
- Rockingham County, NC - Tornado
- Out of State: Prestonsburg, KY/Pound, VA - Flooding
- Out of State: Puerto Rico - Hurricane Fiona
- Out of State: Cape Coral, FL - Hurricane Ian

### GRAND TOTAL STATS

- Volunteers: 1,153
- Volunteer Days: 6,244
- Volunteer Hours: 49,964
- Laundry Loads: 2,605
- Showers: 4,786
- Assessments: 965
- Salvations: 36
- Chaplaincy Contacts: 3,474
- Meals Prepared: 191,809
- Water tanker: 30,000 gallons potable water
- Jobs Completed (chainsaw, tearout/ spray, temp. roofing): 646
- Water Purification: 6,502 gallons

## FAMILY FOUNDATIONS

- January/February 2022 - Led an online marriage focus group with 4 couples participating. We discussed ways to become more intentional in our marriage and how to glorify God in our marriage
- March 2022 - Kicked off our "Date Your Mate" initiative at the Missions Conference. Gave information to couples about how to get involved and tell others about it. (Created a website with monthly date prompts/activities to help couples connect more with God and each other) We've had over 75 couples sign up to participate in the Date Your Mate challenge.

## INTERNATIONAL MISSION PARTNERSHIPS

- Armenia: 54 volunteers on 7 teams
- Cuba: 19 on 3 teams
- Guatemala: 118 on 21 teams

- Haiti: (no teams/ political unrest)
- Kenya: 20 on 2 teams
- Roma People: 66 volunteers on 6 teams
- South Africa: 68 volunteers on 4 teams
- Ukraine Crisis
  - Hungary: 85 volunteers on 7 teams
  - Ukraine: 128 volunteers on 15 teams
  - Poland: 148 volunteers on 19 teams
  - Moldova: 120 volunteers on 16 teams

## LEAST OF THESE PROJECTS

- Lighthouse School in Gaza: 15
- Armenia Church Planters: 21
- Haiti: School, Medical Clinic donations
- Door of Hope, South Africa: major repairs to Child Development Center

## MEDICAL MISSIONS

### MOBILE DENTAL MINISTRY

- 111 Clinics (77 locations from the Mountains to the Coast and in between)
- 1,722 Patients served - all uninsured
- 34 Salvations & many seeds planted
- 386 Volunteer Dental Professionals
- 512 Volunteers (pastors, nurses, laypersons)
- 50 Counties visited

### HEALTH SCREENING MINISTRY

- Clinics held: 30
- Patients seen: 385
- Healthcare volunteers: 155
- Collegiate Healthcare Programs Utilizing Mobile Unit: 6
- Counties visited: 20
- Professions of Faith: 2

## MEN'S MINISTRY

- 301 participants in Men's Ministry Worship Rallies
- 173 participants for the Men's Outdoor Weekend

## NATIONAL MISSION PARTNERSHIPS

- Alaska: 101 on 8 teams
- Appalachian Coalfields: 885 on 82 teams
- Hawaii: 2 on 1 team
- New England: 308 on 24 teams
- Pennsylvania: 166 on 10 teams
- Rocky Mountain: 201 on 14 teams
- TOTAL: 1,663 on 139 teams



### NC STATE MISSION PROJECTS

- Baptist Builders - provided assistance in Hurricane Florence Rebuild: Homes assisted - 1,880 total
- Construction Skills Training - 47 participants in 6 trainings
- Handyman Assistance Requests - 180
- Impact NC - 110 volunteers helped rebuild Edgewood Baptist Church flooded by Hurricane Matthew
- Operation Inasmuch Blitz Days - canceled by COVID
- Red Springs & Shelby Mission Camps: over 5,000 volunteer days each

### SPORTS & RECREATION

- 27 participants in BOM Fall Golf Tournament

### STUDENT MOBILIZATION MINISTRY

- 1,134 participants in Deep Impact Mission Camps

### COLLEGE MISSIONS

- 100 Students partaking in Student Summer Ministries (BeDoTell, Camp Caraway, Camp Mundo Vista, Deep Impact, DI Kids, Truett Camp, & Fort Caswell)
- 250 College Students assisting with Disaster Relief
- Here & Now Missions Experience for College Students & Young Adults held in January at Charity Rebuild Center. 35 - participants, 15 - leaders & trainers.

### GENERAL EVENTS:

#### BAPTIST MISSIONS CONFERENCE

- 1,369 participants attended the 2022 Missions Conference

#### REGIONAL MISSIONS RALLIES

- 1,400 participated in February
- 1,381 participated in August

#### WORLD MISSIONS WEEK

- 631 attended Deep Impact/World Missions Week at Caswell



# 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 - Rosemary Baptist Church - Roanoke Rapids, NC
- 20 Region 8 Missions Rally- Westport Baptist Church - Denver, NC
- 20 Region 10 Missions Rally - Peachtree Memorial - Murphy, NC
- 23 Region 3 Missions Rally FBC Shallotte - Shallotte, NC
- 23 Region 5 Missions Rally - Bethany Baptist Church - Winston Salem, NC
- 23 Region 7 Missions Rally - Sulphur Springs Baptist - Hiddenite, NC
- 25 Construction Skills Training, Red Springs
- 28 Region 1 Missions Rally - Edenton Baptist Church - Edenton, NC
- 28 Region 4 Missions Rally - FBC Sanford - Sanford, NC
- 28 Region 6 Missions Rally - FBC Indian Trail - Indian Trail, NC
- 28 Region 9 Missions Rally - Shoal Creek Baptist Church - Burnsville, NC

## MARCH

- 2 Safety and Security Training - Village Chapel, Kannapolis
- 4 Region 3 Disaster Relief Training, Fayetteville
- 10-11 Family Missions Weekend, Red Springs
- 11 Construction Skills Training, Charity
- 16 Safety and Security Training - South Elm Baptist, Greensboro
- 18 Region 5 Disaster Relief Training, Asheboro
- 18 Safety and Security Training - Charity
- 25 Construction Skills Training, Shelby
- 30 Safety and Security Training - Fairview Baptist, Apex

## APRIL

- 1 RA Car Race Day, FBC Salisbury
- 14-15 Baptist Missions Conference, Hickory Grove, Charlotte
- 29 Region 7 Disaster Relief Training, Mount Airy
- 29 One Day Mission Event for Kids - Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Durham

## MAY

- 5-6 Men's Outdoor Weekend
- 6 One Day Mission Event for Kids - Mountain View Baptist, Hamptonville
- 19-21 Deep Impact KIDS Weekend, Red Springs
- 20 Region 9 Disaster Training, Hendersonville

## JUNE

- 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 1 Deep Impact, Triangle (RDU)
- 25-July 1 Deep Impact, Philadelphia, PA
- 29-July 2 Deep Impact KIDS Mini-Week, Charity





## JULY

- 2-8 Deep Impact, Caswell
- 3-8 Deep Impact KIDS, Caswell
- 3-8 World Missions Week, Caswell
- 8-16 Deep Impact, Cuba
- 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
- 17-22 Deep Impact, Charlotte Metro
- 22-29 Deep Impact, Puerto Rico
- 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

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

## SEPTEMBER

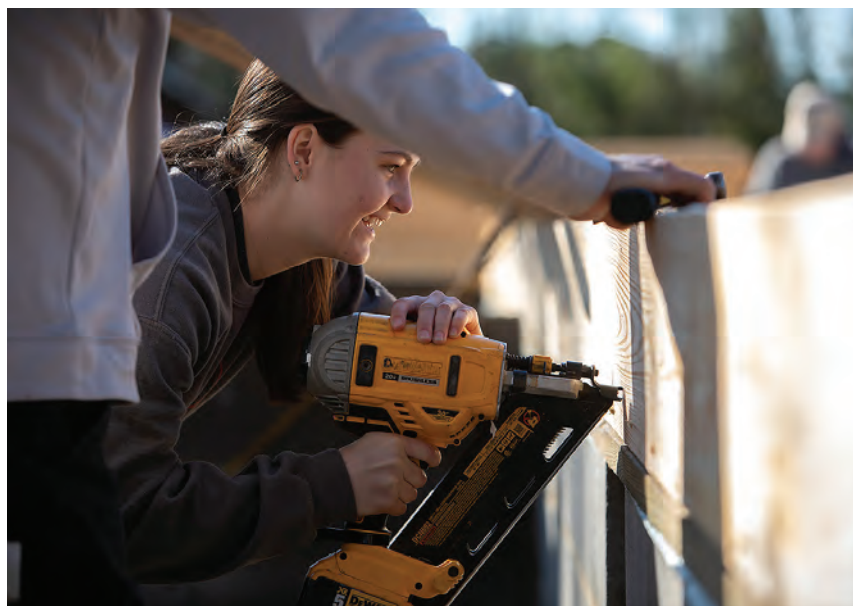
- 1-30 NC Missions Offering Month
- 8-9 Family Missions Weekend, Charity
- 9 Igniting the Hearts of Men Conference
- 16 Construction Skills Training, Charity
- 22-24 Deep Impact KIDS Weekend, Shelby

## OCTOBER

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

## NOVEMBER

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





# 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/  
MissionsConference](http://www.baptistsonmission.org/MissionsConference)**  
or call **919-459-5596**.

### WORSHIP LEADER



**CHRISTY NOCKELS**

### SPEAKERS



**SHEILA  
WALSH**



**JENNIFER  
ROTHSCHILD**



**D.A. HORTON**



**LEE STROBEL**



**JEFF IORG**



**TOM  
RICHTER**



## 2023 BAPTIST MISSIONS CONFERENCE

# LODGING OPTIONS

You must make your own reservation directly with the hotel of your choice. Be sure to ask for the special Baptists on Mission Conference rate but it must be by the deadline date to guarantee the rate per night.

Below are some of the available hotels:

### Fairfield Inn & Suites Charlotte/Matthews

\$134 per night

8540 East Independence Blvd  
Charlotte, NC 28227  
980.245.9200

Reserve by March 15

### Fairfield Inn & Suites Charlotte University Research Park

\$119 per night

535 Collins-Aikman Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28262  
980.483.1200

Reserve by March 14

### Hampton Inn, Charlotte/Matthews

\$179 per night (breakfast)

9615 Independence Pointe Pkwy  
Matthews, NC 28105  
704-841-1155

Reserve by March 14

### Hilton Charlotte University Place

\$129 per night

8629 JM Keynes Dr  
Charlotte, NC 28262  
704.547.7444

Reserve by March 17

### Comfort Suites University

\$94 per night (complimentary breakfast)

7735 University City Blvd  
Charlotte, NC 28213  
704.547.0049

Reserve by March 17

### SpringHill Suites Charlotte University

\$149 per night (complimentary breakfast)

8700 Research Dr  
Charlotte, NC 28262  
704.503.4800

Reserve by March 24

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

## REGISTRATION FORM

North Carolina Baptist Missions Conference

April 14-15, 2023

Complete and return by April 6, 2023

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

# \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Check all sessions you will be attending

\_\_\_\_ Friday evening

\_\_\_\_ Saturday morning

\_\_\_\_ Saturday afternoon

### MEALS

#### Friday Mission Opportunities Supper (optional)

# \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Saturday Lunch

# \_\_\_\_\_ (cost included in registration fee)

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### RETURN TO

Baptists on Mission

PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call (919) 459-5596 or visit

[www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org) to register online

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# 2023 MISSIONS RALLIES

## for MEN, WOMEN & YOUTH

### YOU ARE INVITED TO THE FEBRUARY 2023 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, February 28**  
Edenton Baptist Church  
200 S Granville St  
Edenton, NC 27932

#### ► REGION 2

**Monday, February 20**  
Rosemary Baptist Church  
936 Jackson St  
Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870

#### ► REGION 3

**Thursday, February 23**  
FBC Shallotte  
4486 Main Street  
Shallotte, NC 28470

#### ► REGION 4

**Tuesday, February 28**  
FBC Sanford  
202 Summitt Drive  
Sanford, NC 27330

#### ► REGION 5

**Thursday, February 23**  
Bethany Baptist  
600 Old Hollow Rd  
Winston Salem, NC 27105

#### ► REGION 6

**Tuesday, February 28**  
FBC Indian Trail  
732 Indian Trail Fairview Rd  
Indian Trail, NC 28079

#### ► REGION 7

**Thursday, February 23**  
Sulphur Springs Baptist  
116 Patterson Rd  
Hiddenite, NC 28636

#### ► REGION 8

**Monday, February 20**  
Westport Baptist  
2372 Lake Shore Rd S  
Denver, NC 28037

#### ► REGION 9

**Tuesday, February 28**  
Shoal Creek Baptist Church  
1867 Hwy 19E  
Burnsville, NC 28714

#### ► REGION 10

**Monday, February 20**  
Peachtree Memorial  
1650 NC-141  
Murphy, NC 28906

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

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

#### HOW TO REGISTER:

- [www.baptistsonmission.org/rallies](http://www.baptistsonmission.org/rallies)
- Melanie Crawford  
(919) 459-5596
- [mcrawford@ncbaptist.org](mailto:mcrawford@ncbaptist.org)

#### Information needed:

name, email, phone number, church

#### Visit Us



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**HOPE FOR  
TOMORROW.**

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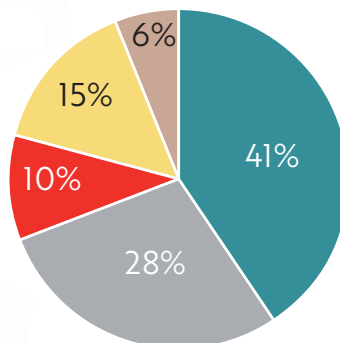
Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 CSB

ARE YOU FILLED WITH HIS JOY?  
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.



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|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| • Baptists on Mission           | \$1,020,000.00     |
| • Church Planting               | \$710,000.00       |
| • Associations                  | \$250,000.00       |
| • Mission Camps                 | \$372,500.00       |
| • Mobilization Ministry Project | \$147,500          |
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|                                 | <b>\$2,500,000</b> |

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).



# Poverty and Hunger Needs

The purpose of Baptists on Mission Agricultural Ministry is to help Christians share the love of Jesus by becoming involved in missions that address poverty and hunger wherever they exist.

Our goals are to:

- teach Christians the importance of praying, giving, and becoming actively involved in missions by sharing their time and talents
- provide Christians the skills that enable and equip them to participate in mission projects that address poverty and hunger.
- make Christians aware of human needs and provide them opportunities to help meet those needs through Agricultural Missions

Meeting the physical needs of people by providing pathways for food security opens the door to sharing our faith.

The Bible offers many references to gardens and their importance to our spiritual and physical well-being. From the creation story in Genesis with the Garden of Eden to the Garden of Gethsemane and the

garden near Golgotha where Jesus' physical body briefly lay in the tomb. Gardens are portrayed as a place of beauty, comfort, hope and renewal. By coming alongside people to help them meet their physical needs, we demonstrate Christ's love and open opportunities to introduce them to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Would you like to be a part of an effort to discover new ways to help reduce hunger and food insecurity at home and abroad? We welcome everyone to join the Agricultural Mission Team to discover ministry pathways that address hunger where ever it exists.

We have several upcoming opportunities to engage with the Agricultural Ministry Team. They include.

- Togo, Africa partnership to establish and work demonstration farm to teach local folks farming/ gardening techniques that can be used to support their family and possibly provide a source of revenue. We hope to send teams to Togo in 2023, beginning with a small land survey team.

- Partnering with Shelby Mission Camp to provide support for local food production and distribution. There will be opportunities for a hand-on-field day and ongoing opportunities for volunteers to assist with the various gardening activities.
- Supporting missionaries in the field with technical and material support as needed to assist with their ministry's
- Mission Conference breakout sessions

Finally, if you, your church, or your association has a project in your community that addresses hunger and food insecurity, we would love to learn about them so the ideas can be shared with others. We also invite you to join the advisory team of the Agricultural Ministry.

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# Rising Up on Wings

One of the primary activities of the Aviation Ministry is participation in Angel Flights. We fly patients needing medical attention on scheduled flights to locations within about a two-hour flight window. One of several sites available for pilots to sign up for or schedule flights and refer prospective patients to is [www.AngelFlightSoars.org](http://www.AngelFlightSoars.org).

I was recently out at our local General Aviation airport with a group of pilots that were standing around “hanger flying,” and the subject of Angel Flights came up. We were talking about various patients we had flown to different destinations. One of the pilots mentioned a lady he had flown to her destination several times in the past. He was able to rejoice with her last year on a return trip from the cancer treatment center after learning that her cancer, previously in remission, was now totally gone. He saw a trip with her profile come up the previous week and signed up for it. He was heartbroken to learn that cancer had returned. It reminded me just

how much the pilots become involved with the patients and cheer as much as anyone for successful outcomes of their treatments.

I’m constantly amazed at the generosity of the pilots I meet and how passionate they are in giving to others and sharing their blessing of being able to fly. Angel Flight will periodically send out a report of open missions that need volunteers to sign up for them and almost immediately we’ll see them filled.

Another organization most of us are involved with is the EAA or Experimental Aircraft Association. They have a program set up primarily to give kids their first flight, to the age of 17. The program is called Young Eagles, and a link to their website is [www.eaa.org/youngeagles](http://www.eaa.org/youngeagles). We can often organize a Young Eagles fly-in with a church group or a neighborhood group and are invited to share our testimonies with the Kids before the flights. We try and fly over

their church or school and say a prayer as we’re flying over.

We recently were invited to give flights to residents at the Ebenezer Children’s Home in Wilkes County for the third time. We flew about 25 kids and were able to circle their campus and lift up a prayer for them. The pilots were invited to join the kids back at the Home afterward for pizza. There is nothing more satisfying at the end of a day like we experienced than knowing you made a difference in someone’s life.

Our overall goal and objective with the Aviation Ministry are to live an On-Mission lifestyle by Meeting Needs and Sharing Christ.



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# Basketball and Snow Cones

Through basketball, snow cones, and a lot of work and prayer, First Baptist Church, Chocowinity, has become a leader in ministry in the local school. The door opened as the pastor met with the school administration at Chocowinity Middle School. He asked the church to be open to praying, talking about, discussing, and looking at ways to be involved in the school and, thus ministering throughout the entire community. In time it happened—a call from the school, “Would you consider coaching the girls’ basketball team?” The church approved and the pastor (Greg Hombirg) accepted the invitation. From there the school doors have been open to the church in so many ways. Over the last three years or so here are a few ways FBC, Chocowinity has been involved:

- Prayer walks at all the schools
- Coach girls’ basketball at CMS
- Hosted end of year sports banquets
- Took girls team to an ECU basketball game
- Invited principals to meet with the church leaders
- Regular conversations with schools about prayer needs
- Prayer partners for CMS teachers
- Brought in a local food truck to feed the teachers lunch
- Provided a community Thanksgiving meal through EMS
- Sponsored families for Christmas
- Set up booths at open house nights
- Volunteers serve as test proctors
- Painted and repaired dugouts for softball team
- Give sweet treats periodically throughout the year
- Send people to meetings to represent and hear needs
- Served sno-cones to the entire school multiple times for rewards

A loving effort by the church members has led to many opportunities to share Jesus in and around the eastern community of Chocowinity on the Pamlico River. Keep on dribbling, FBC; how wonderful the ways God has opened the court for church and schools to work together!



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# Associational Simultaneous Church Renewal Awakening Weekends



The NC Baptist Church Renewal Fellowship (NCBCRF) is working with several of our NC Baptist Associations who are in the process of scheduling “Associational Simultaneous Awakening Weekends” (ASAW) for the fall of 2023.

Associational Missions Strategist (AMS, formerly DOM), Larry McCoy, has already scheduled **pilot Awakening Renewal Weekends** for the Brier Creek Baptist Association with Pastor Scott Chenevey, Grassy Knob Baptist Church, Union Grove, NC. Their pilot weekend was held on June 3-5, 2022. You can see a copy of Pastor Scott’s Weekend Evaluation Letter under the heading “Recent Pastor’s Evaluation Letters” by clicking on the following link to our CRJ Website: [www.churchrenewal.net](http://www.churchrenewal.net). Grassy Knob Baptist has already scheduled the second step of the Church Renewal Journey, called the Equipping Weekend, for June 2-4, 2023.

Larry McCoy also serves as AMS for the Elkin Baptist Association and requested Pastor Ronnie McMillian at Ronda FBC to serve as the **pilot church** for the Elkin Baptist Association Simultaneous Awakening Weekend. They had a weekend at FBC Ronda on October 28-30, 2022. This church will report about their Awakening Weekend at the Elkin Baptist Association Annual Meeting. A copy of Pastor Ronnie’s Weekend Evaluation Letter can also be read at the: [www.churchrenewal.net](http://www.churchrenewal.net) website. During the Sunday night Evaluation Service, three attending asked to become members of FBC Ronda and was voted in then.

David Ross, AMS for the Anson Baptist Association, has requested Pastor John Greene at Polkton Baptist in Polkton NC to serve as the **pilot church** for the Anson Association. Polkton Baptist has scheduled their pilot weekend for January 27-29, 2023. AMS David Ross has been active in Renewal Weekends for many years and has already set the Anson Baptist Association’s Simultaneous Awakening Weekend date for September 15-17, 2023.

Associational Simultaneous Renewal Weekends are a great way to involve many churches in your association to participate and schedule Awakening Weekends on the same weekend. We would **love** to work with your association to see if there are churches who could use a Renewal Weekend to “Awaken their Church,” especially after dealing with Covid for the past few years. Any church can request a **NO-COST** Church Renewal Weekend, whether along with other churches in their association or a Weekend with just their church. Pastors can go to [www.churchrenewal.net](http://www.churchrenewal.net) and fill out a request for a no-cost “Overview of the Journey,” presented at their church or see if it is a tool their church can use.

Questions? Please do not hesitate to contact us or go to [www.churchrenewal.net](http://www.churchrenewal.net) to see a brief CRJ Overview Video.

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# A Simple Thank-You Card Blessings

**Who knew** that a simple thank-you card from a weekday preschool class to their local police department could open so many windows for ministry? A thank you card from a Pre-K class at New Hope Baptist in Raleigh led to conversations about the needs in the community. From there, a beautiful partnership began to take form. The local police department was hosting events in the community for children and teenagers, and the church came alongside to support those events. The police department would host a pop-up soccer event in the community, and the church would bring popsicles. The police department hosted movie and game days, and the church would bring popcorn and treats.



What seemed like a modest gesture soon blossomed into beautiful relationships formed as walls began to come down. Individuals who

were once afraid of the police were now laughing with officers over a simple game of Uno. The church had new opportunities to engage its community and truly learn their needs. The police department also knew that the church was there to support them. The police department began to reach out to the church as they saw needs in the community.



This partnership opened doors in the community that wouldn't have been known otherwise. The police department called on the church to help with coats for a family. Needs previously unseen and unknown were coming to light. When invited into this home, the church responded and quickly discovered that coats were just a tiny fraction. New Hope soon learned there was a need for beds and food. The church was allowed to come alongside this family and



share the love of Jesus with them through basic necessities and was invited into this home time and time again to love on and pray with this family. The church was also invited to be a part of a family's journey as they escaped life in a gang. They were, again, invited into this home to offer the love of Jesus. A few years later, when this same family lost their six-year-old son, they knew whom they could call in the midst of their grief.



As Henry Blackaby said, "Watch to see where God is working and join Him in His work." Who would have known that a simple thank you card from preschoolers would lead to popcorn and movies, which would lead to being invited into the home of families in need and into the sorrow of losing a child? Watch to see where God is working in your community and join Him.

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## Disaster Relief

# Helping Florida

by Trevis Smith, BOM Shower/Laundry Coordinator

Going to a new disaster site is always exciting, not because of the disaster but because of the excitement of seeing firsthand what God has in store for us. Prayers begin when we see a potential hurricane beginning to form and starting a tract toward the United States East Coast. As the path narrows to a particular coast, preparations start when, where, how bad, and who's needed. I reached out to the Blue Hats of Shower/Laundry ministry when notified. Next, I reach out to all the trained shower/laundry volunteers trained to find out who is available and when. Then, scheduling which equipment goes and who is open to going with the first team. I wasn't available to go with the first group this time, so anxiety came about the equipment working correctly. I'm

not concerned about the volunteers because I know how much they love the ministry and trust God to provide what's needed. What was to be a simple startup got complicated on the first day. American Red Cross's decision to stay on-site and the request for a community laundry was a significant concern because more equipment was needed quickly. When I arrived on day 6 with another shower unit, I found the team working hard, washing, drying, and folding clothes, just like I knew they would. The additional shower unit helped with lines of volunteers wanting a refreshing shower. The larger laundry unit that arrived on day 4 helped with the 25-plus large garbage bags of clothes brought in from the community. I was grateful to the ladies from the church who volunteered to help fold clothes. To Connie and Charlie, also church members, who came and volunteered daily to help with laundry.

Yes, we had a few setup challenges; leaky drains, short drain lines, loss of water, lightning storms, and shortage of scripture bags, but God provided. HE provided maintenance people who could repair the units and get us to full



capacity. HE provided patience to the volunteers who wanted a shower but had to wait until after the storm had passed. HE provided 1100 scripture bags from Ebenezer Baptist Church in Charlotte, who had taken this on as a mission project to prepare these scripture bags for such a time as this. HE also provided us a chance to share HIS gospel when a couple driving through the area saw the yellow disaster relief. We were able to help them by talking and sharing, washing clothes, and listening to their personal disaster. Another family was looking for a place to turn around when we were able to speak with them, invite them to church, and get them some hot meals, clean clothes, and hot showers.

Yes, a disaster can be a sorrowful time, but it can also be an exciting time.



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# Disaster Relief Trainings

The spring disaster relief trainings are soon, and we want you to be a part of one or more of them. You can come to training as a new trainee, or you can come to training to update your badge. You can also come to training to learn a new Disaster Relief ministry. Please help us promote within your churches, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

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

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

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

Region 1 – February 18 – Murfreesboro

Region 3 – March 4 – Fayetteville

Region 5 – March 18 – Asheboro

Region 7 – April 29 – Mt. Airy

Region 9 – May 20 – Hendersonville

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# Reflections

With April 2023 fast approaching, I have been reflecting on the past four years. First, I want to thank all my Baptists on Mission family for your support, encouragement, and prayers as I took on the responsibility of State Recovery Coordinator.

Through the last four years, we have responded all up and down the eastern seaboard. Sometimes I went, and sometimes I was unable to go. However, Baptists on Mission always responded.

I started in 1998 with my wife, Pam, by my side, and we have always responded together when possible. We have not missed many events because, with the Lord's help, we have been able to respond.

I have met many people through this ministry and now call them terrific friends. Several years ago, after being gone from home for several weeks more than once, I was riding down the road just talking to the Lord. I told Him how much I loved being the hands and feet of Jesus, but it was hard to be gone from home so much. I told the Lord I loved the ministry, but it would be great if the response time were a little closer to home. Our next call-out was responding to a tornado about 15 miles from my house. A week or two later, we responded to another tornado in Stokes County (about 20 miles from home) in a different direction. On the last day, as we were closing the Stokes County site, we had another event about 10-15 miles from my home, and we responded to that event. We could stay at home and travel daily to each of these sites. Next

was a tiny event (straight-line winds, but BOM did not respond to this one) that blew down a tree in sight of my home (it was in my mother-in-law's yard). I then prayed, Lord, I know I said it would be nice not to be away from home so much, but this is getting a little too close to home. It would be nice if the next event were a little farther from my house. God has a great sense of humor, so the next call-out was in the Florida Keys – and we responded.

God always knows what is best for us. He gave me what I prayed for, even when I didn't know what was best for me. So be careful what you pray for.

I will be rotating out of the position of State Recovery Coordinator during the Missions Conference. However, we (Pam and I) are going nowhere and will still respond to events when called on. The last four years have been a blessing and humbling, and it has been a privilege to serve with each of you.

If you want to expand your family with people who will never let you down and be there when you need them, come and join NC Baptists on Mission. I can promise you will get more blessings than you will give by helping others. Be the hands and feet of Jesus as we (NCBOM) respond to disasters, large or small, and help in any way we can.

Come to training this spring and become a member of the NCBOM family. You will never regret it.

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## Disaster Rebuild

# Rebuilding Homes and Lives

Baptists on Mission volunteers in yellow shirts respond in the immediate aftermath of disaster to clear away debris, remove damaged materials and belongings, and make temporary repairs to limit further damage. How do you put it all back together, often with no insurance payment to lighten the burden? That is where Baptists on Mission Disaster Rebuild offers hope as survivors work to rebuild their homes and lives.

Since Tropical Storm Fred sent a wall of water through Haywood County over a year ago, Baptists on Mission volunteers have been in 87 homes, completed 51 jobs, and are building several brand new homes from the ground up.

In eastern NC it has been more than four years since Hurricane Florence made landfall, however the disaster is still fresh. Baptists on Mission volunteers have assisted

more than 1800 volunteers, but there are others who are still trying to rebuild their lives and have turned to Baptists on Mission for help. In 2023, volunteers can help rehabilitate damaged homes and build brand new homes from the ground up. Our sites at Charity Mission Center in Rose Hill, New Bern Rebuild Center, and Lumberton Rebuild Center offer lodging, meals, many of the tools you will need, and excellent project coordination and oversight.

There is a great need at all of our rebuild sites for licensed electricians, plumbers, HVAC specialists, and those with construction experience. Those with limited construction skills can learn on the job while being the hands and feet of Jesus. No matter your skill level, God can use you!

Jobs include rehabilitating damaged homes and new home construction.

## Register your team:

Rose Hill, Lumberton, and New Bern  
Hurricane Florence Rebuild Centers  
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# FACING TRIALS AS A FAMILY OF FAITH

Our pastor often says, “you’re either going through a trial, you’ve just come out of a trial, or you’re about to experience a trial.” The longer you live, the more you see the truth of that statement. As Christians, we certainly are not immune to trials and suffering. Jesus, Himself tells us in John 16:33, “In this world you will have trouble, but take heart, I have overcome the world.” But what about when that trouble involves your child – what then?

On September 26, 2022, our family experienced a terrible trial. Our oldest son, Cade, was involved in a horrible ATV accident just three weeks before his 16th birthday. Due to the extent of his life-threatening injuries, he was life-flighted by helicopter to a trauma hospital an hour from our home. As my husband and I drove to the hospital, we had a decision to make. Either we would trust God or we would give into despair and crumble. We weren’t prepared to deal with this unexpected crisis, but God was, and He revealed Himself to us time and time again. We cried out to the Lord, prayed scripture over

our son, and chose to praise God no matter the outcome. Cade spent the first three days in ICU on a ventilator and in a medically-induced coma.

When he was awake and finally able to speak, some of his first words were, “Thank you, God!” I’m excited to share that our boy only spent two weeks in the hospital, and the doctors say he’ll make a full recovery in time with no permanent damage except the scars that remain from his injuries and surgeries.

So why does God allow His children to go through trials and suffering like what our family recently experienced? The truth is that there are multiple reasons that only God Himself knows, but our family would like to share just one of the reasons God has graciously revealed to us. He uses trials to remind us of His constant presence, provision, and peace in our lives while

pointing us to our overwhelming need for Him. Isaiah 41:10 says, “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” In Psalm 34:17-19 we’re reminded, “When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.”

The clarity with which a person can see God amid pain, suffering, and hardship is the true mark of a Bible-believing, Christ follower. Is it easy to submit to His purposes and plans in the middle of a trial? Definitely not! But for those of us who claim the name of Jesus as our Savior and our Strength, I can say with absolute certainty that there is no other way!



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# Armenia

*“God is my Protector and Provider.”*



Vardan and Lucine shared the incredible promise that God gave them to be their Protector and Provider during a challenging time in their lives. Over the past 100 years, Armenia has faced genocide at the hands of Turkey (1915-18), Soviet occupation and control (1920-1991), and an

ongoing conflict with Azerbaijan and Turkey over the Nagorno-Karabakh Region. Armenian has lost soldiers and land over the past two years due to war with Turkey and Azerbaijan.

Baptists on Mission has been in Armenia since 2002 to assist in reaching new communities and training new leaders. As a result, Armenian Baptists are now seeing open doors for the gospel and a tremendous opportunity to plant new churches all across the country and region. We can join them as they fan the flames of revival sweeping the country and witness the hand of God moving to bring peace and hope. Recent teams have seen churches filled to capacity revival services, eighty pastors participating in pastor's conferences, hundreds of children participating in VBS, new churches being built, and many new believers committing their lives to Christ.

Work has begun on a new seminary extension in Nagorno Karabakh, the epicenter of the war with Azerbaijan and Turkey. A new church building was dedicated in Dvin, an Assyrian community where there has been strong resistance to the gospel. A growing church in Ijevan is packed to capacity every Sunday and has started Bible studies at five mission points in their region. The children of the church have had to meet in a 10'x6' kitchen, but through a generous donation, this has allowed them to begin the construction of a new classroom. 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>

# Return to Cuba

By Krystal Butler, Burton Memorial Missionary Baptist, Reidsville, NC

We were glad to be able to return to Santa Clara, Cuba to Mi Campamento (My Camp) after being away for three years due to Covid related travel restrictions. It was a joy to be there alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ to continue to work on making the camp ready for students to begin Seminary training there.

You can tell those watching over Mi Campamento care about the camp as they care for it well. They have added plants, fruit trees, and some more animals since our last time there. They have also continued to work on the two main buildings that will be used for the Seminary. All this is possible through your prayers and giving.

They also serve the Lord well by serving those who come to the camp. They fed us well while we were there and made us feel welcomed and loved. We had such sweet fellowship with them, eating, working, and worshiping the Lord. One evening we were able to find about 30 minutes worth of hymns that we knew in English and they knew in Spanish. We sang praises to the Lord together. What a tiny, beautiful glimpse of what Heaven will be like.

During this trip, we all worked together to transform the carpentry building into a home for one of the couples living at Mi Campamento. That couple helps maintain and watch over the countryside at the camp, specifically the animals and plants.

Our Cuban brothers and sisters live a hard life but have the same joy and hope in the Lord that we American Christians have, and that fellow believers have all over the world. Our circumstances cannot take away the joy and hope from a personal relationship with the Lord.

If you've never been to Cuba or on a mission trip outside of the US, it will change your life, and the Lord will teach you something new each trip. Going encourages all involved in the Lord.

They need your support too. Are you ready to pray, give and go?

Don't be afraid to be faithful to the Lord's calling.

Our translator, Lerkys Lilian Quintero: "The Cuban Christian people are so grateful, blessed, and honored to have you all here serving alongside them for Him."

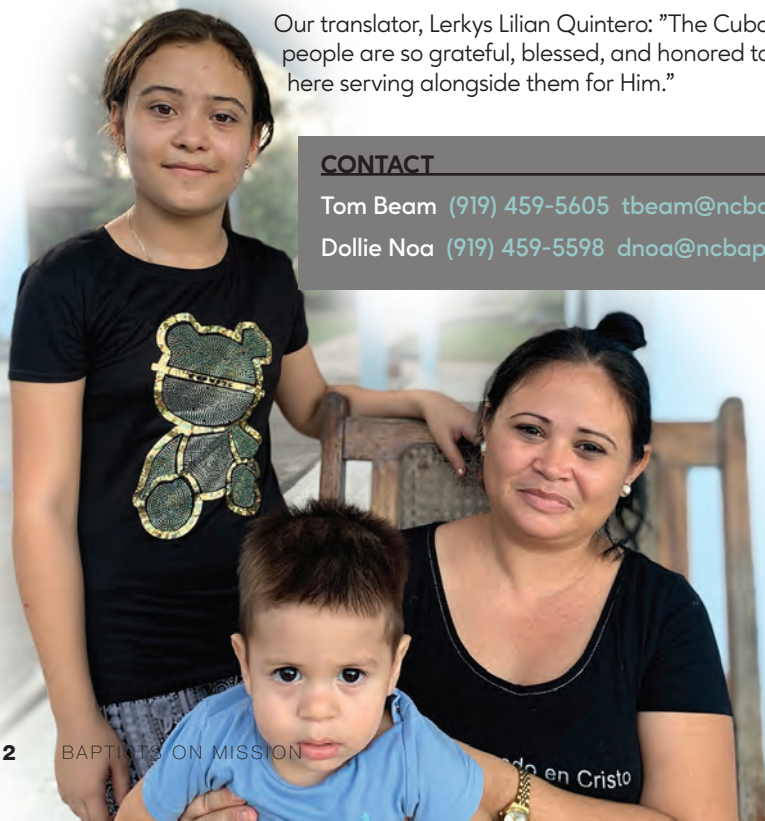
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# A Mountain Moved by Faith in GUATEMALA

Baptists on Mission (BOM) is blessed to be a part of the Good Shepherd Ministries in Guatemala, where we partner with the International Indigenous Community Development (IICD) in sending mission teams to serve in various ways each year. One of those ways is for teams to serve as “children’s home staff relief teams.” Following is an account from Jimmy Huffman, who served as team leader for a brave group of volunteers from FBC Asheboro who served in this capacity in August of 2022:

*“High in the mountains of Guatemala is the home of the Good Shepherd Children’s Home. It is also where Roger and Vicky Grossmann, retired IMB missionaries, have impacted the lives of the Quiche people for over 30 years. Especially impacted are the 33 children living at the children’s home, which the Grossmans now oversee. Their faith has moved mountains of obstacles often bureaucratic - to create a safe and loving place for these children to live. Here, they are able not only to hear, but to tangibly see, the love of Christ for probably the first time in their young lives.*

*Our team from FBC Asheboro had the privilege to care for these children, all of whom have experienced neglect and abuse, for a week. Their Guatemalan caregivers needed time away for additional training and encouragement, so we stepped in. What a challenge it was providing 24-hour care to children whose language we did not speak and routines we had to learn quickly. But God taught us that hugs, smiles,*

*play, and care speak clearly to the hearts of children who long for it. It was a blessing to serve!*

*Being the hands and feet of Jesus can take many forms - changing diapers, washing clothes, administering medications, preparing meals, and even drawing with sidewalk chalk. But, of course, we can serve the same way in our church and community, so why travel thousands of miles? In Acts 1:8, God commands that sometimes we must go to the “ends of the earth” to be his witness. A mountain in Guatemala is just such a place, whether it be an actual physical mountain or one of bureaucracy and red tape (which the Grossmans often face!). Either way, we know this - Our faith is sufficient when we serve Him!”*

Teams who serve in Guatemala through Baptists on Mission enjoy staying at the beautiful Good Shepherd Center. Whether serving in construction, leadership training, or medical, volunteers can visit and meet the children at the GSCH and host a “family night” for the older youth who live in a cottage near the center. Team members come away with a greater appreciation for mission work in Guatemala and feel that they are part of the growing God’s kingdom there. In 2023, construction, medical, leadership training, and staff relief teams are needed. We also need couples to serve throughout the year as Children’s Home Assistants who commit to stay at the children’s home for 1-2 months. Pray about being a part of this meaningful ministry!

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



# A ten-fold blessing for team members in KENYA



Baptist on Mission is blessed to send teams to the East African nation of Kenya once more. Following is a reflection from Pastor Tracy Caldwell, who led the first team in since 2020:

*"As the first team since COVID to work with the House of Hope, we traveled with a great sense of anticipation. Once we left the relative comfort of Nairobi, traveled six hours to Ahero, and entered the gates of the Catholic guest house, it was clear that we were on a mission, not a vacation! This was validated the next day. The first house we helped build was on the slope of a steep hill. The soil was rich but very rocky. This made work challenging. We assembled the wood frames and helped raise the roof. Respa – the homeowner – had cut all the branches we needed and carried them to the worksite on the same rocky hill we struggled to stay upright on. Though she did not speak English, her joy and gratitude were loud and clear! She and her neighbors prepared a wonderful lunch for us and thanked us profusely for that day's work.*

*The lessons we learned that first day helped us tackle the next three houses*

*with even more passion. We learned how we could best help the Kenyan crew build the houses. Part of our team went each day to accompany Pastor Joshua in sharing the gospel, giving our testimonies, and praying for the people of the village. We were able to testify that the work we did was in the Name of the Lord Jesus. It was refreshing to be welcomed into so many homes and to experience the openness to listen to the good news. Souls were saved, and, with the homes being used as a place to have discipleship training, the labor and the \$400 contribution per house will continue to grow God's Kingdom.*

*The Lord was able to use the talents of each member of our team. Some used their gift of encouragement and exhortation. Leonard, a carpenter by trade, was able to help build the roofs. Candra used her first aid training to treat a bad cut on the toe of a Kenyan carpenter. Tavares threw himself headlong into post digging, and framing, Amiracle, Warren, Bryan and Allen worked on the homes and in prayer and evangelistic opportunities. A common conclusion for all of us is that we came to Kenya in anticipation of being a blessing, but we left with a 10-fold blessing FROM Kenya. Thank you Baptists on Mission for the opportunity to help and for organizing the details needed to accomplish this mission. We left with a greater understanding of the Church Jesus built and our part in it."*

A trip to Kenya and participation in the Houses of Hope ministry is a life-changing adventure. Teams can be

as small as five or as large as sixteen. Simply call the Baptists on Mission office with an 11 day timeframe. Trips begin on a Tuesday and conclude on the following Friday. Cost of the trip includes approximately \$1000 for field costs (which includes a night in one of Kenya's world famous game parks), plus the cost of airfare, which runs from \$1200 – 2000, depending on time of year. Come experience Africa while assisting a family in need, and providing Bible Study and a potential new church start in Kenya!



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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).



# Least of These Projects

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

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

**Armenia** – Help church planters (\$200 per month), build a new Yazidi Kurdish Christian church, a seminary in war-torn Nagorno-Karabakh or a trauma healing center for those recovering from PTSD.

**Ukraine** – Provide a nutritious meal for Roma children through the Love Help Teach soup kitchen that feeds 150 children per day and has expanded to also offer meals to senior adults affected by the war.

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

**Cuba** – Help build a new seminary in Santa Clara or provide a water purification unit (\$700) that will offer water to an entire community.

**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 service or support an orphanage that is offering hope to 21 children.

**Hungary** – In Roma Gypsy camps, a church building often serves as the only gathering place. During the pandemic, Roma volunteers built two new church buildings 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 will 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.



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Following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Moldovan Baptists invited North Carolina Baptists to send teams to minister to the hundreds of refugees who were sheltering at the Baltata Ministry Center near the capital of Chisinau. Over the course of three months, thirteen teams and more than a hundred twenty volunteers from across North Carolina grew in their love and appreciation not only for the refugees, but for the Moldovan Baptists who had opened their hearts, their churches, and their homes to them.

# MOLDOVA PARTNERSHIP

## A New Opportunity for North Carolina Baptists



### OPPORTUNITY FOR NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS

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

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

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**PARTNERSHIP ROLES:** The Moldovan "mother church", with guidance and encouragement from the Moldovan Baptist Union, will develop the planting strategy, identify a qualified planter, send that planter out as part of their church ministry, and provide regular supervision. The North Carolina partner church will provide ongoing prayer support, encouragement through regular and creative communication, and monthly funding for the church planting efforts. In addition, partners may develop mutually agreed-upon projects - such as Vacation Bible School, outreach ministry, sports camps, etc., that mission teams can participate in. Teams traveling to Moldova will register with the Baptists on Mission office and coordinate logistics including travel, insurance, and background checks.

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



# Roma Partnership

# WILLING TO GO

By **Diana Hefner** - Pastor's wife and member of Pleasant Garden Baptist Church, Pleasant Garden.

As the war began to rage in the Ukraine in early April, I saw a post from a friend from Ukraine, "Please don't forget my people!" On that Sunday morning, I prayed right then, "Lord, I am willing to go if you send me." I went to church that morning, not thinking much of my prayer. That same afternoon, my husband showed me a text inviting him to join a vision trip with Baptists on Mission to Hungary and Ukraine before Easter. As soon as he showed me, I remembered my prayer and impulsively said, "You've got to go." I told him about my prayer earlier that morning.

That vision trip led to immediate plans for our church to return in the summer. I had already committed to a mission trip to New York that would return only a few days before the trip to Hungary, but that didn't stop my husband from asking me to pray about going anyway.

Only a few days later during my devotions, I was reading in Exodus where God sent Moses to Egypt to redeem His people. I prayed, "Lord, I want to be wherever you are." At that moment, I sensed God's voice say, "Ok. I'm in Hungary." I committed to going with our team and jumped all in, gathering supplies and helping plan the details for us to lead what we thought would be a Bible camp with a school in Hungary.

However, just three weeks out from our trip departure, plans changed. Our team leaders received word that the dates and details for an expected partnership with a school in Hungary had fallen through. We were prayerfully asked to consider

relocating our team to Western Ukraine. Even before finishing reading the email, I was ready to go. But understandably, some of our team had questions. While I was praying about what we should do and considering the questions from our team, God gently reminded me that I had been willing to go to Ukraine all the way back in April. In our meeting, I listened with joy as God turned every question into a willingness—even an eagerness—for us to go into Ukraine.

Our 12-member team has hours of stories, testimonies of changed lives, and memories of God's might to last a lifetime, all because we were willing to go. What about you? Are you willing to go?



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# Door of Hope Village

## Offering Hope to the Hopeless

A hole in the wall can refer to an unpretentious restaurant that most people miss, or it can be an open door to a new life. Berea Baptist Mission Church cut a hole in the wall surrounding their church to offer hope and a new life to some babies abandoned every day in Johannesburg, South Africa. They installed a 'Baby Box' allowing mothers to leave their babies any time, day or night, no questions asked. News spread and babies have been brought in person by their mothers or have come through police, community members, hospitals, or clinics. Door of Hope has rescued over 1850 babies since the first baby, Georgina Smith, came through in 1999.

Baptists on Mission has walked alongside Door of Hope from the beginning. We are now helping build Door of Hope Village offering children not chosen for adoption a place to call home. Over the next several years, we will build dozens of cottages and other facilities needed to create a functioning community. By participating in this partnership, you can help offer hope for the future to thousands of children.

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

**Praying** – Pray for the children who will be served, many teams to volunteer, and funds to build the new cottages and to replace the oldest Baby House.

**Giving** – Each cottage costs approximately \$35,000 to build. Contributing a few dollars each month, together we can complete Door of Hope Village quickly. Your contributions can also help replace the oldest Baby House that offers care to rescued infants.

**Going** – 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.

### REGISTER YOUR TEAM:

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



# Ukraine Partnership



*Since the beginning of March 2022, Baptists on Mission have been serving the Ukrainian people as they have struggled with the challenges of surviving in a war-torn country. In 2022 nearly 500 volunteers served with Baptists on Mission in Hungary, Moldova, Poland*

*and Western Ukraine providing physical care, emotional support and spiritual hope to the thousands of refugees and internally displaced by the war with Russia. Dudley Neal, from Roseboro Baptist Church and Steven Paschall, from Mt. Hermon Baptist Church are retired army chaplains. They shared the following testimony while they were in Ukraine in late 2022 leading conferences with Baptist leaders from all over Ukraine.*

Since February 24, 2022 the people of the Ukraine have suffered a war waged against the civilian population. In our homes and in our sanctuaries we have prayed. As is often the case, those prayers have caused us to respond to God's invitation to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Baptists on Mission has sent food, worked in shelters, and sent medical teams to help. In response to the Ukrainian Baptist Union's

(UBU) request for help with war trauma, this past week we engaged 54 spiritual leaders of their churches. It was humbling to watch our Lord arrange a meeting that gave hope and healing to these men and women. There are three more seminars in the next two weeks where the multiplying group leaders of the UBU will be taught biblical and spiritual principles of healing from war trauma.

We have encountered fellow servants from Oregon, Tennessee, and Hungary who have pitched in without reservation. What a wonderful work God is doing in calling His church in the Ukraine to serve their country. Before the end of December we expect an army of men and women taking two tools across the nation of Ukraine. These materials were developed by Chris and Rahnella Adsit: *Bridges to Healing: Ukraine and Women, War, and Trauma*. They will be trained, prayed for, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

So, join us in praying and remember you are unleashing the love of Jesus for a people fighting for their lives against an evil we have not seen in Europe in 75 years.

We wish you were here with us so you could wrap your arms around them and be His hands and feet.

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# Health Screening Ministry



The Health Screening Ministry mobile unit is one way your church can provide an outreach

event in your community. Physically showing the love of Jesus can many times create the conduit for sharing the gospel.

Most health screening clinics are hosted by churches on weekends, leaving the mobile unit idle during the week. Knowing many more people could benefit from the services offered on the mobile unit, we approached the North Carolina farming community regarding the potential to host weekday clinics. We had the incredible opportunity to collaborate with two farms over the summer to provide dental and healthcare services to their workers.

To say both farm clinic days were a success would be an understatement. The farms scheduled their workers in shifts, allowing them to rotate out

to the units to get care and then rotate back into their workday. Local churches provided volunteers and resources. Nursing and medical schools helped staff the unit. Other charitable organizations joined us and provided translation services, follow-up appointments, and a discounted fresh fruit and vegetable market. We also had the pastor from a local church join us.

Only a handful of patients visited with the pastor. I'm sure he must have been extremely busy with his regular job responsibilities, but he set aside valuable time to spend with us. I felt terrible that so few patients were stopping and talking with him. He didn't seem to mind. He stayed at his station and waited patiently.....

One patient had recently lost her father. She was very quiet and reserved. Heartbroken was probably a better description. She did not want to share much about her life. One of our doctors sensed she was struggling. He asked if she would be willing to talk with the pastor and have

him pray with her. She agreed.

For over 30 minutes, we could see them sitting under the pop-up tent, Bibles open, reading and talking. An hour later, the pastor came on board the mobile unit and smiled as he announced her decision to follow Jesus. He joyfully proclaimed, "She knows Jesus!" And I knew then he had been sent to us that day for this specific purpose.

Please consider utilizing the Health Screening Ministry for an outreach event in your community. If you are a farmer, please consider using the ministry to show the love of Christ to your workers. We'd love to work with you in 2023!

**Thank you to the NC Department of Agriculture, the NC Sweet Potato Commission, Nash Produce, and Lancaster Farms.**

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# Mobile Dental Ministry It all started with a hunting trip

By Liz Tablazon, Editor/Content Coordinator, BSCNC

A young man went hunting in Ocracoke a few years ago and learned there was no dentist on the island. So he told his father, Lee, who volunteered as a driver for Baptists on Mission's (BOM) dental bus.

In December 2021, a team of volunteer dentists went on their third visit to Ocracoke, seeing 44 patients in the dental unit over two days. The Southwest Durham Rotary Club sponsored the trip. Volunteers had been to Ocracoke twice — in December 2020 and April 2021.

"Some of the patients we've seen before, and the only time they've been to the dentist in the last couple of years has been with us," said Krissy Watson, BOM's dental ministry coordinator.

The nearest dentist's office is in Hatteras, and for many Ocracoke residents, a visit to the dentist means taking a day off work and traveling by ferry over and back. Ocracoke Island is only accessible by ferry, and many residents work multiple jobs.

So during the island's off-season, when tourism is lower and residents can take time off, the BOM dental bus provides services such as preventive dental

cleanings, fillings and extractions. An Ocracoke resident coordinates appointments and connections between BOM and the community. Local businesses provide hotel rooms and donate meals for the volunteers. BOM sets up the dental unit at the fire department, where members of the group also eat most of their meals.

Watson said that with every trip, the team had seen greater trust from the community. Volunteers recalled how residents appeared to warm up to them more and more with each visit. Watson said that this time, residents repeatedly offered to pay for meals or gas to serve the volunteers.

BOM hopes to continue going to Ocracoke with the dental bus twice a year. They plan to go again every December and March of each year.

There are only a handful of churches

on the island, all of which are of other denominations. One of the churches only recently returned to its facility after it was damaged during Hurricane Dorian in 2019.

"Going back each year, we're building relationships," Watson said. "Not just with the residents but with the churches and the businesses there."

BOM is working to connect with the Chowan Baptist Association to be part of the clinic in future visits.

Contact Krissy Watson, Dental Ministry Coordinator, for more information about Baptist on Missions mobile dental ministry.

**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**

### Dental Visits May Include:

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

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# REMOTE ACCESS

## Baptists on Mission volunteers provide dental care to residents of Ocracoke Island



Living on North Carolina's Outer Banks is a dream come true for many people. Island living means endless beaches, a slower lifestyle and the opportunity to get away from it all.

Life on one of the state's barrier islands is more isolated than most. Ocracoke Island is so isolated, the only way to get there is by ferry or private aircraft.

For many Ocracoke residents, seeking medical care creates unique challenges. It often means spending an entire day traveling off the island, attending an appointment and then heading back home. For some, all that time requires taking a day off work with no pay, which is an added burden.

"It's incredibly difficult to organize a trip," says Kristin Chatham, an Ocracoke resident. "Some people don't have cars. Some people don't have access to child care. There's a lot of different factors."

Recent storms have created additional challenges. When

Hurricane Dorian swept across Ocracoke in 2019, volunteers with Baptists on Mission descended on the island to offer help and hope by providing hot meals, showers, laundry and home repair. Those efforts led to a new, ongoing ministry to island residents.

The year after Dorian, Baptists on Mission set up one of its mobile dental units at the volunteer fire department on Ocracoke. The clinic was such a success, locals asked if it could become a regular event.

Now, twice a year, one of the mobile dental units makes the journey to Ocracoke by ferry to provide free care to those on the island who need it.

"The majority of people we see – if we did not have this clinic to offer – they wouldn't go to the dentist except maybe once every 10 years," says Chatham, who helps coordinate the dental unit's visits to Ocracoke.

During a recent clinic, a local resident named Seth stopped in to have a cavity filled.

"In my situation, I don't have a vehicle to get off the island," Seth said. "I haven't seen a dentist in a really long time, so I'm thankful to have this opportunity to come here. They made me feel comfortable and saved me from a world of pain and suffering."



## Medical/Dental Missions

The mobile units, drivers and hosts are provided by Baptists on Mission, while dentists, dental assistants and hygienists volunteer their time by offering free medical care. For the Ocracoke clinics, all volunteers come over from the mainland.

Dr. Jeff Scott, a dentist in Carteret County in the eastern part of the state, serves on the dental unit in his own community, as well as when it travels to Ocracoke.

"I just feel dentistry's one of the things God's enabled me to do," Scott says. "It's just really nice to be able to serve people and take care of folks. You get a little outside your self-centeredness. There's no benefit to you, other than being able to help someone else out. Just being

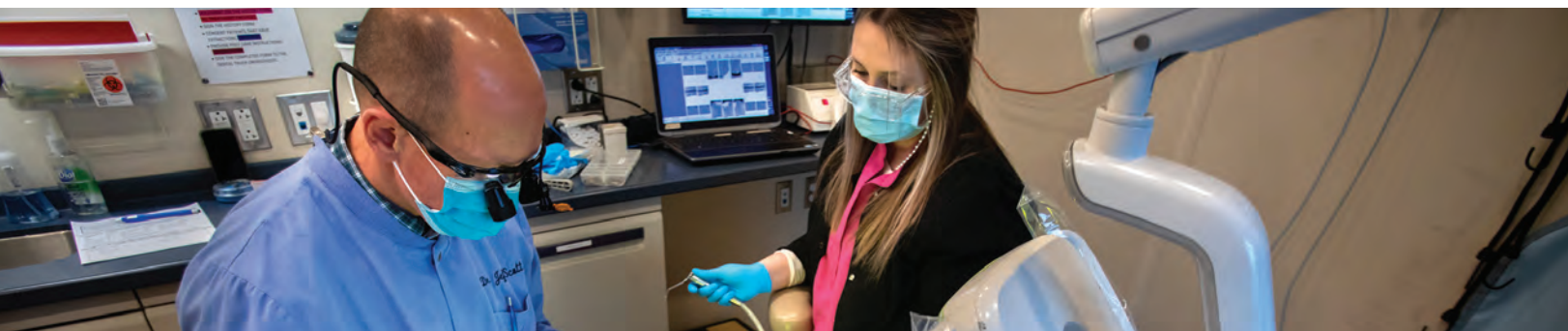
compassionate to folks who maybe can't afford to do it another way.

"In this world we're in where everything's so much about the dollar it's nice to not worry about that and just help folks."

With no easy access to dental care, residents of Ocracoke experience a tangible expression of Christ's love from the volunteers who serve them at the clinics.

"Whatever capacity you can serve, you'll be serving the Lord," Scott says. "There's a lot of things I can't do for people, but helping them with dental problems is something I can do."

**Visit:** <https://vimeo.com/780601741>









# APPALACHIAN COALFIELDS MINISTRY

## A Great Response Through Appalachian Christmas Outreach



The Appalachian Christmas Outreach has become one of the most effective ministry opportunities available to North Carolina Baptists. Part of this is because it is a ministry that every church, Sunday School class, mission group, or individual can easily participate in. Another reason is that the ministry area is close – usually a day's drive from anywhere in our state. But the most important reason is that it is effective. The Appalachian region is one of the poorest areas in our nation. Families there struggle because of job loss and other societal factors. Christmastime is especially hard. The backpacks provided by Appalachian Christmas Outreach help give parents a way to see that their children receive a meaningful gift, something that might otherwise not happen. The packs are loaded with practical and fun items designed for specific ages. The act of giving in Christ's name, along with an enclosed Bible and flyer explaining the true meaning of Christmas, has the potential to endow this gift with eternal significance.

The number of backpacks given by North Carolina Baptists has grown annually. In the first year, 2014, just over 5000 packs were collected. But each year after that, the numbers increased, and the goal was raised

for the following year. By 2019, the numbers had grown to over 17,500 backpacks. Plans were well underway for 2020 – then COVID struck. As all international and many national mission trips were canceled, much prayer went into deciding whether or not to try and do the backpack collection. Finally, the decision was made to continue – and did God ever bless! More than 16,400 backpacks were collected, filled, and delivered to Appalachian children in 2020 despite the pandemic! The goal for 2022 was 18,000. As of the writing of this article, 19,814 backpacks had been collected, and more were expected to come in. Praise the Lord! Evangelistic events took place all over the Appalachian region in December, and thousands of families were ministered to. Our statewide goal for 2023 is 21,000 backpacks. We would love for you and your church to share in the blessing of this ministry. Here are some ways your church can help:

**1) COLLECT BACKPACKS AND TAKE THEM TO THE NEAREST COLLECTION SITE.** State-wide collection in 2023 will take place **Saturday, November 4**, at 30+ sites across the state. You can access information on what items to collect and how to pack them from the NCBM website at [www.baptistsonmission.org/aco](http://www.baptistsonmission.org/aco).

**2) DELIVER BACKPACKS TO NEEDED AREAS.** Often, ministry areas do not plan to do an event but still need backpacks for distribution. Therefore, we greatly need those who would be willing to help get the backpacks to needed areas by providing a box truck/covered trailer and drivers to deliver the packs.

Baptists on Mission has developed the Appalachian Coalfields Ministry to minister physically and spiritually to people in some of the poorest areas of our nation.



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# God Is Doing Great Things in PENNSYLVANIA



This past year was exciting for the North Carolina/Pennsylvania partnership. Dewey and Kathie Aiken, BOM On-site Coordinators, lived in Harrisburg all summer. From this strategic vantage point, they forged new relationships with PA pastors and church planters and visited North Carolina teams as they served throughout the state. Following is an account of mission service in Pennsylvania from Rev. Dana Blankley, pastor of Shiloh Baptist in Hamptonville, North Carolina:

*"God is still doing great things with the Pennsylvania Partnership through Baptists on Mission. I, along with my wife and new daughter, led our church, Shiloh Baptist of Hamptonville, NC, to Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, to work alongside Pastor Steve Gintz of Revive Community Fellowship. We were one of the first groups since the COVID-19 pandemic to join him on mission from North Carolina. Our team conducted a Backyard Bible Club in the middle of the day at the Southward Playground and hosted a Family Fun Night Block Party at the playground later in the week.*



*Each day during our Backyard Bible Clubs, we had around 25 children in attendance. We did various crafts with them, from coloring Bible stories*

*to making salvation bracelets. We played basketball and other games. We then put on a puppet show, engagingly displaying a wonderful Gospel message! Seeing the joy on the faces of the Children was priceless!*

*Steve had a wonderful vision for hosting the Family Fun Night for the whole community. We had a bouncy house, prize-winning games, free refreshments, free Bibles, and much more! Around 500 people came to the event. It was such a blessing to serve people in the name of Jesus! Participants registered on contact cards. Steve can now use these contact cards to reach out to the people in attendance to share the love of Christ with his community.*

*We have had the opportunity to serve with Pastor Steve several times over the years, and seeing his love for his Savior and his community is very inspiring. Despite the pandemic's changes, God is still moving in Pennsylvania! As mission teams, all that we do, we do for the Glory of God (1 Cor. 10:31)! I am thankful to witness the fire for the Great Commission in both Shiloh Baptist Church and Revive Community Fellowship. I pray that this glorious fire*



*spreads here in North Carolina and in Pennsylvania! To God be the Glory!"*

*Mission partners are needed in Pennsylvania! Evangelism, outreach events, children's*

*ministry, and construction needs all can be found on the current projects list. Each of these requests represents church planting couples, pastors, and congregations 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 the opportunity to do so, please pray about how God might use you and your congregation!*

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

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# NEW ENGLAND

## A Massachusetts Miracle!



First Baptist Church of Marlborough is a 153-year-old church in Massachusetts. After decades of ministry impact in the region, the last few years have been challenging for the

historic church. In the spring of 2021, the congregation had dwindled to 12 members, had no pastor, and was ready to close its doors. But God had other plans! The church reached out to New England Baptist Convention for help. Pastor Logan Loveday and his family planted a church in Marlborough in 2017. Covid had made it hard for a new church plant trying to impact the community, but post-Covid, the church plant began thriving and growing. The Baptist Convention of New England connected the old, existing church with the new thriving church plant - and the Holy Spirit started to move! Joint services were held and discussion began about merger and revitalization. By October 2021, God had joined both churches, and FBC Marlborough called Logan to become their pastor.

That was a great first step, but the work was far from over. The building, and the congregation, needed much help. After connecting with Baptists on Mission, God opened the doors of revitalization. After some

promotion and recruitment, the entire summer was filled with teams coming to renovate almost every room of the church. Teams were able to renovate two bathrooms, build another, completely renovate the kitchen, paint over half of the inside of the church, and install new flooring in several areas. The work and sacrifice of the mission teams allowed the church to again invite people to hear the gospel in a safe, clean, updated and welcoming environment. The church then reconnected with the community after most thought the church had been closed! What was once a church of 12 ready to die is now a church of 80 - and thriving! Pastor Loveday and the Marlborough congregation are so thankful for all the time, talent, and treasure that have been invested by mission teams. To God be the glory!

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. The New England region of our country is richly blessed with natural beauty - from rugged coastlines 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 attends 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 disciple, and new churches are being planted. Visit BOM's New England webpage to see how you and your church can make a Kingdom difference in New England this year!

New England Partnership Requests for 2023 are ready, and awaiting your response. 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

## The Transformation of Ten Sleep

Since 2005, Baptists on Mission (BOM) have been sending teams to serve in the Rocky Mountain area of our nation. Projects have been completed in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado, Utah, and New Mexico. Volunteers serve through construction, VBS, servant evangelism, prayer walking, camp ministry, and more. Following is an account from Rev. Chris Hauser of how God used a mission team to make a big impact in a small town:

*"The small town of Ten Sleep, Wyoming, is home to 271 residents. It consists of a Main Street, half a mile in length, one gas station, a simple library, two (yes, two) veterinarians, and several dozen horse barns. Standing high above this simple town is the steeple of Ten Sleep Baptist Church, where God's people assemble each week to worship the Savior. In the third week of June 2022, sixty-one members of the South Oak Ridge Baptist Church in Yadkinville, NC, invaded this small town. Their purpose was to help overhaul the Ten Sleep Baptist Church building inside and out and teach their children about Christ at the local park.*

*Our mission team consisted of both skilled and unskilled volunteers. By week's end, the small church had been transformed. The sanctuary was expanded to meet the needs of a growing membership. A fellowship hall and kitchen were added. Two new bathrooms were built. Classroom space was modified. New flooring was installed. The building was rewired and plumbed. Sheetrock was hung, mudded, and painted. New vinyl siding was placed on the outside of the building. A retaining wall was*

*constructed. New concrete sidewalks and stairs were placed around the building. A circle drive was added around the facility. Praise God!*

*In addition, our team of men, women, and youth each evening conducted a Vacation Bible School at the local park. It was initially estimated that there might be five children, but through God's blessing, there were more than fifteen each evening. The opportunity and privilege to serve our Lord on the mission field are priceless. The amazing part is witnessing God work through different individuals' lives. The ages of those on the team ranged from 14 to 70, and all served in their greatest capacity. When God's people come together to serve, God can move powerfully."*

This is just one way mission teams serve in the Rocky Mountain region. In 2023, teams are needed to serve at the Mountaintop Baptist Assembly in Wyoming and the Inlow Baptist Camp in New Mexico. These camps minister to over a thousand campers each summer. Teams of 8-12 are greatly needed to cook, serve, and clean up for breakfast, lunch, and supper for a week of camp. The camps take good care of the volunteers, providing housing and meals, and ensuring they feel welcome and a part of the camp family. For the camps, the teams' service makes it possible for them 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. Is this where God calls you and your team to serve in 2023? Every year we need new teams to fill the schedule.



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Cook teams are needed at both of our partner Baptist Camps in WY and NM, as well as other places throughout the region. Visit our website at [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org) to find out more about both this life-changing opportunity. (Mission Projects/United States/Rocky Mountain).

# Doing the Heavy Lifting in ALASKA



Mission teams from North Carolina continue to make a Kingdom difference in our sister state of Alaska. Following is an account from Janet Blanford, team leader to Alaska from Pitts Baptist Church in Concord, NC:

*"When I first met my husband in 1980, he was planning a trip to Alaska. He had his maps, and had planned his route - the total plan was coming together. But then, we fell in love, and he decided to push his Alaska trip out a bit. Then we got married, and the Alaska money was taken for other important things. Alaska was still a dream, and the map of the state was proudly posted on the wall of his office. Then, children came along, and our travel budget became all but non-existent. He told our children about his dream to travel to Alaska. But, with two children needing education and clothing, the map was eventually taken off the wall, and the dream faded. On his 60th birthday, our children wanted to give him a*

*plane ticket to Alaska, but he acknowledged that he should have done that as a young man. That ship had sailed, so he declined the offer. Then, in 2021, our church leadership team asked us to consider being team leaders for a new partnership with a church in Wasilla, Alaska! They didn't have to ask twice! We've been to Alaska on four mission trips in the past two summers and look forward to returning again in 2023.*

*Alaska is a beautiful state. But the beauty hides a secret. There is a great need for Jesus there. With so many churches barely able to keep their doors open, our church feels compelled to do whatever we can to strengthen churches and help the people of Alaska come to know the Lord. We helped a small church in Wasilla reach out to their community through park parties in 2021. Our teams also assisted in several construction projects that helped the church renovate its space to be more user-friendly. In 2022 we partnered with The First Baptist Church in Anchorage. It is located in the heart of the city, yet not many know about them. Mission teams like ours are working with the church to change that. The church facility was badly in need of a facelift. Our team was able to make quite a dent in the renovation effort. We are excited to return in 2023 to continue updating the facility so that visitors and new members will feel welcome there. We also partnered in 2022 with The Solid Rock Bible Camp in Soldotna. It's a sprawling camp for kids of*

*all ages, and their needs are many! Our team worked hard to help make the camp a place that parents want to send their children to.*

*We go to Alaska to do the "heavy lifting" so that the people who serve there year around can be more available to love on the people of Alaska in Jesus' name! What an honor and privilege it is to serve God in this way!"*

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 in 2023.



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A variety of Alaska mission requests are ready for your prayerful consideration. Visit our website at [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org). (Mission Projects/United States/Alaska).



# CONSTRUCTION SKILLS TRAINING

## “WHERE TO START!”



A church on mission can make an eternal impact. One life at a time, one street at a time, and one community at a time, we can change our state! But how can we get started? Several volunteers in Shelby at a recent training had never built anything. By the end of the day, a man could roll down the ramp they had just built as part of Construction Skills Training. In Red Springs, a group of volunteers gained a new appreciation for how many steps there

are to finishing drywall, while another church had youth and adults work on a roof. At Charity Mission Center in Rose Hill, one church had a large group learn to lay flooring and hang a fence.

**Construction Skills Training** offers hands-on training for those with limited construction experience. Hanging and finishing drywall, laying laminate flooring, framing a wall, or building a wheelchair ramp are some of the things you can learn to help you feel more comfortable helping at one of our Rebuild Centers, building a wheelchair ramp in your community, working at the Red Springs, Shelby, or Charity Mission Camps, doing an Operation Inasmuch Project, or on a construction mission trip.

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, New England, the 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.



**February 25 & October 28, 2023- Red Springs Mission Camp**

**March 25 & October 7, 2023- Shelby Mission Camp**

**March 11 & September 16, 2023- Charity Rebuild Center**

**\$10 for Saturday training only**

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

**Register:**

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

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# Missions Camps

## CHARITY MISSION CAMP

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

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

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

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

### PLAN A TRIP

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

### LOCATION

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





# 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).

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The Alexander Family. New Shelby Missions Camp Coordinators.



# Community Mobilization

## 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 on 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)

South River Baptist Church in Statesville has distributed food boxes to senior adults as part of the CSFP program through the NC Department of Agriculture and Baptists on Mission. As a result, one volunteer said, “I never knew there was so much food insecurity among seniors.” The Greater Cleveland Baptist Association had a one-day Operation Inasmuch Meal Packing event in early 2022 and then set aside a whole week in October 2022 to mobilize churches across Cleveland County to share Christ in word and deed.

Every church should reach 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 can use 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 with 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 a Blitz Day or an ongoing community ministry.

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

#### In one day:

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

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



#### Infuse Community Mobilization in the DNA of your church:

God made us good at what we are good at on purpose. Send every church member on mission to use their gifts daily to bring glory to God, bless and preserve the community, and make disciples. Sunday school classes, small groups, and your entire church can make missions a part of your DNA by choosing a focus every month to meet your community's needs.

# Men's Ministry

## Reaching Men is About Relationships

In November, BOM hosted five **Men's Worship Rallies** around the state, from the coast to the mountains in Regions 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10. Men attending experienced an evening of fellowship that included information on missions, music, testimony, a spiritual challenge, and prayer. During the rallies, we examined Tony Evans's study on Kingdom Man. A resource that challenges and equips men to fully understand their position under God and their position over what God has given them. The study provides concepts men can follow that will help them actively pursue ways to maximize and develop the character qualities of biblical manhood in their lives. Men also learned the importance of men's small groups and how to create these groups in their local churches. Be sure to mark your calendars to look for the next Men's Worship Rallies dates in the odd number regions in November 2023.

May 5-6, 2023, will be the Men's Outdoor Weekend at Camp Caraway in Asheboro, NC. The weekend will start Friday at 8:00 pm with a time of worship featuring music and a message from our guest speaker. Saturday morning will include demonstrations throughout the camp on archery, skeet shooting, pistol shooting, tomahawk throwing, and more. Then on Saturday afternoon, there will be an opportunity to compete in .22 rifles, archery, pistols, skeet, and tomahawk throw. You can also enjoy the zip line, cornhole, and fishing during the afternoon. We conclude the weekend after an awards ceremony and supper Saturday evening.

Be sure to save the date of Saturday, September 9, 2023, for the Igniting the Hearts of Men Conference that will be held this year at Apex Baptist Church in Apex, NC. This conference, held every two years, is an equipping conference featuring at least 16 different breakout sessions and two keynote speakers to encourage and engage men to be the men God created them to be.

Through BOM, men's ministry encourages and equips churches to reach men effectively. We believe that reaching men is about relationships. We promote the development of trusting relationships through meaningful shared experiences that may include fellowship, study, and mission participation. Contact the Baptist on Mission office if you would like 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 BaptistOnMission.org, and click on Programs – Men's Ministry regularly for information and to register for any or all of these upcoming events.

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## 2023 Men's Outdoor Weekend



The latest Men's Outdoor Weekend in late April 2022 was an absolute blast! After a painful two-year absence due to COVID-19, we enjoyed our largest attendance 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 with 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. This year's event will be May 5-6, 2023. Visit our webpage for more information on how you and your men can participate in this great event!



## Igniting the Hearts of Men Conference

September 9, 2023 @ Apex Baptist in Apex, NC



Do you desire to see the men of your church come alive with the realization of Christ's stamp upon their lives? Would you rejoice to see them engaged in a growing, meaningful relationship with our Lord? Join us

Saturday, September 9 for the Igniting the Hearts of Men Conference. This one-day equipping event prepares men to be courageous, effective Christ-followers. The conference will feature worship times with inspiring messages just for men, breakout sessions led by men's ministry leaders from all over the East Coast, and ministry displays for evaluating new men's ministry resources. Our keynote speakers are Brett Clemmer, president and CEO of Man in the Mirror Ministries, and John Tolson, author, professional sports chaplain, and found of the Tolson Group. The conference costs \$39 per person if registration is ten days or more out. (\$44 if registration is within ten days). If registering ten or more, the

cost is \$35 per person. There will also be a \$10 per person on-site lunch option when registering. Visit the Baptist on Mission Men's Ministry webpage for more information and to register. [www.baptistonmission.org/men](http://www.baptistonmission.org/men)

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



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



## Men's Ministry Training Available



The Baptists on Mission Men's Ministry Advisory Team is available to provide men's ministry training for the local church and/or the Baptist Association. Training helps churches develop an intentional strategy for reaching and discipling men. Included is discussion on reaching men spiritually, developing leadership among men, engaging men in the ministry of the church, and involving men in missions. We will also talk about what resources are available for men's ministry, including small group ministry. If you would like help in training and preparing the men of your church or association, contact Mark Abernathy at 919-459-5607 or [mabernathy@ncbaptist.org](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.baptistonmission.org](http://www.baptistonmission.org) (Church Programs/Men's Ministry)



## 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 25 - July 1 | \$379 |
| Atlanta, GA      | July 9 - 15      | \$329 |

### DI International

| Location    | Date         | Cost    |
|-------------|--------------|---------|
| Honduras    | June 17 - 24 | \$1,800 |
| Cuba        | July 8 - 16  | \$1,700 |
| Puerto Rico | July 22 - 29 | \$1,200 |

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



## Welcome to Brandon Powell

We are pleased to announce Brandon Powell as the new Student Mobilization and College Missions Coordinator for Baptists on Mission as of December 1, 2022. He is passionate about student missions and has been involved with student mobilization in the local church and through Deep Impact for over 20 years.

Through this past experience with Deep Impact camps and church staff, Brandon helped get many of his students personally involved in local, state, national and international missions.

Brandon and his wife, Gina, have three grown children, Katelyn Foster (married to Preston), Joshua, and Madison. We are so excited to have him on our staff!





**Deep impact 2023 Mission Weeks** are open for registration and some sites are filling up quickly! Deep Impact Mission Weeks are life changing missional experiences for students and adult leaders. There are options for groups to serve On Mission through DI North Carolina, DI National, and DI International Mission Weeks. Check out our 2023 dates and locations and register TODAY!!

World Missions Week returns to Fort Caswell July 3-8, 2023. This summer, we will offer programming for Kindergarten through Adult participants. Engaging in Bible studies, missions learning opportunities, exceptional preaching, life-enriching worship, and interaction with missionaries and church leaders as they share exciting opportunities for involvement in state, national, and international missions are part of the World Missions Week experience.

Please contact Brandon Powell, the new BOM Student Mobilization Coordinator with any interests or questions that you may have. He is here to assist you in mobilizing your middle school, high school, and college students to serve On Mission through Deep Impact Mission Weeks and throughout the year. He looks forward to meeting and talking with you.

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# Trusting in What God Can Do

As Nathan Hennigan looked out his back door at his decaying deck, he wondered where the help would come from to repair it. But he trusted that help was on the way.

Help soon came in the form of a team of college students serving on a local missions project through Baptists on Mission's Mission Camp in Shelby.

"I couldn't sleep last night," Hennigan said. "I was so excited knowing these guys were gonna be here today."

Stepping out on Hennigan's back porch was a dangerous thing. The decaying structure was weakened beyond repair, and bids to build a new set of stairs was more than he could handle.

"The Bible talks about as long as you're livin' you're gonna have problems, and this was a big problem, but I knew it would all work out somehow," Hennigan said as his eyes surveyed his porch. "He promised to take care of me."

Hennigan has trusted in God's provision his entire life.

"God saved me from a life of destruction at 37 because I was headed down the wrong path," Hennigan says. "I was too busy trying to do things my way instead of listening to His voice. But that's all changed now, and I'm just glad to be alive at 52."

Dealing with diabetes and being on dialysis for the past 11 years has taught Hennigan a lot about patience and trust.





And Hennigan knew he could trust Robbie Alexander the first time their paths crossed. Alexander serves as the coordinator for Baptists On Mission's Shelby Mission Camp, which is located in southwestern North Carolina about 40 miles from Charlotte and 70 miles from Asheville. As the camp's coordinator, Alexander involves churches in missions by helping plan and organize local missions projects in Shelby and the surrounding community.

Alexander promised Hennigan that a team would take down his old deck and build a new one. They weren't sure when it would happen, but Hennigan didn't have to wait long.

"When you have faith in God, you'll see what He can do," Hennigan said.

The team that rebuilt Hennigan's deck in January was part of Baptists' on Mission's annual "Here and Now" missions event.

"Here and Now" is a three-day mission experience for college students and young adults designed to introduce them to missions. The experience is focused around engaging in hands-on missions projects by day, and participating in small group discussions and other activities at night, all designed to open their hearts and minds to missions.

While one team worked on Hennigan's deck and hung smoke detectors, other teams visited homes to clean gutters, hang sheetrock, hand out free coffee and participate in other ministry opportunities.

Those who serve with "Here and Now" have a chance to be a blessing to people like Hennigan.

"This deck is a prime example of God's blessing, but you gotta trust," Hennigan said. "I knew it was gonna happen but I didn't know how."

"Being in the presence of this crew has made my year. In fact, I know it's the best thing that's gonna happen to me all year. I thank God for each one of them."







## Mobilizing College Students and Young Adults

On January 2-4, 2023, a group of college students and college ministry leaders from across North Carolina gathered at the Shelby Mission Camp for Here & Now. Here & Now unites college students and young adults to equip them to serve On Mission on their campuses, communities, and careers.

Participants served on various mission sites ranging from hanging sheetrock and cleaning gutters to building handicap ramps, passing out free coffee, hot chocolate, and praying for people in downtown Charlotte. This year, all participants participated in Disaster Relief training through Baptist On Mission and are now certified volunteers

equipped and ready to serve in the areas of Recovery, Mass Feeding, and Child Care. Here & Now also included missional-focused worship services and free time for building a biblical community.

Contact BOM Student Mobilization Consultant, Brandon Powell, if you are interested in mobilizing your college students and young adults to serve on life-changing missional experiences. Brandon is available to come to your church or college campus to speak to your group on how they can serve On Mission through local, state, national, and international mission opportunities. Also, you may contact Don Strader, BOM State College Missions Coordinator.



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## ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS

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## DI Kids 2023



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| Red Springs        | May 19 - 21             |
| 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            |

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**Baptists On Mission**  
**KID'S MISSIONS**  
*Day*

**DEEP IMPACT Kids**  
**BAPTISTS ON MISSION**

Baptists on Mission Kid's Missions Day is a one day event on April 29, 2023 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. Mission projects will be appropriate for children in grades 1-6. Cost is \$5 which covers lunch. For more information about Kid's Missions Day contact Dollie Noa at [dnoa@ncbaptist.org](mailto:dnoa@ncbaptist.org).

# THE SUNFLOWER PROJECT FOR UKRAINE



The fourth and fifth grade Sunday school class at Hayes Barton in Raleigh are looking for creative ways to be On Mission Together with Baptists on Mission. Here is the story of how this group of children not only prayed for the

children in war-torn Ukraine but also invested time and talent to make a difference for these children.

Teaching fourth and fifth-grade students in Sunday School is always an exciting challenge but teaching them in the year after the pandemic (when churches were shut down) presents an even greater opportunity. At the beginning of the year, I realized that the children needed more experience over the past year and a half with mission projects; I knew that was important.

From the beginning of the year, we started with one mission project a month, and the children seemed engaged and fascinated, always asking what we would be doing next! Our projects included giant candy bars (with personal notes) for the

teachers at elementary schools in Inez, Kentucky, a doughnut celebration with notes for our parents at Thanksgiving, giving thanks for all the wonderful things they do for us, and backpack bags for the children in Mayfield, Kentucky after the flood. We had just finished packing bags for the homeless (for the children to hand out from their cars) when the war in Ukraine broke out. As always, I asked the children on Sunday morning what we could pray for and they included the Ukraine crisis.

After several weeks of prayers, Campbell (one of the fifth-grade students) said, "Can't we do more than pray for them? Can we do something for them?" As a teacher, this comment struck my heart, and I was at a loss for what we could do. Then slowly, an idea that was divine intervention at its best, formed in my mind. We would paint sunflowers (Ukraine's national flower) and "sell" them to an adult SS class to raise money for the children in Ukraine. The Dalielson class members were so gracious to partner with us and we introduced our idea at the beginning of class one Sunday morning. The Danielson class willingly agreed, and the fourth and fifth graders painted their little hearts out and produced fifty-plus sunflowers. We asked the members who purchased them to hang them in a prominent place and to please pray for them daily. God used this project to transform the hearts of nine and ten-year-olds and adults alike. How blessed we all feel to have been a part of this project! Under the sunflower, are the printed words from a favorite verse from 1 Peter 5:10:

*And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.*

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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.

**March 10-11, 2023 – Red Springs Mission Camp**

**September 8-9, 2023 – Charity Mission Camp**

**October 13-14, 2023 – Shelby 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

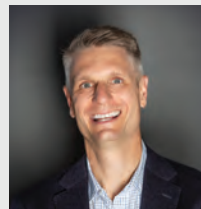
**For God loved the world in this way: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.**

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.



Speaker: Tom Richter



Worship: The Museum

**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**



# Where Do I Fit In?

## 19 Ministries of Baptists on Mission

### AGRICULTURAL MISSIONS

The purpose of the NCBM Agricultural Ministry is to help Christians share the love of Jesus by becoming involved in missions that address poverty and hunger wherever they exist. Volunteers are needed from all walks of life, including foresters, crop scientists, soil scientists, beekeepers, teachers, homemakers, engineers, and farmers.

### AVIATION MISSIONS

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

### BAPTIST BUILDERS

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

### BAPTIST EDUCATORS

Ministry for educators who have a heart for missions and use their educational skills to 1. Provide opportunities for caring teachers to go and teach people internationally. 2. **English as a Second Language (ESL)** to reach internationals for Christ.

### CHILDREN MISSIONS

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

### CHURCH RENEWAL

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

### COLLEGE MISSIONS

College Missions is for reaching, discipling, and sending the 18 to 25-year-old population of North Carolina found on our college and

university campuses. In addition, this ministry offers a missions initiative to involve college students in state, national, and international mission projects.

### COMPASSION MINISTRIES

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

### DISASTER RECOVERY MINISTRY

Disaster Recovery is a great way to minister to people affected by disasters. We help with clean-up (tear-out/chainsaw), temporary repair, and long-term rebuild where applicable. In addition, disaster Training events teach volunteers various skills needed to perform their duties under stressful situations.

### DISASTER RELIEF MINISTRY

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

### FAMILY FOUNDATIONS MINISTRY

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

### INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS/PROJECTS

Numerous international opportunities are available for involvement in Armenia, Cuba, Guatemala, Kenya, Moldova, Roma Gypsy, South Africa, and Ukraine. Volunteers trained in specific skills, as well as those who are not trained, are always needed.

### MEDICAL MOBILE HEALTH SCREENING AND MOBILE DENTAL MINISTRIES

Opportunities for medical and dental personnel involvement in missions with NC Baptists include International medical mission trips, the Mobile Dental Ministry, the Mobile Health Screening Ministry, and the Medical Reserve Corps (Disaster Relief). In addition, support persons skilled in medical assistance and **non-medical** laypeople are involved in this ministry.

### MEN'S MINISTRY

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

### NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS/PROJECTS

Many national opportunities available for involvement include Appalachian Coalfields, Pennsylvania, New England, Rocky Mountain, and Alaska. Volunteers trained in specific skills, as well as those who are not trained, are always needed.

### NC STATE PROJECTS

**Mission Camps at Red Springs and Shelby:** involve men, women, and students in life-changing mission projects at an affordable cost; each can house and feed up to 200 volunteers. **Community Mobilization:** a one-day missions blitz in your community to involve your church in local missions where you live.

**Impact NC:** connects churches and individuals with week-long volunteer mission projects in sports, children's ministry, evangelism, music, and/or construction, plus more. Basic construction skills training is also provided for volunteers.

### PRAYER SUPPORT

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

### SPORTS & RECREATION MISSIONS

Sports and Recreation Missions provide opportunities in several areas of missions and outreach. Team and individual sports missions provide opportunities to conduct sports camps, organize sports evangelism ministries, and build relationships to share the gospel.

### STUDENT MOBILIZATION MISSIONS

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

### For more information about any of the ministries of Baptists on Mission contact:

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# Baptists on Mission

## Values, Culture, Systems

### **BOM Purpose:**

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

### **BOM Vision:**

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

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

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

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

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

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- 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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#### **2023 Baptists Missions Conference p. 5**

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

[www.baptistsonmission.org/MissionsConference](http://www.baptistsonmission.org/MissionsConference)



#### **Deep Impact 2023 p. 48**

Various dates 2023. To learn more about Deep Impact  
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[www.baptistsonmission.org/camps/Deep-Impact](http://www.baptistsonmission.org/camps/Deep-Impact)



#### **Deep Impact Kids 2023 p. 53**

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#### **World Missions Week 2023 p. 55**

July 3-8 at Fort Caswell on Oak Island, NC  
Children, K-Grade 5; Youth, Grades 6-12; College; Adults

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