

BAPTISTS ON MISSION



BUILDING TOGETHER

Relief for Today, Hope for Tomorrow

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I Corinthians 10:31 says, *"Whatever you do, do it to the Glory of God."* Whenever I read this verse, I think about something that happened to me about 15 years ago. During one of our Board meetings, my daughter, Meredith, who was 18 years old at the time, was there with me. We were giving reports about a recent disaster, and I and others were saying things like, "We did 30,000 meals a day, we did, we did....." After the meeting, Meredith told me, "Dad, we should be talking about what God did, not what we did." My first thought was, she is right, and all these things that we are reporting on are things that God did, and He deserves all the glory! My second thought was, "Why is my 18-year-old daughter so much more mature than me!"

So, we are so thankful that God has allowed us to be a small part of what He has been doing, and I'd like to share some of what God has been doing through NC Baptists this past year to love our neighbors.

God has allowed our disaster relief teams to respond to several disasters. We have deployed feeding, chainsaw, recovery teams, and we have had to work while following social distancing guidelines.

Our Rebuild Centers and our Mission Camps have been open and operating. We are working at one-third of our normal capacity to do social distancing as we house volunteers and work to serve others. Our mobile Dental Ministry trucks and our Health Screening Ministry are also still operating. Special care is given to protect our volunteers and the people we serve.

The biggest thing about which we have been a part is the Food Box program. We are so thankful to have received a USDA grant to provide Farmers to Families food boxes to families all across our state. We just finished the 3rd round of the food box program, and during this time, we helped to provide more than 28,000 food boxes each week to families affected by COVID-19. The food distribution is a significant effort that has been feeding thousands of people each week. At this writing, 6 ½ months into the program, over 9,000,000 pounds of food has been distributed through our churches! We frequently hear stories of how these food boxes are making a difference in people's lives. A pastor shared the blessings he received through providing food for those who have been greatly affected by COVID-19, those that are shut-in, those that are economically challenged, those who have lost a job, and those who are suffering in so many different ways.

Thank you for supporting the 19 ministries of Baptists on Mission through your generous gifts to the NC Missions Offering. You make it possible for us to provide volunteers with so many ways to share the love of Jesus to a dark and hurting world.



Richard Brunson

Richard Brunson
Executive Director-Treasurer & Partnership Missions Director
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Mission Statement

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



Eyes to Serve

What a year 2020 turned out to be! One thing that did not change is the need for missions. You will see in this publication how missions “did not stop” because of the pandemic. The needs grew, and God opened many doors. Thank you, BOM staff, volunteers, associations, and churches, for answering the call to serve! Thank Richard and his staff when you get a chance. They have accomplished amazing things as they followed God’s lead.

At this point in the pandemic, almost everyone is wearing a mask in public, somewhat of a mystery if you think about it. Withholding our full identities is not the norm, remaining faceless until we are back in the car or return home. The mask puts more emphasis on the eyes and limits our ways of showing or notice emotions. What can we learn from the eyes of others? What are your thoughts on persons’ eyes as you pass strangers on the street or in the grocery store? Or what do you sense from the eyes of a family member, friend, or new acquaintance, and you cannot see their smile or frown? I have heard stories of some persons not recognizing others because of masks and incredibly recognizing someone just from their eyes. Some may even enjoy being unrecognizable in a grocery store. Guilty as charged.

There is an old saying, “The eyes are the window to the soul.” Most definitely, an eye-to-eye conversation can be powerful, personal, and meaningful. My prayer is that we will learn to be more attentive to the needs around us. Eyes speak loudly. Eyes convey emotions. Sadness, laughter, fatigue, disgust, anger, joy, fear, desperation, surprise, elation, hunger, excitement, loneliness, and the list goes on.

Award-winning musician John Prine lost his life to COVID-19 in 2020. One of his most popular songs is “Hello In There.” The last verse goes like this.

So if you’re walking down the street sometime

And spot some hollow ancient eyes

Please don’t just pass ‘em by and stare

As if you didn’t care, say, “Hello in there, hello.”

Stop. Look in their eyes. Consider. Speak. Listen. Serve. Take the time to look into the souls of those that God ordains for you. His plan is for us to pour out our lives into others so that they may know Him.

Open your eyes and hearts as you read the following pages. There are 19 ministries where your EYES can see the world as God sees. Call or email BOM to know how you can serve the souls in this state and beyond.

Let us focus our eyes to serve. SEE you on the mission field!



Stephen C. Couch

Steve Couch

2020.involvement stats

Agriculture Missions

- Continuing to promote church and community gardens as an outreach and ministry tool
- Partnering with Togo Christian Mission to develop and Agricultural Demonstration Farm in Togo. Land purchase is almost finalized. Trips possible in 2021.
- Provide information and support to in-field missionaries on well drilling and solar powered pumping systems

Aviation Ministry

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

Baptist Educators

- Continue to encourage and support the collection of Bibles and study materials to be used globally.
- Continue to encourage educators to use their teaching skills globally.
- Continue to encourage and support educators in building relationships with schools in North America.

Children's Missions

- State RA Race - **Canceled by COVID-19**
- RA Camporee - **Canceled by COVID-19**
- Deep Impact Kids in 7 camps - **Canceled by COVID-19**
- \$543 Missions Offering received for Treasures of Joy Ministry (Hope House) by DI KIDS and DI Youth

Church Renewal

- 1 Overview
- 5 Renewal Weekends
- 2 Preparation Group Trainings
- 1 February CRJ Reunion Gathering with 75 attending
- 2 Assisted with Renewal Weekends in other states
- 1 CRJ Overview with Director of Missions
- 2 CRJ Trainings Events
- 3 Zoom meetings of NC Baptist Church Renewal Fellowship
- 1 Christmas CRJ Dinner

Disaster Relief/Recovery

RESPONSE LOCATIONS:

- Randolph County
- Anson County
- Isasias - Bertie, New Hanover, Brunswick, Pender Counties
- Out of State: Louisiana & Florida
- Moyock, NC

GRAND TOTAL STATS:

- Chainsaw jobs - 282
- Volunteers - 492
- Volunteer Days - 1,702
- Laundry Loads - 731
- Assessments - 665
- Salvations - 9

- Chaplaincy Contacts - 91
- Meals Prepared - 101,523
- Jobs Completed - 266

Food Box Distribution

- Produce Boxes - 135,000 **(2,025,000 lbs)**
 - Milk - 33,900 gallons **(305,100 lbs)**
 - Meat (chicken, ham, turkey) - 33,900 boxes **(135,600 lbs)**
 - Cheese - 6,000 boxes **(12,000 lbs)**
- TOTAL = 2,477,700 lbs plus produce boxes from other plus 1,900,000 lbs distributed from other sources**

COMBINATION BOXES:

- BOM Direct Distribution** 32,000 boxes **(1,056,000 lbs)**
- Delivery Companies Indirect Distribution** 140,000 boxes **(4,620,000 lbs)**

GRAND TOTAL = over 9,000,000 lbs food & produce

Thousands of volunteers and over 300 churches touched & changed countless lives as the Gospel was lived out!

Family Foundations

- February Marriage Retreat - 7 couples attending
- May Virtual Retreat - 4 couples attending

International Mission Partnerships

- Armenia - **Canceled by COVID-19**
- Cuba - 9 on 2 teams
- Guatemala - 39 on 5 teams
- Haiti - **Canceled by COVID-19**
- Honduras - 21 on 3 teams
- Kenya - 15 on 2 teams
- Roma People - **Canceled by COVID-19**
- South Africa - 29 on 2 teams

Least of These Projects

- Lighthouse School in Gaza - 15
- Armenia Church Planters - 19
- Kenya Houses of Hope - 8 houses built
- Haiti - School, Medical Clinic
- Door of Hope, South Africa - major repairs to Child Development Center

Medical Missions

MOBILE DENTAL MINISTRY - updated 9/17:

- PATIENTS: 751
- Treatment (filling or extraction): 492
- Cleanings: 247
- VOLUNTEER Dental Professionals: 203
- COVID-19 Clinics held: 35
- Miles traveled: 4,105
- Professions of Faith: 0

HEALTH SCREENING MINISTRY:

- COVID-19 Clinics held: 3
- PATIENTS: 22
- VOLUNTEERS: 72
- Collegiate Healthcare Programs Utilizing Mobile Unit: 3
- Counties visited: 3

Men's Ministry

- 97 participants in Men's Ministry Worship Rallies
- Men's Outdoor Weekend - **Canceled by COVID-19**
- Men's Work & Worship Weekend - **Canceled by COVID-19**
- 26 participants in statewide Men's Ministry Leadership Training

National Mission Partnerships

- Alaska - **Canceled by COVID-19**
- Appalachian Coalfields - 998 on 47 teams
- Hawaii - 26 on 3 teams
- New England - 27 on 4 teams
- Pennsylvania - 16 on 3 teams
- Rocky Mountain - 76 on 11 teams
- TOTAL - 1,143 on 68 teams

NC State Mission Projects

- Baptist Builders - provided assistance in Hurricane Florence Rebuild: Homes rebuilt - 1,000 total. Volunteer Days - 20,000 total
- Construction Skills Training - 126 participants in 6 trainings
- Handyman Assistance Requests - 210
- Impact NC - 1 project assisted
- Operation Inasmuch Blitz Days - **Canceled by COVID-19**; 47 participants in 5 training sessions
- Red Springs & Shelby Mission Camps: over 5,000 volunteer days

Sports & Recreation

- Baptists on Mission Golf Tournament - **Canceled by COVID-19**

Student Mobilization Ministry

- 249 participants in Deep Impact Mission Camps

College Missions

- Students & Scholars attended the International Student & Scholar Conference - **Canceled by COVID-19**
- 47 Students attending Student Summer Ministries Interview Weekend
- COVID-19 Related - 45 Students partaking in Student Summer Ministries (BeDoTell, Camp Caraway, Camp Mundo Vista, Deep Impact, DI Kids, & Fort Caswell)
- COVID-19 Related - 100 College Students assisting with Disaster Relief
- 78 participating in Here & Now Conference at Lumberton Rebuild Center

GENERAL EVENTS

Baptist Missions Conference

- Canceled by COVID-19**

World Missions Week

- 151 attended World Missions Week at Caswell

Regional Rallies

- 1,344 participants in February
- Canceled by COVID-19** in August
- 1,851 participants in August

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2021.events

JANUARY 2021

- 15-16 Student Summer Ministry Interviews
- 22-23 Baptists on Mission Board Meeting, Caraway
- 23 Baptists on Mission Annual Business Meeting, Caraway
- 24 Baptist Men's Day in the Churches

FEBRUARY 2021

- 22 Region 2 - Mission Rally - FBC New Bern - **POSTPONED** to Aug 23
Region 8 - Mission Rally - South River BC, Statesville - **POSTPONED** to Aug 23
Region 10 - Mission Rally - FBC Franklin - **POSTPONED** to Aug 23
- 23 Region 1 - Mission Rally - Colerain BC, Colerain - **POSTPONED** to Aug 24
Region 4 - Mission Rally - Central BC, Wendell - **POSTPONED** to Aug 24
Region 6 - Mission Rally - Prospect BC, Albemarle - **POSTPONED** to Aug 24
Region 9 - Mission Rally - Brevard, First - **POSTPONED** to Aug 24
- 25 Livestream Regional Rally
Region 3 - Mission Rally - West Lumberton BC, Lumberton - **POSTPONED** to Aug 26
Region 5 - Mission Rally - Southside BC, Greensboro - **POSTPONED** to Aug 26
Region 7 - Mission Rally - Highland Park BC, Mount Airy - **POSTPONED** to Aug 26
- 25 & 27 Region 1 - Disaster Relief Training, Manteo BC, Manteo

MARCH 2021

- 11 & 13 Region 5 - Disaster Relief Training, Southside, Greensboro
- 13 Construction Skills Training, Rose Hill
- 25 & 27 Region 3 - Disaster Relief Training, Charity Rebuild Center, Rose Hill
- 27 Construction Skills Training, Red Springs

APRIL 2021

- 9-10 Baptist Missions Conference, Hickory Grove BC, Charlotte - **CANCELLED**
- 9-11 International Student & Scholar Conference, Caswell
- 10 Student Missions Conference, Hickory Grove BC, Charlotte - **CANCELLED**
- 17 RA Car Race Day, FBC Salisbury - **CANCELLED**
- 22 & 24 Region 7 - Disaster Relief Training, FBC Hudson
- 24 Construction Skills Training, Shelby
- 24 Operation Inasmuch
- 30-May 1 Men's Outdoor Weekend, Caraway - **CANCELLED**

MAY 2021

- 1 Operation Inasmuch
Baptists on Mission Spring Golf Tournament - **POSTPONED** to Sept 18
- 13 & 15 Region 9 - Disaster Training, FBC Hendersonville
- 14-16 Deep Impact **KIDS** Weekend, Red Springs

JUNE 2021

- 13-16 Deep Impact **KIDS** Mini-Week, Shelby
- 13-16 Deep Impact Mini-Week, Duplin County
- 17-20 Deep Impact Mini-Week, Shelby
- 18-20 Deep Impact **KIDS** Weekend, Blowing Rock
- 18-26 Deep Impact, Honduras - **CANCELLED**

JUNE 2021 continued

- 21-26 Deep Impact, Fruitland
- 27-30 Deep Impact **KIDS**, Red Springs
- 27-July 3 Deep Impact, Atlanta
- 28-July 3 Deep Impact, Duplin County

JULY 2021

- 1-4 Deep Impact **KIDS**, Red Springs
- 4-10 Deep Impact, Caswell
- 5-8 Deep Impact **KIDS**, Duplin County
- 5-10 World Missions Week, Caswell
- 10-17 Deep Impact, Cuba - **CANCELLED**
- 11-14 Deep Impact **KIDS** Mini-Week, Duplin County
- 12-17 Deep Impact, Shelby
- 19-24 Deep Impact, Outer Banks
- 23-Aug 2 Deep Impact, South Africa - **CANCELLED**
- 24-31 Deep Impact, Puerto Rico
- 26-31 Deep Impact, Red Springs

AUGUST 2021

- 1-4 Deep Impact Mini-Week, Red Springs
- 1-4 Deep Impact **KIDS** Mini-Week, Mundo Vista
- 23 Regions 2, 8, 10 - Mission Rallies
- 24 Regions 1, 4, 6, 9 - Mission Rallies
- 26 Regions 3, 5, 7 - Mission Rallies
- 20-21 Baptists on Mission Board of Director's Meeting, Caraway
- 21 Baptists on Mission Advisory Council & Board, Caraway

SEPTEMBER 2021

- 1-30** ***NC Missions Offering Month***
- 11 Construction Skills Training, Red Springs
- 11 Igniting Men's Hearts Conference
- 18 Baptists on Mission Fall Golf Tournament, Graham
- 24-26 Deep Impact **KIDS** Weekend, Shelby

OCTOBER 2021

- 1-3 RA Camporee, Carthage, NC
- 2 Construction Skills Training, Rose Hill
- 22-24 Deep Impact Weekend, Duplin County
- 23 Construction Skills Training, Shelby

NOVEMBER 2021

- 5-7 Deep Impact **KIDS** Weekend, Duplin County
- 9 Region 1 - Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 11 Region 3 - Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 18 Region 5 - Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 22 Region 7 - Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 30 Region 9 - Men's Ministry Worship Rally

2021

MISSIONS RALLIES

for MEN, WOMEN & YOUTH

JOIN US FOR
A LIVESTREAM
EVENT ON
FEBRUARY 25
7:00 PM

Baptists On Mission has made the difficult decision due to the continued concern with COVID-19 **to reschedule our February Rallies for August 2021. HOWEVER, WE WILL HOLD A LIVESTREAM EVENT ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021, AT 7:00 PM.**

We will feature videos and testimonies about the work of Baptists On Mission. **Check the Baptists on Mission website and Facebook page** for additional information.

DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
THE 2021 NORTH CAROLINA
BAPTIST MISSIONS CONFERENCE
HAS BEEN CANCELLED

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the Date:*

2022 North Carolina
Baptist Missions Conference

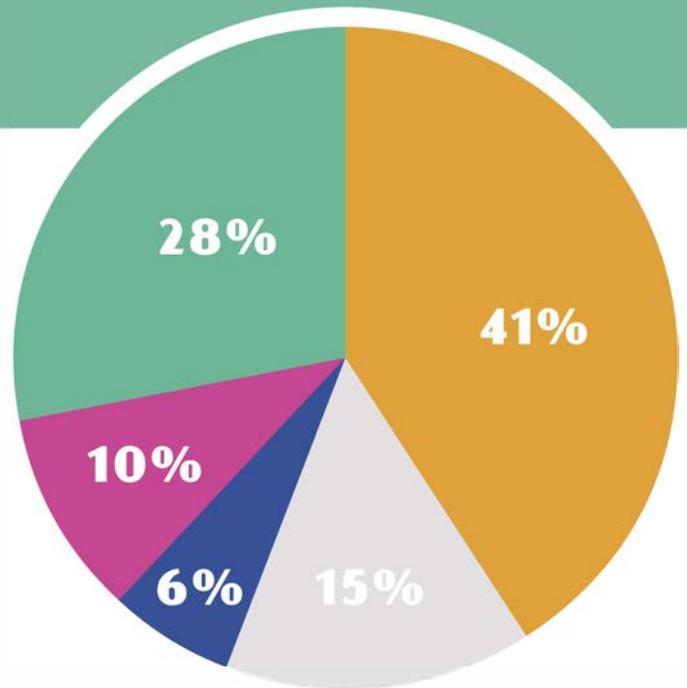
March 25-26, 2022
Calvary Baptist Church,
Winston-Salem, NC

FOR CHRIST'S LOVE COMPELS US, SINCE WE HAVE REACHED THIS CONCLUSION: IF ONE DIED FOR ALL, THEN ALL DIED.

2 Corinthians 5:14 HCSB

NCMO SUPPORTS:

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| ■ Baptists on Mission | \$856,720 |
| ■ Church Planting | \$596,000 |
| ■ Mission Camps | \$313,000 |
| ■ Associational Projects | \$210,000 |
| ■ Mobilization Ministry Projects | \$124,000 |



THE NORTH CAROLINA MISSIONS OFFERING:

- Shares the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Relieves suffering.
- Treats the sick.
- Helps plant new churches.
- Mobilizes volunteers for missions.
- Responds to various disasters.



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Agriculture Missions

a call to mission

Have you ever felt called to missions but didn't know exactly what that meant or how to respond? Growing up in a home with strong Baptist roots, I learned about Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, Luther Rice (no relation), and a host of other "missionaries and supporters." I felt called to missions at a young age and envisioned going off to a foreign land to "do missions," but God had different plans for my calling. After spending too many years trying to figure out my personal call to missions, I realized God was indeed in control and placed me in a career and position where he could use my gifts, talents, and training for His service. Rather than being the hands and feet of Christ in a foreign land, my calling was to serve as a resource and behind the scenes supporter of national and international missionaries.

Are you making plans for what to do after COVID-19? The Ag Missions Team plans to send a small team to Togo, Africa and could use your support. Baptists on Mission is partnering with a local ministry in Togo to establish a farm to serve as a demonstration and learning center. After a lengthy legal process, backed by much prayer, we have acquired title to a piece of property for the farm. Two of the farm's primary goals are to demonstrate and teach locally available agricultural techniques and technologies and provide facilities that will foster learning for all ages. To meet these goals, the possibilities for service are endless; animal agriculture, crop production, irrigation, fish farming, construction, child ministry, education, financial, etc.

Since the local ministry already has a health clinic and school, we hope to include medical and child service experts on the Togo teams. If you are interested in being a part of a Togo team or want more information, please contact Mark Rice or another member of the Ag Mission Team.

No matter your calling, the Ag Missions Teams appreciates your support. Are you willing to go? Can you offer behind the scenes support (financial, technical, etc.)? Most importantly, are you willing to pray?

— Mark Rice



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Serving through the Pandemic

The Baptists on Mission Aviation Ministry has supported Angel Flights for many years. I sit here this morning thinking about the impact this has had on so many people. COVID-19 protocol has affected many of our ministries, and Aviation is not an exception. One of our Angel flight groups that coordinate the flights closed down for a few months in the beginning. The patients affected had to seek other means for their treatments and travel arrangements. Another Angel flight group significantly reduced their flights and enforced safety measures with pre-qualifications and wearing masks during flights. They also were able to work with testing labs and have been flying test kits from remote locations to testing facilities located in larger cities. This saved three to four days, getting the test results back to patients in these areas. As usual, we pray with patients before flights but prayed over these boxes as we picked them up. This pandemic has also increased the need for General Aviation to transport patients due to the possible exposure to other people on a commercial flight. I have flown over 150 Angel Flights during the last several years, and each has its own unique story. It is such a privilege to help others in need as God has given me the talent and abilities to serve Him in this capacity. Angel Flights gives the pilots the time to witness to those who need Christ and the time to encourage Christians as they are going through their trials. Pilots and Co-Pilots of these missions receive the blessings that we are helping others through him. I know God has a plan to get us through this pandemic, and pray that His will be done.



The pictures on this page show just a few of those who receive help from Angel Flights. I wish there was room to explain their stories and how many praise God because He is working in their lives.

— Dale Fuller



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A Call for In-State Volunteers

As we continue to live with the COVID-19 virus, we need to remember some people are still out of their homes following Hurricane Florence. They are still in great need of our help. As **YOU** think of this need, think of how you could help get these families back in their homes.

Maybe you like to work with your hands and build. Perhaps you are willing to join a team and help in whatever way you are needed to support that team. There is also a great need for construction tradespeople such as plumbers, electricians, HVAC technicians, painters, carpenters, framers, roofers, vinyl siding installers, sheetrock hangers & finishers, and brick masons. Most of all, come with a servant's heart and a willing spirit. **We need you!**

There are currently opportunities in the following places: New Bern, Charity, Lumberton, and Pender County. Because of the devastating earthquake earlier this year, we are also assisting in Sparta.



What better way to celebrate the blessings that God has given you than giving yourself and showing the love of Jesus Christ by being His hands and feet to those in such great need.

— Greg Riggs

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Volunteers Needed for Florence Rebuild

We are still in need of volunteers for the next couple of years at least to continue working with homeowners in Eastern North Carolina living in a flood plain to relocate them to higher ground. The city, county, and state assist us with this project by qualifying the homeowner and using land that the city and county already own. This is a long-range solution to rebuilding the same home after each flooding event and putting a family in a new and more energy-efficient home. The homes are 2, 3, and 4 bedrooms. We have homes already started in Charity and Lumberton Rebuild Centers.

Florence Rebuild centers are serving God in many ways:

Lumberton Rebuild Center has homes to tear out, with many homes to be rebuilt. The relocation program underway has a waiting list of families ready to move out of the flood plain.

The **Charity Rebuild Center** has homes on the waiting list to be rebuilt. The relocation program is off to a great start with four foundations started and more to come.

Pender County Rebuild Center is rebuilding homes with a waiting list. The Pender site has an elevation program that elevates the house above the flood pain for future storms. Once the home is elevated, then the rebuild can begin.

The **New Bern Rebuild Center** has homes to rebuild and several to tear out due to the flooding. The relocation program has started. The mobile home replacement program is going well and is overly exciting for the homeowners.

Thank you for responding to these opportunities to serve God!

— *Bill Martin,*
Florence State Rebuild Coordinator



For more information, go to baptistsonmission.org/Florence

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EXTENDED RESPONSE:

Rebuild Centers



The destruction and devastation brought by Hurricane Florence necessitated a long-term approach to relief, recovery and rebuild efforts. In order to meet the many needs of those impacted by the storm, Baptists on Mission established four rebuild centers across eastern North Carolina.

The ambitious goal of rebuilding at least 2,000 homes requires the work of thousands of volunteers, whose work is coordinated through one of the centers. Volunteers not only seek to restore homes and meet physical needs, but also to share the love of Jesus by meeting spiritual needs.

Each rebuild center can house and feed teams of volunteers, and many volunteers are still needed. Come for a day or stay for a week. You can make an impact in these communities.

Amid the ongoing impact of COVID-19, several health and safety protocols are in place and adjusted as needed to protect volunteers and homeowners.

Baptists on Mission are an integral partner in our many ongoing recovery missions. Since 2016, four hurricanes, a tropical storm, an earthquake and a pandemic have affected North Carolinians across the state. Responding and recovering from these disasters is made possible due to the amazing contributions of Baptists on Mission. Their immense contributions following Hurricane Florence alone include serving more than one million meals to survivors, completing work on nearly 6,000 homes, offering counseling and so much more. However, numbers only tell part of the story; the real work is in their ability to restore hope to those who have lost everything in the wake of a disaster. We are and will always be grateful for their strong and caring partnership!

— MICHAEL A. SPRAYBERRY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/
DEPUTY HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISOR
NC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/
NC OFFICE OF RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY

CRYSTAL MILLER

Rebuilding a Legacy

A photograph of Crystal Miller and her daughter. Crystal is on the left, wearing a green patterned jacket and a necklace, smiling warmly. Her daughter is on the right, wearing a denim jacket and a striped shirt, also smiling. They are standing in a wooden structure, possibly a house under construction or a barn, with wooden beams visible in the background.

“My parents opened this home to a lot of people, and we’re going to be able to continue that tradition.”

— CRYSTAL MILLER

In the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, some people told Crystal to tear down her home and move on, but she just couldn’t.

Her home – ravaged by flooding and standing water – was the one she grew up in, and was originally built by her grandparents. There were too many memories. Too much emotion.

That’s when disaster relief volunteers from the Baptists on Mission New Bern rebuild center showed up. As they undertook the rebuilding effort, volunteers found a news clipping about National Nurses Day. The discovery sparked a renewed dream in Crystal.

“They took such a load off my shoulders that allowed me to

finish my second nursing degree,” said Crystal, a single mom of two. “Baptists on Mission took the burden of rebuilding off my shoulders and allowed me to focus on my daughter and my degree.”

With a new degree and a new home, she plans to continue living out the legacy first established by her grandparents and carried on by her parents.

“I couldn’t give up,” Crystal said. “People told me to move on, but I knew there was value here, and this is my past, my history. The volunteers aren’t just slapping things together, they’re building a firm foundation that will last for generations.

“My parents opened this home to a lot of people, and we’re going to be able to continue that tradition.”

SYLVIA LOCKIE

God's got it!



"People used to help one another... Now folks only do it for money. But these people showed up and never asked for anything."

— SYLVIA LOCKIE

Sylvia Lockie was at home when Hurricane Florence hit and ultimately found herself stuck there in the storm's aftermath.

She'd never even had standing water in her yard before, but now she had to wait until flood waters subsided until she could go out for help.

Wind damage tore off sections of her roof that led to extensive rain damage inside.

"I never thought I'd be in this situation," Sylvia says. "Thank God we made it through."

And in a time when scammers often prey on storm victims, Sylvia found comfort from Baptists on Mission disaster relief volunteers working out of the Lumberton rebuild center.

"People used to help one another," Sylvia says. "Now folks

only do it for money. But these people showed up and never asked for anything."

Disaster relief volunteers from the Lumberton rebuild center replaced the roof, put down new flooring and helped install a new HVAC system. But more than that, they also demonstrated compassion and care.

"The volunteers were amazing," Sylvia says. "I love to tell people about them. I'm glad they fixed my house up, but it was so much more than that."

Now, two years after Hurricane Florence, Sylvia is back in her newly restored home.

"I prayed and when it was the right time, God sent the best people to help me," Sylvia said. "When you think all is lost, God's got it!"

SHEILA HAYES

Faith through the Storm



“Just seeing each of the volunteers gave us hope.”

— SHEILA HAYES

As Sheila Hayes stood looking up at the sky from inside her home in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, she wondered, “What are we going to do?”

Not only had the large tree that fell on the back of her house torn away entire sections of the roof, but Hayes was also dealing with a different kind of devastation.

She'd recently learned that her adoptive son, Kamali, was experiencing kidney failure and needed dialysis.

“But the whole time I still had faith,” Sheila says. “I knew there had to be a reason.

Enter Baptists on Mission disaster relief volunteers from the Pender County rebuild center.

“I could only take one thing at a time,” Sheila says. “Just seeing each of the volunteers gave us hope.”

While volunteers worked on rebuilding Sheila's home, they also prayed daily for Sheila and Kamali. One day, Sheila's foster son, Marshall, asked if he could donate a kidney to Kamali. However, Kamali is one of just 7% percent of the population with an O-negative blood type, meaning his donor would also have to have O-negative type blood.

Marshall was a perfect match.

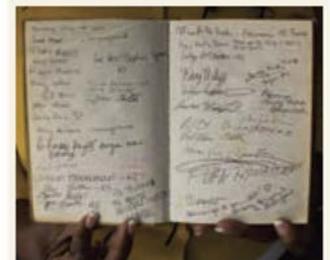
“The volunteers were awesome,” Sheila says. “Not only did they rebuild our home; they were part of our lives.”

Not having to worry about rebuilding her home also enabled Sheila to care for her aging father who was suffering from dementia. He passed away on Valentine's Day. Two months later, Sheila moved back into her newly rebuilt home along with Kamali, Marshall and Le'Mya, Sheila's granddaughter who also lives with her.

When Sheila moved back in, volunteers presented her with a Bible. Sheila had all of the volunteers who worked on her home sign it as a reminder of God's faithfulness.

After being blessed by the work of the volunteers, Sheila and her family want to give back. They plan to volunteer with Baptists on Mission and can't wait to serve with the folks in the yellow shirts.

“Thank you would never be enough,” Sheila says.



Baptist Educators

These are certainly unprecedented times. COVID-19 has changed the way we interact with each other. It has caused many to lose work, others to become ill, and some to lose their lives prematurely.

Beyond the impact of COVID-19, there is a disturbing increase in social unrest, threatening speech, damaging behavior, and life loss. It is pretty safe to say that these harmful behaviors concern all of us. I hope this common concern can help us come to some common solutions.

The harmful shift in social misbehavior centers on race and ripples across other social and political landscape aspects. Individuals and organizations are working to improve the current unhealthy situation. The interventions put in place vary because people have different agendas or goals. My goal is to make school a better place for our students. Schools should be safe places where students can come together and have equal access to learning and participation in extra-curricular activities. Our students deserve schools that are free of bias and unnecessary disruptions.

We can begin by recognizing discrimination and acting in a kind, civil, and supportive manner that helps others understand the personal impact of racial and other forms of discrimination. Change almost always begins with a change of heart. Lasting comprehensive change usually involves people working together. We will be better together, and we will all need to do our part."

— These are excerpts from an article written by Dr. Bill Nolte, Superintendent of Schools, Haywood County, North Carolina, 9/24/2020.

My belief has always been that we must follow the teachings of Jesus found in Matthew 5:14-16. As Christian educators, we must live so that our lives reflect the life of Jesus; consequently, others see Jesus through us. We must think out of the box and find ways to support our schools and encourage our students, administrators, teachers, and staff during these unprecedented times. We must also strive to help meet the students' needs in a kind, civil and supportive manner.

Baptist Educators exists as a ministry of Baptists on Mission to encourage and support the collection of Bibles and study materials to be used globally, encourage educators to use their teaching skills globally, and build relationships with our schools by encouraging and supporting educators and students.



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One Saturday Night?



Not too many years after being saved, I found myself right in the middle of where God wanted me. I was asked to be the General Chairperson, the one who helps prepare their church for the arrival of the Holy Spirit and a team of lay people for an entire weekend. This was my introduction to Church Renewal Journey. I had no idea what I was getting into. I would find myself sitting across from Bob and Phyllis Foy, listening to all that was involved and all I would need to do, and the weekend was fourteen weeks away. They assured me I could handle it and that I would have all the tools I needed, and they would be with me every step of the way. Sound familiar? I felt a little unsure about what I had just done, yet super excited to be a part of something larger than me.

The weekend came. We had just finished our 24-hour prayer vigil at 3:00 pm that Friday, two hours before the visiting team was to show up. I had checked all my lists, and we were ready. The team came, and Friday night was amazing; the congregation was singing and worshipping as I had never seen. The visiting team was enjoying themselves. Everything was happening the way it should, even into the next day through Saturday morning, afternoon, and night.

The weekend had arrived, the Holy Spirit was present. The lay team showed up. However, during the process of making sure the weekend was a success, I had not prepared myself for how God might work in me, changing me during all of this. Bob Foy asked men to bring their families to the altar and pray for their wives and kids. Then, the Lord moved my heart as never before! That would be the first time I had prayed out loud over each of my family. My life and my family's lives have never been the same since God was more real to me on that one Saturday night.

Church Renewal, as in your walk with Christ, is a Journey. We are a group of lay people striving to be the best image of Christ we can be. We are all called, gifted, and sent, helping churches reunite with their first love, Jesus.

This year has proven to be difficult for many. Churches have navigated how to continue to worship together - choosing between virtual or in-person - inside events or outside. We have seen many changes, but one thing remains the same - God is still God, and He is in control of all things. None of this has taken Him by surprise. If you will let Him, He has a plan for you, and it's a good plan - to give you hope and a future. You may find it on a Church Renewal Weekend, or it may take just one Saturday night.

To learn more about the Church Renewal Journey Ministry and how it might help your church and families, please do not hesitate to call, text, or email me. We need each other!

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Remember The Children

Ministering to At-Risk Families is one of the 12 priorities of Baptists on Mission's Compassion Ministries. Since there are many issues under this broad umbrella, this is a reminder to continue remembering the children. As you read this, the holidays are over. Have you thought about the children in your community who may be at risk since you finished packing the backpack or collecting toys several months ago?

If we are willing to ask the right questions, it is easy to identify these children in our communities. The director of a local early learning center was asked if there was a need among the children attending the center. She responded immediately that a single mother had no warm clothes for her infant. Often families cannot afford to provide diapers for their children, which is a requirement for those enrolled in daycare. How can a family living below the poverty level afford diapers and laundry detergent, which are not covered by many assistance programs? Unless daycare staff provide these items or receive donations from community partners, the children cannot attend. Without dependable childcare, parents can't work.

Fostering was not something I chose for my family; God chose it for us. God began laying the groundwork for our family to love and be loved by 10 different children through our fostering experience. He taught me how to cry with them, laugh with them, and to hurt for them with a hurt I had never experienced. Then God brought into our lives a brown-eyed 13-month-old little girl that changed our lives forever. Never underestimate the power of God to open your heart to fostering and/or adopting. Taking care of God's children is a great privilege!" – Dollie Noa

"My story of adoption and growing up is different than the normal adopted child. The support of extended family and immediate family has helped me adapt to life in each place that I have found myself. Acceptance and support are the biggest things that get me through the hard times. Having a support group, whether family or friends, is important for those considering international adoption. The connection doesn't always happen right away. It takes time to make that connection, but you are making a large impact on the child's life that you are adopting. Don't give up on them!" – International College Student who arrived in her new home at the age of 11 months

While local community ministries may assist with food and clothing, there is often not enough to cover rising cost of housing, transportation, and utilities for a person working a minimum wage job with limited hours and no benefits. This does not include the thousands who have lost their jobs because of COVID-19.

If your family was involved in adopting a child years ago, the process quite often involved someone connected with the church. For example, it was the pastor of one small rural church who was instrumental in finding a home for an infant with a family in one of his congregations. Times have changed as the church's role has decreased while social services, guardians ad litem, courts, and other state organizations have assumed responsibility for dealing with at-risk children.

One couple shared their journey recently to adopt an infant involved dealing with up to 10 different offices during the process. As you reflect on the experiences of those directly involved with foster care and adoption, may they inspire you to **remember the children** in your community and beyond.

"Years ago, I decided I'd make space in my home for children and teens in need. I didn't know what this meant at the time, just that I was obedient to Jesus' command to care for the orphan. Seventeen heard the Gospel, and three are my own; I couldn't have imagined the journey God had ahead! Walking with them in their pain is hard, but watching them heal and blossom is a blessing!" – Jeni Martin Johnson

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Check out [www.BaptistsonMission.org/Compassion Ministries](http://www.BaptistsonMission.org/CompassionMinistries) for information about ways you can involve your church in compassion ministries. Learn how you can minister to children through Baptist Children's Homes at www.bchfamily.org.



COVID-19 - HURRICANES - WILDFIRES

What a year this has been - COVID-19, a record hurricane season, and others have lost hope. COVID-19 has and still is, a terrible virus. Many people have gotten sick, and many have died. However, this year did not take the Lord by surprise. Psalm 118:24 says, "this is the day that the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it." Sometimes that is a tough thing to do, but God is still in control

Baptists on Mission has responded to disasters this year in North Carolina, Florida, and Louisiana. For one Recovery Team that responded to Louisiana, it was a great trip. They were helping a family with tree damage from Hurricane Laura. In one day, on the same street, about two hours apart, six people accepted Jesus as their Savior. For these people, they received the greatest gift they will ever receive. They saw this team being the hands and feet of Jesus and showing people that Jesus loves them, and this is 2020. The next day three more people received Jesus as their Savior. Praise the Lord!!! All this happened in 2020. On the team's way home, they called to tell me what had happened. They were so excited that they couldn't wait to tell someone. One team member said to me that one person receiving Christ was a blessing for them, but six was awesome, especially six in one day.

I want to invite you to get involved with Baptists on Mission. We will have training through Spring, so come get involved with what God is doing. **See Disaster Relief 2021 Training Opportunities box on page 22.** You will receive more blessings than you give. Jesus says in Matthew 28:18-20, "all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age." Amen

Please visit our website at www.baptistsonmission.org for more information.

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Blessings of Dirt

Have you ever felt so dirty that you would give anything for a clean shower or just one change of clean clothing, knowing that either would refresh you? At some point in life, we have felt the feeling of uncleanliness. But **HAVE YOU EVER FELT PRIVILEGED** to be consumed by such “dirt?” I **DO** each time of deployment with Baptists on Mission Shower/Laundry Ministry.

That is the description I claim as my Blessings of Dirt.

First, God showed me my state of spiritual filthiness. He gave his only Son that shed His perfect blood for the remission of sin and conquered death & the grave. He paid my death penalty, gifting everlasting life and cleansing. I want only to serve my LORD and Savior. ME?” I asked myself & God, “What can this country bumpkin do for one so great? Through the obedience of his calling, I am blessed to wash clothing, as God works through me to fulfill His glory.

God has delivered me to and from deployments safely. My health has received unfailing strength for his service. Sharing meals and fellowship with a newfound family in Christ must be counted as one of my fondest blessings. After the deployment to Longville, Louisiana, in September 2020, the memories of being greeted, housed, and fed by First Baptist Church of Longville are all blessings. The Baptists on Mission Shower/Laundry Team was met by now forever friends, co-servants, and Christ-followers. Having their worship center much damaged, we arrived and were met with smiles from loving hearts, eager hands, and wills to work in one accord for Jesus. The blessings grew stronger each day as we served and worshipped our Lord together. Each day was ending in praise for what our Lord had allowed us to be a small part of.

In October, God sent us to Moyock, NC, where the Eagle Creek community had a different situation; though not created by a natural disaster, the need was great. We return home with friends/family in Christ and blessings abounding from housing and meals fit for a king to co-servants.

As I think of every deployment’s blessings, I can only pray, “Lord Jesus, while I help with the physical need, Father, may you use me spiritually to plant a seed that God may harvest a cleansed soul. May you speak through me.” In every deployment, God’s blessings outweigh all challenges.



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Disaster Relief 2021 Training Opportunities

Because of COVID, we are trying to limit the number of in-person trainings at each of our five (5) spring training locations below. These are for anyone who wants to be certified for the first time or for those who wants to recertify.

Region 1 - Manteo Baptist Church, Manteo, NC - Thursday, February 25 and Saturday, February 27

Region 5 - Southside Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC - Thursday, March 11 and Saturday, March 13

Region 3 - Charity Rebuild Center, Rose Hill, NC - Thursday, March 25 and Saturday, March 27

Region 7 - FBC Hudson, Hudson, NC - Thursday, April 22 and Saturday, April 24

Region 9 - FBC Hendersonville, NC - Thursday, May 13 and Saturday, May 15

It is essential that you check our website for details and to register:

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



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Family

MOST SACRED ENTITY OF GOD'S DESIGN

The purpose of Family Foundations is to assist and encourage churches, pastors, and church leaders to develop strong Christian families and help families grow in their relationship with Christ through hands-on missions and by providing needed resources for all aspects of the family.

Our ministry's focus has been to enrich marriages through retreats, day conferences, and missions opportunities in the last several years. Before the COVID-19 pandemic happened, we were fortunate to host one marriage retreat in person in 2020. Marriage retreats are an excellent opportunity for couples to reconnect with each other and focus on each other. We focused on couples in the Bible and the lessons we can learn from them during this retreat while incorporating games, fun, and times for couples to be together.

Then, as with everything in 2020, our ministry took a different turn with the pandemic's onset, and we have had to begin to think outside of the box. Later in the year, we partnered with Stone's Throw Ministry for a virtual retreat. During this retreat, we challenged couples to use this different time to embrace opportunities to be together as a couple and to look for areas to minister together, continuing to do missions differently.

Although the methods have changed in the past year, the message is still the same. God has not changed, and He is still in control. Family is still the most sacred entity of His design, and it is also where the enemy can attack the greatest. As we continue to look for ways to minister to families, we would like to challenge couples and families not to forget our greatest weapon against the enemy's attacks. This weapon is prayer. Prayer is the most incredible privilege we have as Christians. We can talk with our Heavenly Father at any time about anything. In Ephesians 6, prayer is the final element of the armor of God. And Philippians 4:6 urges us to "Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God." We encourage you to pray daily for your spouse, for your marriage, your children, and your family as you seek to serve and glorify God.

We look forward to serving couples and families and for more opportunities in the year to come.



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the land of Noah ARMENIA

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Traveling along the roads of southern Armenia, Mount Ararat rises in the distance. After the complete devastation of the Flood, Noah and his family left the ark to build a new life in the same territory where Armenian Baptist are now planting churches. Surrounded by Muslim countries, Armenia sits at the intersection of Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. Working alongside Armenian pastors, we can push back the darkness as we pray, give, and go.

The people of the Nagorno-Karabakh Region, referred to as Artsakh in Armenia, live under the constant threat of war. Since ethnic Armenians declared their independence from Azerbaijan in 1991, there have been frequent skirmishes between the two countries. On September 27, the conflict erupted again, causing thousands of residents to flee the region to find temporary housing in Armenia. God is using the conflict to bring revival to the country, open doors for sharing the gospel, and pave the way for church planting all across the Nagorno-Karabakh Region.

Once the conflict ends, the door will be wide open to make a profound impact in Armenia. A Campbell University medical student shared after a recent medical trip that she had found her purpose in life... serving others. One pastor from NC, looking back on the time he spent with a pastor in Nagorno-Karabakh said that he had never felt such powerful prayer as he experienced in the small church in Martakert. We have been there for pastors and other church leaders since helping build a seminary in 2001 and we will be there by their side as they reach new communities and train new leaders.

Pray:

That hearts will be open to the gospel, church planters will answer God's call, and peace will come for the people of Nagorno-Karabakh. Commit to pray each day for a movement of God.

Give:

Offer financial support for refugees from the war in Nagorno-Karabakh, sponsor a church planter for as little as \$100 per month, help with construction costs for a new seminary in Stepanakert, or help purchase building materials for Maranatha Baptist Church in Yerevan.

Go:

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

Register your Team:

www.baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/Outside-US/Armenia

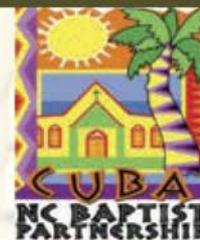
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Cuba



In the last issue of Baptists on Mission, we mentioned the possibility of securing a shipping container, filling it with non-perishable food items and having the container shipped to Santiago, Cuba. Unfortunately, we were not able to secure the legal documents for the container to arrive in the Santiago, Cuba port. We are very thankful for those that contributed to the cost of the food items and thankful that those that contributed allowed these funds to be used for food items that we secured through different means within Cuba.

The food crisis in Cuba is very real and the food shortages spread all through the country. However, our partners in Cuba have contracted with local farmers to provide perishable and non-perishable food to the residents of the retirement home in Santiago as well as to churches throughout Eastern Cuba to distribute to people in their congregations and communities.

Many of you are aware that a few years ago we were able to take water purification units into Cuba and set up these units in churches. With the water purification units, many churches were able to reach out to their communities with clean water. Now that we have been able to get money into our Cuban partner's hands, these churches will also be able to add food items to give out to those who come to receive clean water.

In other Cuba news, we are planning to resume trips to Cuba in the spring of 2021. Many of the weeks available are already on the website for you to choose. As of now, we are only able to travel to Santa Clara, via Havana. The limited flights in and out of Cuba limits where we can travel once in country. There is word that flights may open up to more places in Cuba in mid-2021. We will keep watch on any developments. Please consider planning a construction trip to Santa Clara to help us finish constructing a few buildings at the seminary. Students will begin studying soon if we can finish some of the construction. Your help is greatly needed.

If you would like to contribute to our food distribution or being able to secure and put more water purification units into Cuba, please feel free to do so.

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Teams to Resume Service in Guatemala

As with all international destinations, COVID-19 put a halt to Guatemala's volunteer involvement in March of 2020. However, God continued to work with the Quiche people and through the Good Shepherd Ministries. We are looking forward to the resumption of team participation in 2021. At this point, we are scheduling teams beginning in April 2021. Of course, we will monitor COVID-19 progress and make decisions as needed. Here are some of the needs for 2021:

Construction Teams for Mae Home Children's Cottage—Multiple teams are needed throughout 2021 to assist in the completion of a second cottage for older children, located on the site of the beautiful Good Shepherd Center, where teams will be housed and prepare meals. Teams will have supervision and work with Guatemalans on-site. A variety of construction skills are needed. This project includes a \$3,000 ministry cost per team. Note: We will need some teams to make adobe blocks! Never made adobe blocks? No problem! Any team can do it! Making these blocks is vital to the success of the rest of the year's construction. We also need some skilled carpentry teams in April/May.

Leadership Conference Teams—Two youth leadership and two pastor's conference teams are needed in 2021. These are small teams of 3-6 total, depending on the conference. Each of these events will require a dynamic speaker, worship leader, and 2-3 to help with meal preparation for the participants and team. The program for these events will be planned by missionaries Roger and Vicki Grossmann, who will work with the speaker in preparation. At least one Spanish speaker on the team would be helpful, but not necessarily essential. The teams will be asked to contribute \$2,000-\$2,500 toward the conferences' operation, depending on the number of participants.

Children's Home Staff-Relief Teams—Two teams of 10-12 are needed - one spring and one early fall - to run the Good Shepherd Children's Home for four days and nights while the regular Children's Home staff are attending training at the Good Shepherd Center. This includes caring for 20-25 children (infant to early teens), cooking, cleaning, washing clothes, etc. The team will stay at the Good Shepherd Children's Home for most of the week. Need those with patient, loving hearts who will be pro-active in caring for the children. It would be excellent for these teams to have at least one Spanish speaker. This project includes a \$2,000 ministry cost per team.

Children's Home Assistants—Couples are needed to serve as assistants at the Good Shepherd Children's Home for one to three months. Couples will assist the Children's Home directors in whatever tasks are needed, which may include cleaning, maintenance, painting, cooking, washing clothes, landscaping, etc. Need those who are self-starters, who can live and work in a non-English speaking environment. Couples will live in a small efficiency apartment on the property and will purchase their own food and prepare most meals in the apartment. Missionaries will orient the couple on how to utilize local transportation.



Teams are needed in 2021 to complete the construction of the Mae House, where at-risk children will live in a group home.



There is always plenty of work for every volunteer to do while serving in construction with Good Shepherd Ministries.



Teams stay in the beautiful Good Shepherd Center, which is just down the hill from the Mae Cottage work site.

Baptists on Mission (BOM) is blessed to be a part of the Good Shepherd Ministries in Guatemala, in partnership with the International Indigenous Community Development and the Baptist Children's Home of NC. Teams are well taken care of while in Guatemala, most staying at the Good Shepherd Center. BOM arranges airfare, background checks and insurance for all teams. Lodging, in-country transportation, and ministry-related needs will be arranged by field personnel. The project is approximately 8,200 feet in elevation, so there are cool working conditions for most of the year. Please 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, mabernathy@ncbaptist.org (919) 459-5607, or visit our website for project descriptions, pictures, video and other details: www.baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/Outside-US/Guatemala

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Mighty Grateful in kenya

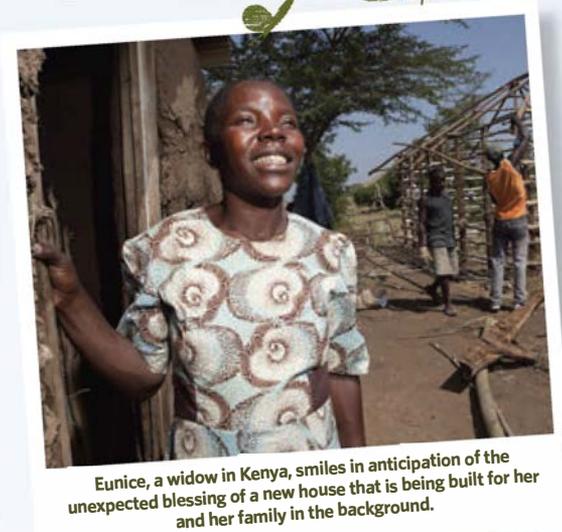
Mighty Grateful. That is the term many people who have seen the video depicting the Baptists on Mission's Houses of Hope project in Kenya seem to remember. Spoken by Eunice, a young widowed mother who is about to move into a new home that is being built by a NC volunteer team. *Mighty Grateful.* Perhaps it is the British-English accent and the sing-song manner in which the words are spoken, capturing our attention. But I think it is more than that. I believe it is the humbleness with which this woman speaks that makes us take notice. *I am mighty grateful for what has happened in my place. I did not know that it would happen. But with God, everything is possible.* Widows in Kenya do not expect a blessing out of the blue. Their lives are hard. But as Eunice will tell you, our God is a big God. And he looks after those who the world might see as *the least of these.*

Houses of Hope is several things - a way to help those in need, a way to introduce villages to study of the Bible, a church starting effort. Volunteer teams build four pole-and-tin-roofed houses in four days. The houses provide a safe, sturdy home to Kenyan families in need. Local Baptist pastors work with tribal chiefs to identify these families. Some are widows, and some are blind, some are simply poor. When the team arrives, it draws the whole community together to help. Neighbors contribute the sticks that help make the walls sturdy. The Kenyan men help with the work. The Kenyan women prepare lunch for the workers. At the end of the day, all gather in the new home for a dedication service and celebration. Team members share testimony and a word from God. Once the family has moved in, those same local Baptist pastors hold Bible studies in the new house for 12 weeks, with the whole village invited. With four houses built in the same vicinity, the hope is that a church will start out of one of the home Bible studies. Over 20 new churches have begun in the past few years. In addition to helping with the construction, there is plenty of opportunity for volunteers to witness door to door, minister with the children through Backyard Bible Schools and sports, and conduct eye-glass clinics.

A church or associational team trip to Kenya for a church or associational team can be arranged for almost any time during the year. Simply call the Baptists on Mission office with an 11-day timeframe (beginning on Tuesday and ending the following Friday) and alternate. Your choice of date will be confirmed.

The trip's cost includes approximately \$900 for ground costs (which includes a one-night stay in one of Kenya's world-famous game parks), plus the cost of airfare, which runs from \$1,000-\$1,600, depending on the time of year. Come and see what our big God is doing in the remote villages of Kenya. You will be *Mighty Grateful* that you did!

For more information about Baptists on Mission's Houses of Hope project in Kenya and how you and your church can play a part, contact Mark Abernathy, mabernathy@ncbaptist.org, (919) 459-5607, or visit our website for project descriptions, pictures, video and other details at www.baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/Outside-US/Kenya



Eunice, a widow in Kenya, smiles in anticipation of the unexpected blessing of a new house that is being built for her and her family in the background.



The team of volunteers gather with neighbors to dedicate a new house as part of the Houses of Hope church planting effort in Kenya.



Volunteers have opportunity to witness door to door, and engage the children of the village in BYBC and sports activities - as well as sharing the Gospel.

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

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Armenia—Assist refugees fleeing war in Nagorno-Karabakh, help church planters (\$100-\$200 per month), or provide funds for building materials for a new seminary or church buildings.

South Africa - Help build cottages at Door of Hope Village near Johannesburg that will be home for children abandoned beside the road, dumped in garbage cans, or thrown in rivers.

Cuba - Provide food for families struggling in the wake of COVID-19, purchase a water purification unit (\$500) to offer clean water for a community, or help build a new seminary.

Haiti - Sponsor an elementary school student for \$30 per month or purchase a handmade ink pen to sponsor students at the school (contact Paul Langston for more information). Help Alpha Omega Medical Clinic treat patients and offer hope.

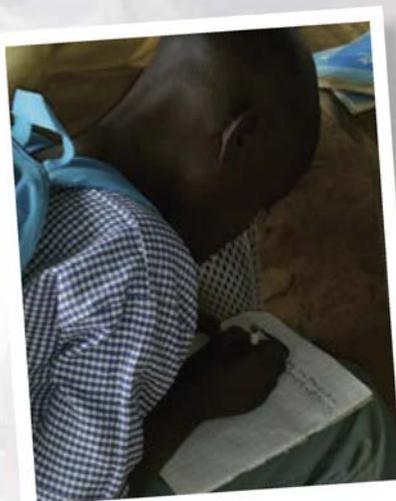
Hungary - In Roma Gypsy camps, a church building often serves as the only gathering place. Workers who could not work at their jobs during COVID-19 built two churches with funds donated through Baptists on Mission. Any gift can offer hope to an entire village.

Kenya - Build a house for a widow or disabled woman that will become a Bible study location. The cost for each House of Hope is \$400.

Africa - Sponsor a church planter for \$200 per month, decreasing each year over five years.

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

You may donate online at www.baptistsonmission.org/Donate or by sending a check to: Baptists on Mission, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27511



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Roma Gypsies

Alicia Jones lives in Hungary and serves as Baptists on Mission's on-site coordinator and missionary to the Roma people. While North Carolina teams were unable to serve in Eastern Europe this summer due to COVID-19, Alicia continued to minister to the people and serve as our ambassador. She shares this story from the summer.

A Summer Like Never Before - So Delightful!

Compared to the past seven consecutive summers filled with back-to-back teams from NC, this summer was strange. The quietness, the rest, the outdoor exploration, and the unique opportunities for visiting families and engaging in deep conversation were all unexpected blessings!

With gifts given by churches actively involved in the ministry to the schools in Hungary, we were able to bless 10-20 families in each of the eight towns where we have or would have had summer camps. We provided a large food package to help each family during this difficult time. Their thankfulness was evident, but their needs too. We prayed for those suffering due to sickness, a death in the family, or a job loss. Multiple families asked for prayer for a home of their own as several generations living together is stressful and crowded. While serving together, God opened doors for us to build deeper relationships with local believers during these town visits, encouraging them in their callings and work.

In mid-August, we delivered school supplies and backpacks to about 140 first graders in five different towns. Praise be to God because in-person school started all over Hungary on September 1 despite the rising number of COVID-19 cases this past week. Pray with me that the schools' doors will remain open and that together with my ministry partner, we can start extra-curricular bible programs on Monday!

Even though we couldn't host camps, together with the school librarian, we created some special memories with some local teenagers by going on a summer field trip, swimming at a local pool together and having a few campfires!

I look forward to 2021 and the anticipation of teams coming from North Carolina to once more join us in God's great work in Hungary, Romania, and Ukraine through the Roma Partnership.

For more information about the Roma Partnership, visit www.baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/Outside-US/Roma-People. Trip dates will be posted once travel opens up to Europe.



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Door of Hope Village

Bringing Hope to the Hopeless

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Abandonment of infants in South Africa is, unfortunately, a common occurrence. Many are left to die or simply abandoned in open fields, public toilets, or train tracks. In 1999, the Berea Baptist Mission Church made a hole in their wall and installed a 'Baby Box' allowing mothers to leave their babies any time day or night for the church to care for them. The moment a baby is placed in the box, care workers on duty receive an electronic signal alerting them. The baby is taken in, and the anonymity of the "donor" is ensured. News has spread, and other babies have been brought personally by their mothers. Some have come through other means, such as the police, community members, hospitals, or clinics. Since its beginning, Door of Hope has rescued 1,727 babies and now has 65 babies under their care

Baptists on Mission has walked alongside Door of Hope since 1999 and is now has the privilege of helping build Door of Hope Village. The Village will offer children not chosen for adoption by a "forever family" a place to call home. Over the next several years, dozens of cottages and other facilities needed to create a functioning community, such as a school, will be built.

You and your church can offer hope:

Praying - The process of rezoning the property of Door of Hope Village from agricultural use to allow construction of nearly 100 cottages has taken years. We anticipated receiving final approval in mid-2020, but COVID-19 stopped everything! Pray that in early 2021 the permits will be approved so that volunteers can build several new cottages can be built in 2021 and 2022, each providing a home for 6-8 children.

Giving - Each cottage costs \$35,000 to build. With thousands of us contributing a few dollars each month, we could quickly complete Door of Hope Village. You can sponsor a child for \$60 per month.

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

Register your team:

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Sharing Jesus through the Health Screening Ministry

I had known about the Health Screening Bus for a long time but had not been involved with it on mission. We had a week of Local Missions in October 2020 we call Go Week. We were working with Operation Reach Out in Monroe. With all the COVID-19 restrictions, it had been tricky to do outreach, but God opened a door.

As I talked to the Director, we learned that they had many clients who were having non-COVID-19 health issues. We contacted Baptists on Mission and talked about when we might be able to get the bus. The same week in October, it was available that we were doing Go Week, so it worked out perfectly. We were behind on planning, but Crystal and her team were great and helped us with everything we needed to make this happen. We were even able to open a second line outside the bus that allowed us to double the COVID-19 safe capacity of screenings we could do. We wanted to help people, but our greater desire was to share the Gospel with as many people as possible. We were intentional about setting up extra opportunities to engage people: hygiene kits, snack bags, food boxes provided by Baptists on Mission through the Farmers to Families program, and lunch for everyone who came.

The day was a great success for one reason, 3 people made professions of faith in Christ! We also served 43 people with screenings, gave away 100 Hygiene kits, 91 snack bags and 26 boxes of food. Our folks prayed with many of the people that came out and everyone got lunch. Operation Reach Out was blessed, and the bus enhanced their standing within the community they are trying to reach. It was a great day, and we are already discussing how we can expand its use in our community as a Gospel Ministry in 2021. The Health Screening Bus was one of the best local mission projects I have been involved with, and First Baptist Indian Trail is praying about serving together with them again in 2021.

— Rick Brown, Missions and Evangelism Pastor, First Baptist Church Indian Trail



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Mobile Dental Ministry Stepping Out in Faith

Twenty-twenty has certainly been an unusual year with the COVID-19 pandemic. The concern with protecting volunteers, patients, and dental professionals from the virus led to a 17-week pause in the dental ministry. During this downtime, we added extra safety features to each unit in order to resume meeting physical and spiritual needs in patients. The addition of Safety features includes HEPA air filters in each room, Dryshield mouthpieces to reduce aerosol spray from drilling, face shields, N95 masks, UVC sterilization boxes, and lots of cleaning supplies. Baptists on Missin established new policies for the pre-screening of patients and volunteers to reduce exposure risks. Once all of these processes were in place, the next thing needed was a church to step out in faith and hold their dental clinic. Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association in Goldsboro and Iglesia Vision 3D in Dudley answered the call and hosted our first clinics post COVID-19.

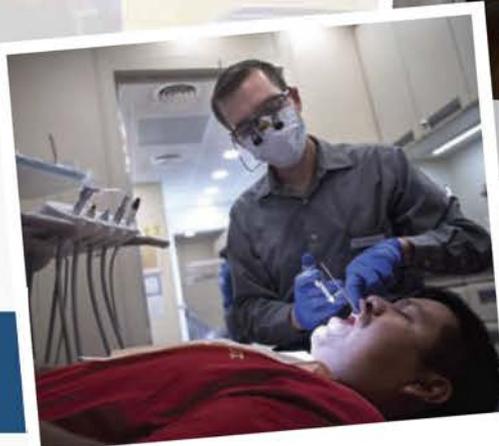
Under Rev. Malcom Lewis's leadership, Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association assisted Iglesia Vision 3D in holding their first dental clinic on July 16, 2020. Rev. Lewis and many volunteers from his association were mentors for 3D Vision Church. They showed them how to make patient schedules, set up registration and screening stations, and recruit dental professionals to serve. The 3D Vision Church, pastored by Mr. Blas Amaya and his wife Martina, along with their son, Jaime, daughter-in-law, Rubi, and church member Migue Velasquez, interpreter, served 11 patients at their first clinic! Seeing how the dental ministry could be a tool to reach their community with the gospel of Jesus Christ, they asked to reserve a second date just three months later.

On October 10, 2020, the dental ministry returned to 3D Vision for another full day of treating the community's dental needs. While physical needs were met on board the dental truck, the church members could share the love of Jesus through word and deed by inviting patients to church the next day and sharing food from their pantry. The dental professionals were able to treat 26 patients on this day! 3D Vision Church gives all praise to God for allowing this event to be so successful.

3D Vision Church has the heart to reach their community for Christ and has experienced how the dental ministry can help bring hurting people to them and open the door to share the love of Jesus. Romans 12:10-11 reads, *Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.* Every member of 3D Vision Church lived out this scripture each time the dental ministry was on-site, coming alongside them to serve their community. They also are now seeing patients from their clinics begin to attend their church services. Pray God would continue to be glorified in all things.

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Many Serve in a Variety of Ways through Appalachian Coalfields Ministry

The Appalachian Coalfields Ministry, sponsored by Baptists on Mission, seeks to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of people living in the Appalachian Area. Over 1,400 volunteers have served in this area each year. COVID-19 caused most mission teams to cancel their service in 2020, but we look forward to missions service in 2021. Please pray about using your talents to serve with a team from your church or association. Here are just a few of the many, many requests we have received:

AC21-010—Vacation Bible School—New Creek, West Virginia

A team is needed to conduct VBS at a local church. Need those to lead in all aspects of VBS – age/grade teachers, music, recreation, crafts, snacks, etc. The pastor will work with the team leader on details. Lodging is available at the church (which has showers available), or at local motels. The church kitchen is available for food preparation, but the team will need to provide their food. Length of assignment: one week; preferred dates: Summer 2021 (flexible); costs: travel to WV, food, ministry supplies.

AC21-022b—VBS/Sports Camp/Community Ministry—Knoxville, Tennessee

Teams are needed to provide assistance at a ministry center located in a housing complex. Teams may conduct VBS, sports camps and/or block parties for inner-city kids; assist local families who need help with small house repairs, etc. Team will need to provide ministry supplies and/or materials for the projects they plan to do. Teams also need to bring items needed for the low-income recipients that come to the center for help – this may include household items, hygiene supplies, food, toilet tissue, cleaning supplies, etc. The team can stay in a local hotel or possibly in local churches – the requestor can talk with the team leader about this option. The team may use the kitchen at the ministry center to provide and prepare their meals. Length of assignment: one week; preferred dates: Summer 2021 (flexible); costs: travel to TN, possible lodging, food.

AC21-020—Finishing Church Apartment—Madison, West Virginia

A team is needed to make repairs on a church-owned apartment being used by the pastor. Tasks include drywall repair, painting, and some trim work. The church has some materials, but any help the team can give is appreciated. The requestor will talk with the team leader about housing options. Volunteers may prepare meals in the church kitchen. Length of assignment: one week; preferred dates: anytime, January-December 2021; costs: travel to WV, food, possible lodging.

AC21-019a—Evangelistic Outreach/Construction—Lee County, Virginia

Teams are needed to conduct evangelistic outreach activities such as VBS, BYBC, block parties, and senior adult ministries. The requestor will work with the team leader on the best fit. There are construction needs which may include: roof repair and replacement, bathroom repair, floor replacement, building handicap ramps, power washing, mowing, and general yard cleanup. The team will need to bring materials for evangelistic outreach. Any donation to help with the cost of construction projects is appreciated. Housing is available for \$15 per person/night at the ministry center. Kitchen facilities available for team to prepare meals. Length of assignment: one week; preferred dates: January-December 2021; costs: travel to VA, food.



The Appalachian Coalfields Ministry offers the opportunity to do one-on-one witnessing, and to build relationships.

APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS OUTREACH 2021!

Now is the time to begin planning your church's participation in the Appalachian Christmas Outreach for 2021. Churches, Sunday School classes, mission groups, families, and individuals are encouraged to collect items and fill backpacks for Christmas 2021. A statewide collection will take place on November 6 at over 30 sites across the state. Visit the Baptists On Mission website [www.baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/United-States/Appalachian-Coalfields/Appalachian-Christmas-Outreach] for a video and specifics about what to collect and how to pack the backpacks.

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To see a list of projects or to learn more about how your church can participate in the Appalachian Coalfields Ministry, please contact Mark Abernathy at mabernathy@ncbaptist.org, (919) 459-5607 or go to our website at www.baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/United-States/Appalachian-Coalfields



Outreach projects of many kinds are requested for 2021. Your talents can be used!



There are several construction needs for 2021. Many of these can be combined with outreach and children's ministry

Opportunity in the Keystone State

Pennsylvania



North Carolina Baptists enjoy a fruitful Partnership with our brothers and sisters in Pennsylvania. Since 2008, thousands of volunteers have served throughout the state, reaching people for Christ in various ways. Their service is making a difference to many pastors and church planters in the Keystone state. Many are the blessings these NC team members are giving - and receiving. Here is a sample of the requests that have been collected and are waiting for your response:

PA21-005—Children’s Summer Camp Program—Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Teams of volunteers are needed to conduct a week of summer camp programming at church. May include sports camps, VBS and/or puppet ministry. There will be planned activities for children between 9 am-2 pm. The team may also have the opportunity for prayer walks and track ministry if interested. Service work projects are also an option depending on the team’s skill set. The team will need to provide their transportation. Amtrak and bus port authority is available. Teams can arrange to stay at Baptist Guesthouse in Harrisburg (ask the requestor for details). Teams are to prepare their food, but the guest house has a full kitchen and nearby grocery stores. Length of assignment: One week; Preferred dates: June-July 2021; Costs: Travel to PA, food.

PA21-009—VBS Park Party/Sports Camp/Light Construction—Tamaqua, Pennsylvania

Throughout the summer, teams are needed to do various evangelistic activities, which could include: Park Parties, Block Parties, Sports Camp, Servant Evangelism Projects, Prayer Walking, and Light Construction. Park Parties are similar to Backyard Bible Clubs and held in various parks across town. Sports teams would teach skills and play games with the kids. They could also have crafts and Bible activities. Evangelism would include sharing the gospel with people in the town through hosting games, crafts, and activities such as puppets, clowns, or drama events. There may also be painting and light construction projects in the local parks and/or church buildings if the team is interested. The requestor will work out details with the team leader based on the skills of each team. Housing options are available, including a mission house in a nearby town and a church in a nearby town. The kitchen for the team’s use is available at either facility. Length of assignment: One week; Preferred dates: Summer 2021; Costs: Travel to PA, food, ministry supplies.

PA21-011—Construction/Vacation Bible School—Bedford, Pennsylvania

A team of volunteers is needed to replace multiple doors and frames inside of the church. They are all deteriorating badly with rotting boards. Materials are already purchased for doors, and other funds are possible from the church for additional needs. Other current needs are: replace the sign, install curb stops (turtles), assist with siding, shrubbery, interior painting, update fixtures, repair the restrooms, dismantle and discard old piano. There may be other needs the church will discuss with the team. The team may also conduct VBS and or engage in evangelistic outreach as planned by the team leader or requestor - if they so desire. The church has space in the fellowship hall and Sunday School rooms for lodging, and there is one shower. A variety of hotels are also available. The team may prepare their meals in the kitchen at the church. Length of assignment: 4-7 Days; Preferred dates: Summer 2021; Costs: Travel to PA, food.

Each of the Pennsylvania requests represents church planter couples and existing Pennsylvania congregations asking for help reaching their lost communities for Christ.

Won't you pray about responding to these needs? Find out more on our website: www.baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/United-States/Pennsylvania

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The NC/Pennsylvania Partnership utilizes mission teams in a variety of ways.



Teams provide vital support to churches and church plants who may need help with facilities upkeep.



Teams also engage in direct evangelistic outreach alongside local church members.

Your Service is Needed in NEW ENGLAND

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

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

VT21-003—VBS/Sports Camp/Prayer Walking—Washington, Vermont

A team is needed to help the congregation reach the community by conducting a Vacation Bible School - or a sports camp (whichever the team is skilled in or interested in doing). The team will also engage in prayer walking while on-site. Volunteers who love Jesus, love outreach and love prayer are needed. The team is asked to provide materials for the outreach. The team needs to provide their own transportation. The team will stay in a church-owned retreat center that can comfortably house as many as 30 team members. The retreat center has a small kitchenette, and the church has a full kitchen available to the team. The team needs to provide their food, but the church may also provide a meal or two. Length of assignment: one week; Preferred Dates: June–August 2021; Costs: travel to VT, food, ministry supplies.

VT21-001—Construction at Christian School—Bennington, Vermont

A team of volunteers is requested to assist with various construction projects. Anyone from skilled labor to spirited volunteers can help. One project will involve the school chapel's remodeling - replacing the lighting, painting the drop ceiling, walls, and installing a snap-together floor system. Other projects may include replacing old siding and replacing the roof for a bridge, porch, and small carport. Interior painting for the preschool, pottery room, 1st and 2nd-floor doors/trim, bathrooms and locker rooms is needed. The school has money set aside for material. Helpful skills would include electrical, flooring, carpentry, and painting experience. Lodging is available for the team at the school. The team needs to provide their food, but the school has a kitchen they can use to prepare their meals. Length of assignment: one week; Preferred Dates: June–August 2021; Costs: travel to VT, food.

ME21-002a—Church Planting/Evangelistic Outreach (Summer)—Coastal Villages in Maine

Teams are needed to assist in an effort by the New England Convention to facilitate a church planting movement in Maine's coastal towns. Teams will have the opportunity to engage in various stages of church planting. The schedule includes guided engagement that may include: event evangelism, prayer walking, retail evangelism, community building, nursing home visitation, and possible light construction. The requestor will work with the team leader to utilize the team's skills most effectively. Daily field training and nightly worship are provided. Also included are immersive "Maine" experiences, including visits to parks and coastal regions, local foods, and cultural experiences. The intention is that mission teams gain a love for Maine and Mainers while deepening their understanding of biblical missiology, church planting, and evangelism. Teams will need to provide their own transportation to Maine. There is a \$289/person cost for the week that covers housing, training, breakfast, most dinners and ministry materials. Teams will be responsible for travel meals, lunches out in the field, and Friday dinner. Length of assignment: one week; Preferred dates: Summer 2021; Cost: Travel to Maine, some meals, and \$289/person.

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Teams also work alongside local congregations to provide Vacation Bible School outreach.



Many volunteers have enjoyed serving at the soup kitchens in both Barre and St. Johnsbury.



Backyard Bible Clubs, park parties, and sports clinics are a staple of opportunities to share the Gospel in New England.

Despite COVID-19, God Shows Up in ROCKY MOUNTAIN



COVID-19 put a halt to the majority of planned mission trips in the summer of 2020. It looked as though the sanctuary construction project in Thompson Falls, MO, would be one of them for a long time. Plans for the construction project had begun in the Spring of 2019. The excitement was immediate, and by the end of 2019, 16 mission teams had signed on to serve. The Thompson Falls Church steadily put all of their ducks in a row to be ready for teams to come in early June of 2020. Then, COVID-19 struck. There were many prayerful, hopeful - but nervous - conversations between Pastor Phillips and Mark Abernathy, Partnership Consultant with Baptists on Mission. At times it looked like the participation of mission teams would have to be canceled. But God had other plans!

The little congregation, led by Pastor Jeff Phillips, never lost hope. As the COVID-19 picture became more transparent, and through continual conversation, it was determined that mission teams who were willing to come to serve - could! A set of COVID-19 protocols were put into place, and teams began praying and planning to come. Unfortunately, three weeks worth of June teams did fall victim to Montana's 14-day quarantine rule. But, when that was lifted, July and August teams were ready to roll! The Thompson Falls congregation did not "sit on their heels" waiting for that to happen. Led by their pastor, they began the foundation, stud walls, trusses, and other preparation until the mission teams could arrive. That great headstart made it possible for the project to be completed in time for the congregation to hold its first service in September.

In all, 11 mission teams and 76 volunteers served in Thompson Falls between July 3 and August 22. Pastor Phillips and his congregation could not have been better hosts. Teams enjoyed staying at the church and getting to know the Thompson Falls area. Each team worked hard and made a significant contribution to the finished goal. Pastor Phillips and the congregation put the finishing touches on, and by October 4, the congregation was worshipping in their new sanctuary. Praise the Lord! **Side note:** God once more showed his mercy and grace when He spared the existing and new church facilities from a disastrous fire that burned the adjoining restaurant to the ground on early Sunday morning, October 18. We praise God that no one was injured, and the church was not majorly damaged!



Ed and Helen Helms of Lincolnton, NC served as Baptists on Mission on-site coordinators for the 11th straight year through the Rocky Mountain Work & Witness ministry. They have been a blessing to many volunteers!



Brain Trust. Pastor Jeff Phillips (L) discusses building plans with Baptists on Mission on-site coordinator Ed Helms (R), and Abbotts Creek Baptist team member Tony Fowler.



Abbotts Creek Baptist team member Steve King and Pastor John Crocker from FBC Athens, Alabama, man the miter saw at the Thompson Falls, Montana project.

Once again, we cannot express enough appreciation for our dear friends Ed and Helen Helms. They worked with each team with graciousness, patience, and love for 11 years coordinating construction teams for Baptists on Mission through the Rocky Mountain Work & Witness Ministry. We celebrate that and the over 40 years they have given to mission service as a couple. God bless you both! You are a blessing to many!

Cook and Maintenance teams of 8-10 volunteers are also needed to serve at our partner Baptist Camps in **Wyoming and New Mexico** in 2021! Visit our website at www.baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/United-States/Rocky-Mountain

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Serving in Paradise

HAWAII

For more than a decade now, couples and individuals have come to know the joys of serving as *camp assistants* at Pu'u Kahea, the Hawaii-Pacific Baptist Convention's Conference Center and Camp. Located on the island of Oahu, Pu'u Kahea is the site of a former sugar plantation. The camp provides a place for people from all over the islands to come and enjoy a place of spiritual retreat. Camp directors have changed over time, but all have agreed that volunteer couples' service has made the camp a much better place! Besides offering a bit of *southern hospitality* to camp attendees, these volunteers provide valuable service in keeping the camp operational.

Couples serving at Pu'u Kahea commit to a minimum of one month and do a variety of tasks. The work is hard and steady. Flexible couples who are willing to jump in and do whatever is needed can be utilized year-round. Five days of work is followed by two days off. (And what a place to have two days off!) Couples committed to this service receive the provision of housing, some meals, and local transportation. There is a need for one-week teams (primarily in the fall, winter, and spring) to do maintenance and other special projects. There is a cost for one-week teams to stay at the camp.

HW21-002—Volunteer Camp Staff—Waianae, Hawaii

Couples are needed year-round to be volunteer staff at Pu'u Kahea and help in maintaining the facility. Work will include housekeeping, general maintenance, landscaping, food preparation, kitchen clean-up, and laundry. Volunteers work five days and are off two days per week. Individuals may also be considered, depending on housing availability. Couples will need to provide their transportation to Hawaii. Pu'u Kahea will provide a vehicle for local transportation for days off, but the volunteer is responsible for gas. The provision of a studio efficiency apartment is available for the couple. Volunteers will need to provide their meals but may eat at the dining hall when open. Length of Assignment: one month minimum commitment; Preferred Dates: January-May and then August-November 2021; Cost: travel to Hawaii and food.

HW21-001—Construction/Maintenance/Renovation—Waianae, Hawaii

Teams of 10-15 volunteers needed for various maintenance and possible construction projects at Pu'u Kahea. Projects could include repairing and/or replacing plumbing, flooring, roofing, tile work in the bathroom, etc. May include some cleaning, painting, and landscaping as well. Need teams that are skilled in these areas and ready to work hard. A 2:1 male-female team ratio is preferred. Donations appreciative to assist with building material costs, but not required. The team will need to provide their transportation to and while in Hawaii. Housing is available at the campus for \$12 per person, per night. The team may purchase their food and use the kitchen in the cabin for meal prep or purchase meals through the camp dining hall (\$7 breakfast; \$8 lunch; \$9 supper). Length of Assignment: 7-10 days; Preferred Dates: January-May and then September-December 2021; Cost: travel to Hawaii, food, lodging.

At the time of this writing, Pu'u Kahea was still closed due to COVID-19. Please contact Mark Abernathy at mabernathy@ncbaptist.org or (919) 459-5607 for an update if you are interested in serving in 2021. You can also go to our website at www.baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/United-States/Hawaii-Pacific

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Camp assistants at Puu Kahea help in the kitchen in various ways.



Landscaping, grass mowing, and weed eating of a part of everyday tasks for volunteers at Puu Kahea.



The site of an old sugar cane plantation, Puu Kahea Conference Center offers a beautiful setting for campers to grow - and for volunteers to serve.

ALASKA

Come Serve in the *Last Frontier*



We were looking at a breakout summer in 2020 to re-igniting North Carolina's Partnership with Alaska. However, COVID-19 put a temporary halt to that.

We are looking forward to a new year and fresh opportunities for 2021. We have received new mission team requests from Alaska congregations and ask you to prayerfully consider serving in Alaska. A variety of requests, including children's ministry, sports camps, evangelism, cook teams, and various construction projects, are among the offerings. Below are some specific requests we need teams for:

AK21-002—Construction/Roofing—Juneau, Alaska

Volunteers are needed to remove old roofing down to the wood sheathing, replacing the roof structure (5 x 10 ft area), and install a new asphalt roof. Team needs to be skilled in rough carpentry. Host/requesting church will provide all needed materials and can transport the team from the airport. Team may wish to rent a van to get around town and see the sights. Team is welcome to stay in the church building which includes a shower and washer/dryer. The church kitchen is available for food preparation. Major grocery stores are nearby, including Costco. Length of assignment: One week; Preferred dates: June-July 2021; Costs: Travel to Juneau AK, van rental, food.

AK21-004—Vacation Bible School Support—Wasilla, Alaska

A team of 8-12 volunteers is needed to assist the church in conducting Vacation Bible School. Church had 250 children at VBS last year. VBS runs from 9 am-3 pm, with lunch served to the children. Need a team with VBS experience, who love children to assist in all aspects of VBS, including serving lunch to the children. The team can stay in church members' homes. Breakfast will be in host homes, lunch at the church, and dinner provided by the host church. The church can provide a 15 passenger van for the team to use. Length of assignment: One week; Preferred dates: June 6-11, 2021 (possibly flexible); Costs: Travel to AK, food, fuel.

AK21-003—Education Space Construction—Chugiak, Alaska

Multiple construction teams of up to 30 volunteers are needed to help the congregation finish the new educational space. Will need teams to complete any number of finish jobs, including sheetrock finishing, painting, trim work, tile, etc. Teams will need to stay flexible as actual work will depend on what prior teams accomplish. Each team should have a few skilled construction volunteers who can lead the rest of the team in needed tasks. If the team wants to help some with the materials cost, it will be appreciated (but this is not required). Teams can sleep in church (air mattresses), which has showers and laundry. The team can prepare their meals in the church kitchen. Church has a 15 passenger van(s) that team can use - the team will only pay for fuel. Length of assignment, 7-10 days; Preferred dates: Mid May to Late August 2021; Costs: Travel to Anchorage, AK, food, fuel.



Members from Poston Baptist in Wallace serves at Frontier Baptist in Wasilla.



Congregations in Alaska have submitted requests for mission team to come serve with them in 2021. Pray about your congregation's participation in this exciting Partnership!



Teams are needed for several construction and evangelistic outreach projects across the state.

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

To see a list of projects or to learn more about how your church can participate in Alaska, please contact Mark Abernathy at mabernathy@ncbaptist.org (919) 459-5607 or go to our

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CONSTRUCTION SKILLS TRAINING

“Can you look at this and tell me what to do?” A man whose home had been flooded and who had finished his own drywall asked for advice. I stood there as a very kind carpenter sadly said, “Do you see all of these bubbles in the joint tape? When you put the tape on the joints, there wasn’t always a joint compound behind the tape, so it didn’t stick properly. It’s all going to have to be redone.” It was heartbreaking and avoidable.

That story doesn’t have to be your story. Construction Skills Training offers hands-on training designed for those with limited construction experience. Hanging and finishing drywall, laying the laminate flooring, framing a wall, or building a wheelchair ramp are things you can learn about at Construction Skills Training. You will feel more comfortable helping at one of our Rebuild Centers, building a wheelchair ramp in your community, working in Red Springs and Shelby Mission Camps, doing an Operation Inasmuch Project, or on a construction mission trip in the Appalachian or Rocky Mountain Region.

Bring your family, youth group, church, or a group of friends to learn the basics. Many homes flooded by Hurricane Florence still needs new drywall and flooring. You can help them return home!

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



MARCH 13, 2021 OR OCTOBER 2, 2021
CHARITY REBUILD CENTER
MARCH 27, 2021 AND SEPTEMBER 11, 2021
RED SPRINGS MISSION CAMP
APRIL 24, 2021 AND OCTOBER 23, 2021
SHELBY MISSION CAMP

\$10 for Saturday training only
 \$21 for Friday overnight and Saturday training
 Register at www.baptistsonmission.org/training/construction-training

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IMPACT NC PROJECTS

We have all made poor choices in life from time to time. For those who are battling addictions, those choices can carry a significant cost. Often they lose everything: family, jobs, homes, and financial security. Even after overcoming the addiction and making lifestyle changes, it can be challenging to make a new start in life. Help from a caring community to reinforce lifestyle changes, assistance in having a place to live, a job, and strong but loving mentoring can be an avenue to a new future.

The Orange Street section of Oxford was the location for several drug houses. Thanks to the ministry of Greater Joy Baptist Church, all of the drug houses are gone. In their place, they are building the Hope House transitional home for those who are overcoming addictions. Construction began in 2020, and even through the COVID-19 pandemic, they have made progress in making a reality the dream of a place those making a new start can call home.

Your church can help finish the metal building's interior, allowing several who completed a residential drug rehab program a place to call home as they begin a new life. Raising walls, doing electrical or plumbing work, hanging and finishing drywall, or painting, you can make a difference. Teams can work just one day or can serve longer.

To claim a project:

1. Visit our website at www.baptistsonmission.org/missions/north-carolina/impactnc or contact Paul Langston at (919)459-5611 or plangston@ncbaptist.org to get information on specific requests.
2. You will be contacted by the requestor to ask any questions and arrange a specific date of service.
3. Team Leaders will need to register online with Baptists on Mission and be sent registration instructions and information on supplemental mission insurance.
4. Your church/ team will be responsible for conducting background checks for those 18 or older on any project involving service with or to children or youth. Team leaders will receive information to help with this.

In 2021 there will be more opportunities to Impact NC through projects that assist churches and other Baptist organizations impact lostness through disciple-making.



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Missions Camps

Shelby Mission Camp



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

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

Plan a Trip

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

How Can I Help?

Current Needs: 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.

For more information contact David & Janet Brown at (704) 487-5599 or dbrown@ncbaptist.org

Mission Camp Coordinators David and Janet Brown

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/shelbymissioncamp or www.baptistsonmission.org.

Missions Camps

Red Springs Mission Camp



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

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

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

Plan a Trip

Here are some things to know before you go!

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

How Can I Help?

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

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

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

For more information contact Mission Camp Coordinators Larry and Teresa Osborne,
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CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/RedSprings or www.baptistsonmission.org.

Operation InasMuch Moving Out of Our Seats and Into the Streets

Operation *inasmuch*

The COVID-19 Pandemic has meant that our churches could not do many of our activities in the “normal” way. We were told to Stay at Home. As we waited anxiously for the Governor to lift restrictions our goal was to be able to gather for worship and other activities. But it also opened our eyes to opportunities to serve that are all around us.

Sharing the love of Christ in word and deed means we are committed to action and “move out of our seats and into the streets.” Jesus said in Matthew 25 that our service was concrete evidence of whether or not we knew Him! That means I cannot just talk about Jesus; I need to practice incarnational living that shows Christ in tangible ways.

Your church can become a launching pad that pushes back the darkness, builds relationships, and develops a new lifestyle of service. Operation Inasmuch can start as a one-day event, and become a way of life.

Inasmuch Blitz Days help us:

- Work together to help the poor and the rich, the needy and the not-so-needy, those involved in churches and those who have no church home, and people of all ages.
- We encourage churches to set aside April 24 and May 1, or the date that best fits your church schedule, to impact your community. Let’s move out of our seats and into the streets!
- Make serving your community part of the DNA of your church. Set aside a day every month, or every 3 to 6 months, to impact lives through the love of Jesus Christ.

Please register at www.baptistsonmission.org/ncoiam if your church plans to hold NCOIAM.

In one day:

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

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

MATTHEW 25:40



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Visit our website at www.baptistsonmission.org/Missions/North-Carolina/Operation-Inasmuch.

BUILDING TOGETHER

Relief Through Prayer: *Our Hope for Today and Tomorrow*

BUILD - Make Stronger; More Intense

North Carolina Baptists, together, we can make a difference in the difficult days we are living in. **There is power in prayer.**

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

— 2 Chronicles 7:14

E.M. Bounds *Prayer should not be regarded as a duty which must be performed, but rather as a privilege to be enjoyed, a rare delight that is always revealing some new beauty.*

Prayer is our greatest Christian privilege *and* our greatest Christian failure.

Prayer is a blood-bought privilege for those who trust and treasure Jesus.

The Prayer Ministry's commitment for today and tomorrow is: *Together to Build a Stronger More Focused Prayer Life. Will you join us in this commitment?*



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2021 FALL **GOLF** TOURNAMENT for Men, Women & Youth

Prizes awarded for First & Second Place Teams,
closest to the pin, and longest drive.

COST
\$55/person
(includes dinner)

**Entry
Deadline:**
Sept. 10,
2021

Sept. 18, 2021
Challenge Golf Club
Graham, North Carolina

2:30-3:30 Tee Times
(Times will be sent to the team captain one week prior)
6:30-7:00 Dinner and Awards

We would like to invite all men, women, and youth golfers to join us for a day of fun and fellowship. We encourage you to use this opportunity to strengthen relationships with people in your church and more importantly as an outreach to co-workers, neighbors, and others. For more information please contact Jordan Caddell at (919) 459-5626, jcaddell@ncbaptist.org or Perry Norman at (336) 231-4015, perrynorman@windstream.net.

WORK  HARD

Pray Harder

COLOSSIANS 3:23-24 | DEEP IMPACT

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.” **Colossians 3:23-24 (ESV)**

DEEP IMPACT STUDENT WEEKS 2021 LOCATIONS AND COSTS PER PERSON:

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| June 13-16 | Duplin mini-week | \$135 |  | July 12 -17 | Shelby | \$250 |
| June 17-20 | Shelby mini-week | \$135 | | July 19-24 | Outer Banks | \$240 |
| June 18-26 | Honduras | \$1,800 | | July 23-Aug 2 | South Africa | TBD |
| June 21-26 | Fruitland | \$260 | | July 24-July 31 | Puerto Rico | \$1,200 |
| June 27-July 3 | Atlanta | \$325 | | July 26-July 31 | Red Springs | \$250 |
| June 28-July 3 | Duplin | \$250 | | Aug. 1-4 | Red Springs mini-week | \$135 |
| July 4-10 | Caswell | \$375+ | | Oct. 22-24 | Duplin weekend | \$110 |
| July 10-17 | Cuba | \$1,700 | | | | |

Baptists on Mission

North Carolina Baptist Men, Women and Students
205 Convention Drive, Cary, NC 27511

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baptistsonmission.org/camps/Deep-Impact

GOD IS MAKING A WAY

Deep Impact is a pre-packaged missions camp experience for students who have completed grades 6-12 and their leaders. Our mission is to provide camp experiences that are gospel-centered, missions-focused, and life-impacting at Deep Impact. We do this by offering weeks filled with worship, mission projects, opportunities for every student to hear and share the gospel of Jesus Christ, small group times, and camp activities and recreation.

It is no secret that 2020 was an incredibly different year for so many of us in so many different ways. At Deep Impact, 2020 brought camp cancellations, which resulted in our team feeling deflated. The goals described in the previous paragraph are truly our heartbeat. When situations like a pandemic put our camps on hold, this leaves us with the question: "what do we do now?"

It is in those moments, though, that our sovereign God often teaches us more than we could have imagined. By God's grace, we were able to respond in new ways. Our team published a guide for student ministry leaders, *Across the Street*, to assist them in planning local projects since they couldn't serve through Deep Impact this summer. Many of our Deep Impact friends found ways to serve in their communities. Take, for example, the team at Angier Baptist Church. Under the leadership of Allison Collier, the youth minister, the students at Angier spent a full week serving their community and participating in worship and recreation each evening.

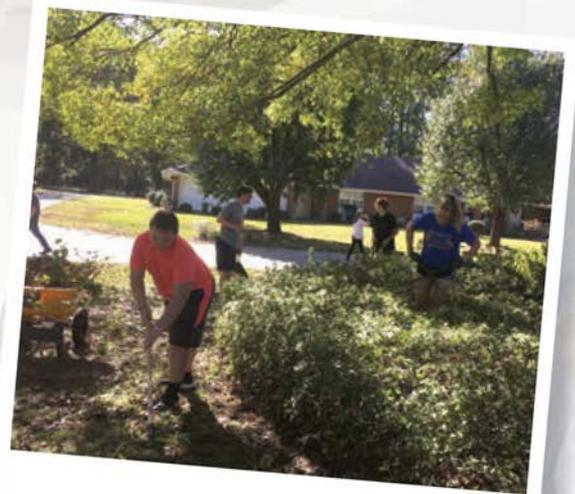
The participants wore face coverings and maintained social distancing. Still, even with the distance, the Spirit united us all for one purpose: the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

We praise God for every experience because He's reminded us that through it all, nothing can stop him from running toward those who so desperately need to know him. Amid the mess that unfolds around us, Christ still calls people unto salvation. God is making a way, even where there seems to be no way. The glorious truth is that the gospel of Jesus Christ remains - through hardship, through uncertainty, and through every valley in which we find ourselves. The truth and power of that message are why we boldly proclaim it and why we are passionate about teaching students to do the same.

Would you become a part of what the Lord is doing through the ministry of Deep Impact in 2021? Whatever that looks like, we desire to partner with you as we raise a generation of students who will unashamedly, lovingly, and enthusiastically share the message of Jesus. We can't wait to serve you as we serve Jesus Christ together.

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HERE & NOW

A MISSIONS EXPERIENCE FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS

Create your own Here & Now Experience for College Students & Young Adults in your church.

Check out the helps provided to you at

<https://baptistsonmission.org/programs/college-missions>



SPRING 2021 MISSIONS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS



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What: Disaster Relief with
Baptists on Mission

Where: Eastern North Carolina
*Charity Rebuild Center
(Rose Hill)
Lumberton Rebuild Center
New Bern Rebuild Center*

When: Spring Time and
Summer 2021

Cost: Travel to and from
service area

MENS MINISTRY

Igniting the Hearts of Men for Christ

www.baptistonmission.org/mensministry
www.facebook.com/NCMensMinistry

Men's Worship Rallies to be held throughout the State in November 2021

Men's Ministry Rallies will be held in five locations throughout the state in November 2021. These rallies feature a good meal, great fellowship, worship, a spiritual challenge especially for men, and a prayer time. The purpose of the rallies are three-fold:

- 1) to worship and fellowship together as men,
- 2) to share information on mission opportunities, and
- 3) to provide inspiration and a model for how to strengthen the ministry to men in your church.

All men and their pastors are invited to attend the rally closest to them. **Rally dates:** Region 1 Tuesday, Nov. 9; Region 3 Thursday, Nov. 11; Region 5 Thursday, Nov. 18; Region 7 Monday, Nov. 22; and Region 9 Tuesday, Nov. 30. (Specific rally sites will be listed on our website). Registration is \$5 per person, and goes toward covering the cost of the meal.



Men's Worship Rallies will be held in November of 2021 in Regions 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9. This will be a time of food, fellowship, and worship for men. See our website for specific dates and meeting sites.

Why Attend a Men's Conference?

There are many ways to create entry points for getting men involved in the Men's Ministry of a local church. One of those ways is inviting them to attend a men's conference. But why would a man want to attend a men's conference? To answer that question, one needs to understand: 1) the purpose of a men's conference, and 2) the types of conferences available.

All conferences are designed to encourage men to be the person God created them to be, but there are differences. Conferences are designed from many different perspectives. Some are designed as an evangelistic conference or a conference that focuses on a particular need of men, such as effective fatherhood, etc. Some conferences attract the younger generation, while others are more suited for the older generation. Some conferences focus on a particular interest of the man, such as outdoor ministry. Some conferences are built around a particular keynote speaker.

There are many different styles and types of conferences men can choose to attend. Most will only attract those interested in the speaker, subject, or focus of the conference, limiting the number of men interested in attending. However, one type of conference can connect with every man in your church, and that is an Equipping Conference.

An Equipping Conference does not limit itself to a particular subject, nor is it built around a keynote speaker, though there is usually one or two. An Equipping Conference is designed for men of all ages and walks of life to hear from men's leaders speaking on various subjects. These are subjects that can help them grow

spiritually and speak into their family's lives or other men's lives. Breakout sessions offer the opportunity to hear experts in their field speak on subjects such as disciple-making, marriage strengthening, fatherhood, and grandfather tune-ups. Others offer encouragement in developing a men's ministry in your church, ministering to men with addictions, involving men in mission projects, continuing ministry beyond retirement, and many others. The list could be extensive.

An Equipping Conference allows men to discover the many resources available to help them reach the men of their church and community and connect them with the field leaders. Men will have the opportunity to speak with and ask these leaders questions – developing a relationship with them. I struggled greatly when I became the men's leader at my church in finding resources and discovering experts in the men's ministry field to help and mentor. I had no idea of the amount of material available. Through an Equipping Conference, you can find and discover these resources.

This fall the Baptists on Mission (BOM) Men's Ministry Team is hosting such a conference for men and men's leaders – men from all over the state can attend. The BOM Men's Ministry Team will be hosting the *Igniting the Hearts of Men Equipping Conference* at Lee Park Baptist Church in Monroe, NC on September 11, 2021. To register or for more information on this conference, go to the BOM website: www.baptistonmission.org/men.

—Mike Sandlin,
BOM Men's Ministry Team Leader



Keynote Speaker. Rex Tignor is a nationally known men's ministry trainer and advocate. Rex has a heart and passion for helping men unlock their God-given potential, and helping churches build an effective ministry for men.

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

Igniting the Hearts of Men Conference

September 11, 2021, Lee Park Baptist in Monroe, 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 11, for the Igniting the Hearts of Men Conference. This one-day

equipping conference is designed to prepare men to be courageous, effective Christ-followers. The conference will feature worship times, breakout sessions by men's ministry leaders from all over the region, and ministry displays for evaluating new men's ministry resources. We will have a special time of remembrance and prayer for the 9/11 victims, survivors, and their families. **Keynotes:** Igniting the Hearts of Men will feature two nationally known speakers.

Rex Tignor has a heart and passion for helping men unlock their God-given potential and helping churches build an effective ministry for men. He is the author of *Living Out of the Rut*, *Boot Camp for Men*, *Just Show UP!*, and co-author of *Be Intentional: Devotional Conversation Starters for Men*. Rex is well-known among men's leaders nationally and has become a trusted source of inspiration for many churches. Rex serves as the Iron Sharpens Iron training director in Richmond, Virginia.

After graduating from the United States Naval Academy, **Tom Joyce** was selected to fly the F-14 Tomcat and completed the Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN). Later, he was chosen to fly in some of the scenes of the movie "Top Gun." Tom became Commanding Officer of Fighting Squadron 111 onboard the USS Kitty Hawk, which was recognized as the best in the Pacific Fleet under his command. Later, Tom survived the September 11, 2001 attack on the Pentagon, which included a hit on his office. Tom is the pastor at Immanuel Bible Church in Springfield, Virginia. He and wife Deshua work closely with families, encouraging couples in their marriage commitment and equipping mothers and fathers in leaving a Godly legacy. The conference's cost is \$39 per person if registration is 10 days or more out (\$44 if registration is within 10 days). If registering ten or more, the cost is \$35 per person. Visit the Baptists on Mission Men's Ministry webpage for more information and to register: www.baptistsonmission.org/men.

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Keynote Speaker. Tom Joyce is a pastor at Immanuel Bible Church in Springfield, VA. A former Navy Flight Commander, Tom is a survivor of the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon.

NOTE:
2021 Men's Outdoor Weekend
April 30-May 1, 2021 - canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

WORK HARD PRAY HARDER

COLOSSIANS 3:23-24 | DI KIDS

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”

Colossians 3:23-24 (ESV)

DEEP IMPACT KIDS WEEKS 2021 LOCATIONS AND COSTS PER PERSON:

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| May 14-16 | Red Springs weekend | \$110 |
| June 13-16 | Shelby mini-week | \$135 |
| June 18-20 | Blowing Rock weekend | \$190 |
| June 27-30 | Red Springs mini-week | \$135 |
| July 1-4 | Red Springs mini-week | \$135 |
| July 5-8 | Duplin mini-week | \$135 |
| July 11-14 | Duplin mini-week | \$135 |
| Aug. 1-4 | Mundo Vista mini-week | \$190 |
| Sept. 24-26 | Shelby weekend | \$110 |
| Nov. 5-7 | Duplin weekend | \$110 |



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DISCIPLING KIDS TO BE MISSIONAL

By Sara Williams

In the midst of all the crazy of 2020, I believe Christians have felt a growing urgency that more than ever, the call to be Christ in the world, to love others boldly, and to share Christ's message to all is of the utmost importance. And yet, as a mom living in this season of life, my instinct has been to shelter and protect my kids from all the crazy. I don't want them to see the news, hear the rioting, experience the panic and hate, or feel the loss of sickness and death. And yet despite my fears as a mom, I know that Jesus called us out of our bubbles and into the world to be a light in the darkness. I cannot speak to my kids about being the hands and feet of Jesus and, at the same time, keep them safe at home watching cartoons. While age-appropriate conversations are super important, allowing kids to be a part of how your family carries out the ministry of Jesus in the world will bring energy and creativity to your mission. Here are some ways to encourage and include kids in missions:

Bring them along:

When you make a meal for a neighbor, volunteer at the food pantry, take communion with shut-ins, bring them along! They will see you engaged and want to join in.

Open their eyes to others' needs:

You don't have to plop them in front of the news to help them be aware of the needs of others. It's important for them to see the real-world outside their own four walls. As your family engages with others in the community, pray God will put people in your path for you to serve together.

Say YES as often as you can:

Kids have super creative ideas and although sometimes we don't feel like it, say yes to them as often as possible to keep up their interest in serving others. "Can I have a lemonade stand and give all the money to our local food bank?" ...YES! "Can I write letters or draw pictures for people quarantined from their family?" ...YES! "Can we organize a drive through the parade for our teachers?" ...YES! Harness their love for people and bottomless energy to guide your outreach as a family. This will begin to bring out and affirm their God-given gifts.

Encourage them to pray regularly for those who are hurting and those that don't know God:

Pray together not just for those close to you, but for all those near and far that God might put in your path that do not know Him. Remind them that just because our home is safe and okay, others still do not have safe homes long after a hurricane. Help them understand the importance of praying God's heart, not just our own!

Get involved in Deep Impact (DI) Kids as a family!

Baptists on Mission is working hard to create safe and well thought out mission opportunities. The pandemic may have changed how we have to do things, but the mission has not changed. The best DI Kids trips happen when families participate together. It builds continuity between mission camps and homes. Missions is a way of living, not an activity, but making space for special trips like DI kids energizes and encourages a heart for others in our young people. At a DI kids weekend my family attended recently; we went on a prayer walk around the facility. I thought this might be uncomfortable for the kids at first. In the end, I think the kids felt more at home with this than some adults may have. While sitting still and quiet can often be a challenge, moving through our prayers was more natural and helped them pay attention. Programs like DI Kids invites churches, families, and kids into new experiences. Kids always surprise us with their courage at trying new things. So never underestimate their ability to live out their call to live missionally in the world!

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DI KIDS FAMILY MISSIONS WEEKEND

We were able to host our first Family Missions Weekend for 2020 at Red Springs in October. There were six families involved, participating in several mission projects at our mission camp and in the community of Red Springs. We spent time together in worship and a great opportunity of working with the parents on family discipleship.

Family Missions weekend plans for our 2021 year will be on the website for registration soon!

This event allows families to serve together with the entire family... 5 years and up! Along with their children serving together, parents are definitely a picture of the hands and feet of Jesus! For updates and to register, visit our website at www.baptistsonmission.org/camps/di-kids or **contact Melanie Crawford at (919) 459-5596 or mcrawford@ncbaptist.org**.



RA CAMPOREE 2021

We are looking forward to moving forward with our 2021 RA Camporee, **October 1-3, 2021**, at Camp Durant in Carthage, NC. This is a great opportunity for your RA's to learn camping skills with great fellowship around the campfire. The cost for the 2021 camporee is \$25 per person. Mark the camporee on your church calendar now, and enjoy a great camping weekend with your RA group! Registration will open up in June 2021, and you will be able to find all information on the website: www.baptistsonmission.org/programs/children-missions-education

For more information, **contact Jeff Cornwall at racamporeenc@ncbaptist.org or Dollie Noa at dnoa@ncbaptist.org**.

RA RACE 2021

Event canceled for 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions.



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Are you interested in learning about exciting opportunities for involvement in state, national and international missions? Then World Missions Week is the place you want to be! Join us for a week of celebrative worship, morning Bible studies, powerful preaching, small group times and mission moments. Inspirational and informative studies will be provided for all age groups (children, youth and adults). This is the only week of the summer that Fort Caswell offers programming for all ages.

TO REGISTER:

Contact the NC Baptist Assembly at (910) 278-9501 or register online at FortCaswell.com.



“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.” – Colossians 3:23-24 (ESV)



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Various dates 2021. To learn more about Deep Impact and student missions, contact Jordan Caddell (919) 459-5626, jcaddell@ncbaptist.org
www.baptistsonmission.org/camps/Deep-Impact



Deep Impact Kids 2021 p. 52

Various dates 2021. To learn more about Deep Impact Kids, contact Dollie Noa (919) 459-5598, dnoa@ncbaptist.org.
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