

BAPTISTS ON MISSION



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Volunteers Needed
for Hurricane
Florence Rebuild

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Mission Statement

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

With Hurricane Florence, we have experienced the greatest natural disaster in the history of our state. Thousands of families have been affected and need our help. Below is a picture of a home where Baptists on Mission/NCBM are working to give help and hope. There are thousands of homes like this one all over Eastern North Carolina who need volunteers working in them.

I am asking you to **pray, give and go**.

Pray for families, communities and churches who were affected.

Give to help people get back on their feet. Give through Baptists on Mission/NCBM, Disaster Relief, where 100% of what you give will be used for Hurricane Florence relief and rebuilding efforts.

Go and help. Many people need you and you can make the difference in someone's life. Baptists on Mission/NCBM will be coordinating rebuilding efforts over the next few years. We are working to set up rebuild centers where we can house and feed volunteers and manage construction so that those volunteers can work to put families back in their homes. This effort will take two to three years or more.

There is a story in the Bible about a brave woman named Esther who saved her people. The Bible says that she was in the position that she was in for "such a time as this" and because she was faithful, God used her to save her people.

I believe that you are also here "for such a time as this." Many of your neighbors down east need you like never before.

Please be faithful to pray, give and go.



Richard Brunson

Richard Brunson
Executive Director-Treasurer & Partnership Missions Director
NCBM

It has been my pleasure to serve as Baptists on Mission/NCBM President for the past three years. My three year term has increased my appreciation for the staff that God has called to this ministry for a time such as this. We are truly blessed to have this amazingly talented and gifted team of men and women leading this wonderful organization.

As blessed as we are to have such a phenomenal staff, the work of Baptists on Mission/NCBM would not be possible without the thousands of volunteers who go to be the hands and feet of Jesus wherever they are called. Also, the thousands of people who pray and give to support the work of the staff and volunteers are critical in all that is accomplished.

We serve an amazing God who calls us to join him in these works so that we can have the opportunity to show and tell people about our God so that they too can learn of his love for us.

If you are one of the thousands of volunteers who give of yourself to do the work of Baptists on Mission/NCBM – thank you! If you are one of the thousands of people who pray and give to support the work – thank you!

If you have never been involved with the work of Baptists on Mission/NCBM please consider using this magazine to learn more about the various opportunities to serve our living God either near your home, somewhere in North Carolina, or the United States or perhaps somewhere else in the World. There are many opportunities through Baptists on Mission/NCBM to serve HIM.

Through the years I have been blessed to be involved in some wonderful bible studies that focused on the lives and works of great biblical men and women such as Abraham, Noah, Job, Esther and Ruth. I have also enjoyed plays at the Sight and Sound Theater in Ronks, PA which told the stories of many of these in addition to Sampson, Jonah and Joseph. The remarkable thing about each of these biblical persons is that there was nothing extraordinary about them before they were used by God for His purposes. God uses ordinary people to do His extraordinary works.

Consider your story. Will you allow our extraordinary God to do extraordinary works through an ordinary you? Romans 8:28 says that "...in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." 1 Peter 4:11 says ... "If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ."

No matter your age, occupation or health, God can use you in the work of Baptists on Mission/NCBM. Perhaps it will be as a volunteer on the field, or as a financial supporter currently or perhaps a gift through your will, or as a prayer warrior in your prayer closet. Listen for what God calls you to do in His Kingdom work.

Thank you for going, giving and praying!



Robert Simons

Robert Simons

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Agriculture Missions

- Church and community garden ministries continue to be promoted within North Carolina and now in the Appalachians Coalfields.
- State Ag Missions Team assisted the Guatemala and Cuba Partnerships as consultants for some of their country's agricultural needs.

Aviation Ministry

- 89 active NC pilots
- 85 patients served
- 142 passengers served
- \$158,442 in public benefit
- 18,271 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.
- Encourages and supports educators building relationships with schools in North America
- Supports the BoM recovery efforts by providing age/grade appropriate reading materials to middle schools in eastern North Carolina effected by Hurricane Florence.

Children's Missions

- 339 participated in the State RA Race
- 76 campers for RA Camporee
- 340 Deep Impact Kids

Church Renewal

- 18 Church Renewal Weekends in NC
- 27 Church Renewal Overviews, including 4 associations
- 19 Preparation Group Trainings
- 1 Church Renewal Journey Team in Romania
- 15 assists with CRJ Weekends in other states
- 2 Renewal Coordinator trainings conducted
- Baptist State Convention of NC Annual Meeting and NC Baptists Mission Conference exhibits & breakout sessions

Disaster Relief/Recovery

RESPONSE LOCATIONS:

- Hurricane Matthew 2016 (on-going)
- Hurricane Maria 2017 Puerto Rico (on-going)
- April 2018 Greensboro Tornado
- May 2018 Polk County Flood
- August 2018 Manteo Flood
- September 2018 Hurricane Florence
- October 2018 Hurricane Michael

Florence by Numbers:

- Professions of Faith - 100
- Gospel Presentations - 1,400+

- Volunteer Work Hours - 350,000+
- Meals Prepared - 1,093,787
- Assessments - 6,000+
- Flood Clean-up - 2,000+
- Chainsaw Jobs - 2,000+
- Heavy Equipment Hours - 1,640
- Temporary Roofing - 950
- Emergency Childcare - 63
- Showers - 28,878
- Laundry Loads - 8,584

Family Foundations

- Two Marriage Retreats were held in Laurel Springs and Dobson with 12 couples attending

International Mission Partnerships

- Armenia - 35 on 5 teams
- Cuba - 183 on 16 teams
- Guatemala - 211 on 28 teams
- Haiti - 14 on 2 teams
- Honduras - 171 on 16 teams
- Kenya - 31 on 5 teams
- Roma People - 119 on 14 teams
- South Africa - 69 on 6 teams

Least of These Projects

- Lighthouse School in Gaza - 21
- Armenia Church Planters - 23
- Kenya Houses of Hope - 16 houses built
- Haiti - School, Medical Clinic
- Africa for Christ - 5 Church Planter Supports
- Door of Hope, South Africa - assistance provided for children; 3 cottages built for orphans

Medical Missions

MOBILE DENTAL MINISTRY:

- PATIENTS: dental - 2,734; medical - 157; eye - 82
- VOLUNTEERS: medical professionals: dentists - 305; dental assistants/hygienists - 429; lay workers - 982; translators - 49; pastors & counselors - 152
- Mobile units in use 126 days, traveling 15,511 miles.
- Professions of Faith - 44; Other decisions - 1

HEALTH SCREENING MINISTRY:

- Scheduled Clinics - 22
- Professions of Faith - 4; other decisions 4
- PATIENTS - 355
- VOLUNTEERS - 377
- Collegiate Healthcare Programs Utilizing Mobile Unit - 6
- Counties visited - 17

Men's Ministry

- 206 participants in Men's Ministry Worship Rallies
- 117 participants in Men's Outdoor Weekend

- Men's Work & Worship Weekend - cancelled due to Hurricane Florence
- 26 participants in statewide Men's Ministry Leadership Training

National Mission Partnerships

- Appalachian Coalfields - 1,343 on 70 teams
- Hawaii - 21 on 76 teams
- New England - 391 on 32 teams
- Pennsylvania - 270 on 16 teams
- Rocky Mountain - 214 on 18 teams
- TOTAL - 2,239 on 143 teams

NC State Mission Projects

- Red Springs Mission Camp: over 5,798 volunteer days
- Shelby Mission Camp: 6,353 volunteer days
- Handyman Assistance Requests - 225
- Impact NC - 3 projects assisted

Sports & Recreation

- 36 participated in the annual May Baptists on Mission/NCBM Golf Tournament

Student Mobilization Ministry

- 1,350 participants in 11 Deep Impact Mission Camps & 4 DI Kids camps; mission offering = \$7,000 for new Dental Truck

College Missions

- 53 Students & Scholars attended the International Student & Scholar Conference
- 70 Students attending Student Summer Ministries Interview Weekend
- 144 Students partaking in Student Summer Ministries (BeDoTell, Camp Caraway, Camp Mundo Vista, Deep Impact, DI Kids, & Fort Caswell)
- 150 College Students assisting with Disaster Relief

GENERAL EVENTS

Baptist Missions Conference

- Approximately 1,500 participants attended this annual inspirational and informational meeting

World Missions Week

- 383 attended World Missions Week at Caswell

Regional Rallies

- 2,655 participants in February
- 2,083 participants in August

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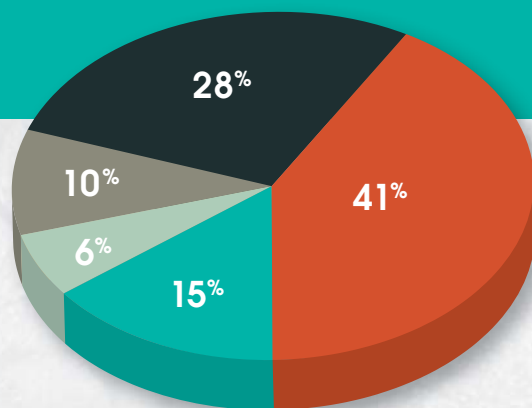
The North Carolina Missions Offering:

- relieves suffering of people
- plants new churches
- mobilizes volunteers for missions
- shares the gospel of Jesus Christ
- responds to various disasters
- treats the sick

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13:34-35

**2019
GOAL**
\$2.1 million



■ Baptists on Mission/NCBM	\$ 856,720
■ Church Planting	\$ 596,000
■ Mission Camps	\$ 313,080
■ Associational Projects	\$ 210,000
■ Mobilization Ministry Projects	\$ 124,200

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JANUARY 2019

- 3-5 Here & Now Experience, Shelby Mission Camp
- 18-20 Student Summer Ministry Interview
- 25-26 Baptist Men's Board Meeting, Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro
- 26 Baptists on Mission/NCBM Annual Business Meeting, Asheboro
- 27 Baptist Men's Day in the Churches

FEBRUARY 2019

- 18 Region 2 Missions Rally - Love Memorial Baptist Church, Goldsboro
- 18 Region 8 Missions Rally - Burkemont Baptist Church, Morganton
- 18 Region 10 Missions Rally - Cashiers Baptist Church, Cashiers
- 19 Region 1 Missions Rally - Cashie Baptist Church, Windsor
- 19 Region 4 Missions Rally - Piney Grove Chapel, Angier
- 19 Region 6 Missions Rally - Kannapolis, First Baptist
- 19 Region 9 Missions Rally - New Bridge Baptist Church, Asheville
- 21 Region 3 Missions Rally - Southview Baptist Church, Hope Mills
- 21 Region 5 Missions Rally - Stanleyville, First Baptist
- 21 Region 7 Missions Rally - Wilkesboro Baptist Church, Wilkesboro
- 22-23 Region 1 Disaster Relief Training, Elizabeth City

MARCH 2019

- 8-9 Region 3 Disaster Relief Training, Wilmington
- 22-23 Region 5 Disaster Relief Training, Thomasville
- 30 RA Car Race Day, First Baptist Salisbury

APRIL 2019

- 5-6 Baptist Missions Conference, Charlotte
- 6 Student Missions Conference, Charlotte
- 12-14 International Student & Scholar Conference, Caswell
- 26-27 Region 7 Disaster Relief Training, Taylorsville
- 27 Operation Inasmuch

MAY 2019

- 3-4 Men's Outdoor Weekend, Caraway
- 3-4 Family Missions Weekend, Shelby Mission Camp
- 4 NCBM Golf Tournament, Keith Hills, Buies Creek
- 4 Operation Inasmuch
- 17-18 Region 9 Disaster Relief Training, Asheville
- 17-19 Deep Impact KIDS Weekend (Grades 1-5), Red Springs Mission Camp
- 31-June 1 Family Missions Weekend, Red Springs Mission Camp

JUNE 2019

- 13-16 Deep Impact KIDS (Grades 1-5), Camp Cale
- 13-16 Deep Impact Mini Week, Shelby
- 15-22 Deep Impact Honduras
- 17-22 Deep Impact Boone
- 23-29 Deep Impact Week Atlanta

JUNE 2019 *continued*

- 24-28 Deep Impact KIDS (Grades 1-5), Red Springs Mission Camp
- 24-29 Deep Impact Hendersonville/Fruitland
- 30-July 6 Deep Impact Caswell

JULY 2019

- 1-6 Deep Impact KIDS Caswell (WMW)
- 1-6 World Missions Week, Caswell
- 6-14 Deep Impact Week Cuba
- 8-13 Deep Impact Shelby
- 14-17 Deep Impact KIDS (Grades 1-5), Truett
- 15-20 Deep Impact Outer Banks
- 20-27 Deep Impact Puerto Rico
- 22-27 Deep Impact Week Red Springs Mission Camp
- 28-31 Deep Impact KIDS (Grades 1-5), Mundo Vista
- 28-Aug 31 Deep Impact Mini Week, Red Springs Mission Camp

AUGUST 2019

- 12 Regions 2, 8, & 10 Missions Rally
- 13 Regions 1, 4, 6, & 9 Missions Rally
- 15 Regions 3, 5 & 7 Missions Rally
- 23-24 Baptists on Mission/NCBM Board of Directors Meeting,
Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro
- 24 Baptists on Mission/NCBM Advisory Council & Board,
Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro

SEPTEMBER 2019**1-30** *NC Missions Offering Month*

- 7 Men's Ministry/Challenger/Royal Ambassador Leadership Training - West
- 13-14 Family Missions Weekend, Red Springs Missions Camp
- 14 Men's Ministry/Challenger/Royal Ambassador Leadership Training - East
- 20-22 RA Camporee
- 27-29 Deep Impact KIDS (Grades 1-5), Shelby Mission Camp

OCTOBER 2019

- 5 *Marriage You Always Wanted Conference, Raleigh*
- 11-12 Men's Work & Worship Weekend, Shelby Mission Camp
- 18-19 Family Missions Weekend, Shelby Mission Camp

NOVEMBER 2019

- 1-3 Deep Impact Weekend, Shelby
- 7 Region 1 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 14 Region 3 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 15-17 Deep Impact KIDS Weekend (Grades 1-5), Red Springs Missions Camp
- 19 Region 5 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 21 Region 7 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 25 Region 9 Men's Ministry Worship Rally

2019 MISSIONS CONFERENCE

KNOWN BY LOVE

HICKORY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — APRIL 5-6, 2019

SPEAKERS



BOB GOFF

New York Times bestselling author of *Love Does* • Founder of Restore International



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Best-selling author of *Lessons I Learned in the Dark*; *Self Talk*; *Soul Talk*; *Me, Myself & Lies*; and *God Is Just Not Fair*.



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Special features include Mission Breakout Sessions, Volunteer Supper, Mission Testimonies, Mission Fair Exhibits and much more.

Registration Deadline: March 29, 2019

WORSHIP



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IF YOU HAVE LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER, THEN EVERYONE WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES.

JOHN 13:35 (GNT)

LODGING OPTIONS

You must make your own reservation directly with the hotel of your choice. Be sure to ask for the special Baptist Missions Conference (BMC) rate but it must be by the deadline date to guarantee the rate per night.

You can choose from the following hotels:

COURTYARD CHARLOTTE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PARK

\$93 Per Night
333 West W.T. Harris Blvd
Charlotte, NC 28262
(704) 503-4800
Reserve By March 15

HAMPTON INN, CHARLOTTE UNIVERSITY PLACE

\$95 Per Night (Breakfast)
8419 N Tryon St
Charlotte, NC 28262
(704) 548-0905
Reserve By March 15

HAMPTON INN, CHARLOTTE/ MATTHEWS

\$119 Per Night (Breakfast)
9615 Independence Point Pkwy
Matthews, NC 28105
(704) 841-1155
Reserve By March 10

HILTON CHARLOTTE UNIVERSITY PLACE

\$134 Per Night
8629 J.M. Keynes Dr
Charlotte, NC 28262
(704) 547-7444
Reserve By March 6

HILTON GARDEN INN NORTH

\$129 Per Night
9315 Statesville Rd
Charlotte, NC 28269
(704) 597-7655
Reserve By March 6

RESIDENCE INN CHARLOTTE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PARK

\$104/\$129 Per Night
8503 N Tryon St
Charlotte, NC
(704) 547-1122
Reserve By March 1

SPRINGHILL SUITES CHARLOTTE UNIVERSITY

\$116 Per Night (Breakfast)
8700 Research Dr
Charlotte, NC 28262
(704) 503-4800
Reserve By March 15

Below are additional choices for hotels. We do not have a contract so these listed prices may fluctuate:

HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON CHARLOTTE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PARK

\$128 Per Night
625 McCullough Dr
Charlotte, NC 28262
(704) 659-5100

CANDLEWOOD SUITES CHARLOTTE-UNIVERSITY

\$82 Per Night
8812 University East Dr
Charlotte, NC 28213
(704) 598-9863

COUNTRY INN & SUITES BY RADISSON CHARLOTTE UNIVERSITY PLACE

\$107 Per Night
131 East McCullough Dr
Charlotte, NC 28262
(704) 549-8770

HOMEWOOD SUITES BY HILTON CHARLOTTE NORTH/ UNIV RESEARCH PARK

\$133 Per Night
8340 North Tryon St
Charlotte, NC 28262
(704) 549-8800

REGISTRATION FORM

North Carolina Baptist Missions Conference
April 5-6, 2019

Complete and return by March 26

Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Church _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Cell _____

E-mail _____

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

_____ @ \$20 per person = \$ _____

Check all sessions you will be attending

_____ Friday evening

_____ Saturday morning

_____ Saturday afternoon

MEALS

Friday Volunteer Supper

_____ @ \$8 per person = \$ _____

Saturday Lunch

_____ (cost included in registration fee)

Total Enclosed \$ _____

RETURN TO

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call (919) 459-5596
or visit www.baptistsonmission.org
to register online

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

A Missions Rally for Men, Women & Youth



You are Invited to the February, 2019 Regional Mission Rallies

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

Supper at 5:45pm

Program from 6:50pm - 8:30pm

Mark your calendar now for this exciting event for men, women, and youth.

Region 1	Tuesday, February 19	Cashie Baptist, Windsor
Region 2	Monday, February 18	Love Memorial, Goldsboro
Region 3	Thursday, February 21	Southview Baptist, Hope Mills
Region 4	Tuesday, February 19	Piney Grove Chapel Baptist, Angier
Region 5	Thursday, February 21	Stanleyville First Baptist, Winston-Salem
Region 6	Tuesday, February 19	First Baptist Kannapolis, Kannapolis
Region 7	Thursday, February 21	Wilkesboro Baptist, Wilkesboro
Region 8	Monday, February 18	Burkemon Baptist, Morganton
Region 9	Tuesday, February 19	Newbridge Baptist, Asheville
Region 10	Monday, February 18	Cashiers Baptist, Cashiers

A meal is provided at no charge, but reservations are necessary to ensure an accurate meal count. Register on our website at www.baptistsonmission.org [Events/Regional Rallies/Mission Rallies] or by contacting our office at (919) 459-5596; or keskridge@ncbaptist.org. Registration is due one week prior to the rally date.

Partnering with

togo christian missions

the Agriculture Missions Team is currently exploring a partnership in Togo.

Over a year ago, we were contacted and asked to consider partnering in the southern portion of the country. A fact finding trip has been made and the Agriculture Missions Team is working towards a partnership with Togo Christian Mission (TCM). This partnership would include opportunities for volunteers specializing in agriculture, personal health, and education. Other potential possibilities, such as evangelism and outreach, may exist as well. Its mission statement reads "Togo Christian Mission seeks to extend the kingdom of God in Togo through the development of healthy individuals, quality education, aid for at-risk children, and community development."

Over thirty years ago, Baptists on Mission/NCBM volunteers from North Carolina went to northern Togo on an international mission trip. This was one of, if not the first, international mission trips for Baptists on Mission/NCBM volunteers. These volunteers assisted with impounded ponds and a bridge to provide access across a seasonal river. These changes provided tremendous economic impacts for the people of that region. The government saw the impacts made and has installed a new and improved bridge that has continued the growth of the region. Many of our experienced NCBM volunteers assisted with Togo then and currently share an interest in this possibility.

While visiting the Vogan area of Togo, we met the Christian leader of TCM, Hammer Afakule and his wife, Della. We visited several of his personal agricultural sites, the Christian school, the health clinic, and a tract of land which is available for purchase. Hammer has a vision for the land and would like to develop the land into a site for Christian learning. The site would include a health clinic, a school for teaching pastors and a place to teach agricultural skills. While teaching the pastors about being a shepherd, they would also be taught about agriculture. These agricultural skills would include agricultural production utilizing resources available in the country. Included also would be instruction on plants and animals to grow for financial and economic stability and sustainability. Techniques for planting and means of increasing expected yields would be a part of the instruction provided. The site is currently grown up in vegetation and much work is needed for Hammer's vision to be achieved, but Hammer has faith that the Lord will provide.

We hope to be scheduling mission trips to Togo sometime in 2019. Prayer is powerful and your prayers for: the people of Togo, Togo Christian Missions, and for volunteers to assist with this partnership would be appreciated.

We hope to assist TCM in implementing their vision statement: "We are committed to having Christ's freedom proclaimed to all people, and that every believer is equipped to serve others and to use every resource God has given us to glorify Him."



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Safety, Sharing, Ministering

As aviators for the Baptist on Missions/ NCBM Aviation Ministry, we have three objectives to accomplish on each mission: **Safety, Sharing the Gospel with the lost and Ministering to the saints.** Below is an account of one of our veteran pilots who uses his talents given to him by God to accomplish each of these tasks on every flight. I am humbled to serve with pilots like Dale Fuller.

Each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace
1 Peter 4:10

I have been making Angel Flights for several years. When asked why I do these flights, my answer has always been that I feel God has given me the passion to fly and the passion to help others. With these abilities provided by Him, 1 Peter 4:10, I can do Angel Flights. All Angel Flights have a special meaning, some more than others. Below is a summary of one of those special flights:

My friend Gary and I met early on a Saturday morning in Monroe, NC to fly to Lynchburg, VA, to meet leg-one pilot who was bringing four year old, Elliot and his mother, Angela from Philadelphia.

Our leg of the Angel Flight was taking them home to Knoxville, TN. Elliot has a very rare bone and muscle condition that is found mostly in third world countries. The only doctor who is able to treat his condition is in Philadelphia. Elliot has had to undergo several surgeries—hip, back, leg and knees—over the last two years. The next surgery will be on his arms and hands. Angela stated they tried to make the 12-16 hour drive with Elliott, but was very hard on all of them. They then tried to fly commercially but was very difficult getting through TSA due to surgical metal in his body. This procedure was very upsetting to Elliott. Someone told them about Angel Flight and Angela feels it was God-sent. They have used Angel Flight several times going to Philadelphia.

Angela also told us about her pregnancy with Elliot. During late term, two doctors advised her that there was something wrong and she needed to have an abortion. She stated that because of her faith, abortion was not an option. She asked for a doctor who did not believe in abortion. She shared how much a blessing Elliot has been to their family. Angela firmly believes God has had His hand in all that has happen to their family and He still has a purpose and plan for their lives. Angela is a high school Literature teacher and wants to let everyone know what God has done for her family through Elliot.

Oh, we also had a great flight above the clouds most of the flight. As Gary and I flew home from Knoxville, we both talked about how God works in all of our lives every day and how blessed we are to be able to help others.

— Dale Fuller

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Building Relationships in Public Schools

The Gift
of You

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So many of you have responded to my last article in *Baptists on Mission* and shared the many ways you are building relationships with teachers and students in North Carolina. Many of you are working directly with children while many of you are working behind the scene but all are important and are for the glory of God. Let me share some of the ways that people are building relationships in schools in North Carolina.

First, some of us are adopting schools in our community and providing ongoing assistance, including periodic meals for teachers, encouragement gifts such as snacks or stress balls, and safety items such as Kleenex or hand sanitizer for the classrooms. School beautification is being provided by many who offer extra hands to wash windows inside and out, wash desks, pull weeds, plant flowers or paint doors to make the environment more pleasing. More importantly, many are using their teaching skills to listen to children read, thus enhancing their reading skills and building a one on one relationship with students. This takes only a small amount of time but can have long lasting results. Some of us are volunteering with a single teacher and thus providing important help in many areas including arts and crafts, music, language arts, spelling, math and the list goes on. Some churches are providing proctors for tests. In addition, some schools have

invited us to hold Bible Clubs before school and prayer rallies around the flag pole.

Second, some volunteers are working with children and adults by teaching GED classes, working with English as a Second Language, ministering to the deaf in their community, or helping in a Life Works Program. The homeless population among our students is staggering. Many of these students receive most of their nourishment from school so a large number of churches are participating in a backpack program for homeless families to provide food for weekends and holidays.

Thank you for sharing with me the many ways you are using your teaching skills to fulfill the great commission and letting your light shine among the children of our state. I am encouraged to learn how many of you share my burden for the children and how many of you are actively working to let others see Jesus through you and being a true force in your community. The most important thing to keep in mind is to continue to make your efforts needs based. I look forward to hearing from you again.

Please understand that we continue to encourage educators to use their teaching skills globally and we still send books and study materials to the foreign mission field. Bring your books to either the Red Springs or Shelby Mission Camp.

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Compassion in Action

Compassion is a part of the DNA of each Baptists on Mission/NCBM ministry. By paying close attention to the reports of other ministry areas, one can recognize a variety of examples of compassion in action.

As backpacks are collected across the state for the Appalachian Coalfields Ministry, it is impossible to overlook the excitement of those who have been involved in collecting items for the children. Whether the backpack has been packed by an individual or a small group, the desire to make a difference in the life of a child by demonstrating in a small way that Jesus loves them is the motivation.

Pilots who are a part of the Aviation Ministry show compassion for those with serious medical conditions by transporting them to treatment centers. Providing agricultural training so that families can grow and process their own vegetables is one way to improve the health of children and adults in the age of food insecurity in our communities. It takes time and compassion in order to be available to do this ministry. Those who are compassionate with children and youth through camps and Deep Impact weeks may be the catalyst that changes the direction of one or many individuals.

As volunteers return from Romania, India, Cuba, Honduras and other places, their stories are filled with gratitude for the blessings that they received from their willingness to teach, build, witness, and interact in other ways with

people who are no longer strangers but friends.

Baptists on Mission ministries can be a catalyst in helping these individuals who have had cross-cultural experiences become transformers in their home communities as they reach out to refugees and immigrants who dreamed of a land of freedom never anticipating prejudice or rejection from their neighbors.

It had been almost a month since the devastating hurricane had swept through the community where Baptists on Mission were involved in feeding and recovery ministries. Teams were returning after a long day of work and preparing for dinner. An elderly lady slipped into a vacant chair beside one of the administration volunteers and began to ask if it would be possible for someone to put a tarp on her mobile home that evening. Heavy rain from another storm was in the forecast and she knew she needed help. The volunteer explained that teams had already finished their work for the day and that there were other job requests for tarps that had not been completed. Her phone had been out since the storm arrived and she had no other place to turn. She provided all the information she could and signed the job request form and slowly made her way to the door.

As the volunteer was preparing to go to dinner, she overheard the team leader from another state discussing the lady's need for a tarp. One of his team members had heard the lady sharing her story. After learning that she lived nearby, the leader assured the blue hat that it would be no problem for his team to return to work after the meal. At breakfast the next morning, he shared that he had never seen a roof in such bad shape. It was so bad that while he was checking it, he almost fell through in one spot. Two hours after arriving the job was completed and the crew returned to shower and prepare for the next day of recovery demonstrating the love of Jesus through their work.

The words of Jesus are the foundation for Compassion in Action for Baptists on Mission/NCBM, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40. Selah)



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Why Do You Do Church the Way You Do?

Why?

I heard this question hundreds of times as my kids were growing up and most of the time the question was legitimate. By the way, the right answer to "Why?" is seldom, almost never, "because I said so."

Recently someone asked the question of me, "Why do you do church the way you do?" The person asking the question was an unbeliever, and the question was, and is, a little strange. But his "Why?" really made me think. To be honest, my initial thought was, "That's the way I have always done church." Not a good answer. My more thoughtful answer has caused me to change my priorities on how I spend my time.

The Old Way

There is no longer much argument that the way we have done church in the western world since the 1960s is not working: we are not reconciling a lost world to God, and we are not meeting needs of people. Yes, there are some churches that are thriving, baptizing more adults than they are burying. These churches are teaching the Bible; they whole-heartedly love God. They love people and take God's command to "go" seriously. But too many surveys and our own observations tell us that the majority of the 350,000 churches in America are declining.

Why?

I think the answer is subtle but simple. We have forgotten the "Why?" that should drive our lives. Why does Main Street Baptist Church, Any City, USA exist? What is its mission? Why is there a worship service and Sunday School and outreach and various ministries? I fear that we have forgotten Jesus, who is the "Why?" driving the church. Jesus told the church at Ephesus, "You have forgotten your first love." The church at Ephesus and declining churches today forgot their "Why?"

Church Renewal Journey focuses on the "Why?"

Church Renewal Journey (CRJ) reminds individual church members of why they exist –to carry out God's calling, his unique individual assignment,

to advance the kingdom of God, grow the church. We carry out our calling by being the hands and feet of Jesus in a world that is hostile to Him and to us. CRJ encourages individual church members to live worthy of their calling, to understand the privileges and responsibilities of being Christ's ambassador on this earth. "Why?" Because heaven and earth are real, and our calling is to share the good news that Jesus saves to all people everywhere.

Understanding "Why?" Makes a Difference

When we understand the "Why?," our lives change, causing a change in our churches. During a recent CRJ weekend, just before the teaching session began, a man rose and asked if he could speak to the church. He began to spontaneously confess sins and ask for forgiveness. With tears of joy, the fellow members gathered around him and prayed. For one and a half hours, the process was repeated 10 times as individuals confessed and repented of sins and asked the church and their families to forgive them. The teaching session and the small group discussions were replaced by the spontaneous response of the people to the Holy Spirit.

When people truly understand the "Why?" of church, the Bible, Jesus and God, confession and repentance of sin is spontaneous and revival begins. The "Why?" of Church Renewal Journey is the spiritual awakening of churches throughout the world so that all people will be reached in our time. CRJ is not revival but is a tool that encourages renewal of individuals as they really grasp the "Why?" they exist.

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Volunteers Needed

for Sheltering and Temporary Essential (STEP) Program

Thousands of our neighbors throughout eastern North Carolina cannot go home. They are living in temporary housing or with family or friends because flood waters and wind from Hurricane Florence rendered their homes uninhabitable. This has been their fate since mid-September.

Imagine, if you can, the trauma, emotions, and pain suffered by those forced to flee with only the clothes on their back and a few precious belongings. Driven from their homes, many rescued in boats, they want nothing more than the ability to go back home.

In the hurricane's aftermath it is estimated 1.2 million households were affected. Thousands of houses throughout eastern North Carolina must be gutted to replace damaged walls, floors, cabinets, and stop the growth of mold. Housing and property damage estimates total \$5.6 billion—including the cost of housing storm survivors in temporary quarters.

Getting Hurricane Florence survivors back into their homes as quickly as possible is the goal of a pilot project linking Baptists on Mission/NCBM, State Emergency Management, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

In Lumberton, Baptists on Mission/NCBM is engaging with FEMA's Sheltering and Temporary Essential Power (STEP) pilot program "in performing work and services essential to saving lives, protecting public health and safety and protecting property."

The essence of this pilot program is to enable eligible displaced residents whose homes were damaged by the hurricane to take shelter in their own homes until the rebuild process is completed.

FEMA stresses that STEP is not a permanent repair program but only "meant to provide the basic life sustaining needs for emergency sheltering."

The role of Baptists on Mission/NCBM is to make reasonable and necessary repairs so that a house is safe for sheltering purposes pending local building inspector approval. Currently, Baptists on Mission/NCBM has several STEP house projects underway.

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More can be added as thousands of homes meet FEMA qualification for the program.

FEMA guidelines mandate that emergency work include providing utilities for potable water, hot water, HVAC, and food preparation. Other needs include a "functional kitchen, bathroom, sleeping accommodations, and securing and/or weatherproofing to include roof, walls, doors and windows."

Bill Martin, Baptists on Mission/NCBM state coordinator of disaster recovery, explained the pilot program's goal is to make a residence "safe, sanitary and secure" so that a Right of Entry (ROE) document can be granted. Once back in their residence, a homeowner can then initiate more complete repairs to the property. Martin stressed the FEMA program is designed to provide "minimal repairs to make a house safe and livable so the homeowner can get out of temporary housing and back into their own home."

For example, he said, damaged dry wall will be replaced to cover electrical wiring and plumbing but will not have to be finished with tape and joint compound nor be painted. If it is deemed safe, flooring can be limited to the sub-floor. Kitchen and bath counters can be as simple as a piece of plywood. Minimal cabinet space could be provided. Doors would not be necessary on unused bedrooms and multi-bathroom equipped homes could have only one functional facility in some instances. These minimal repairs are designed to make a house safe and livable while the homeowner secures complete rebuild.

Richard Brunson, director of Baptists on Mission/NCBM, encourages every faith group (not just Baptists) and civic groups to help at least one family get back in their home. "We need families back in a functional home as quickly as possible," he said.

Brunson urges Sunday school classes, mission groups, student groups, civic groups and businesses to get involved by praying, giving and going. Lodging, meals and work management is provided. State and federal agencies provide building materials.

Your help is desperately needed to get a family back into their house!

Go to www.baptistsonmission.org to sign up for the location where you can serve a day, a weekend, a week, a month, or longer.

by Larry High



BUILDING BRIDGES OVER TROUBLED WATERS

Hurricane Florence, predicted to be a category 4 Hurricane, made landfall as a category 1 storm and battered our coast line with 90 mile per hour winds. Although we escaped the 130 mile per hour winds we didn't escape the torrential rains which produced damage comparable to any damage we may have thought we avoided.

This is not the first time that North Carolina has suffered from the wrath of a hurricane and it is not the first time that Baptists on Mission/NCBM volunteers answered the call for help. Just shy of two years ago, Baptist volunteers came to the aid of North Carolinians throughout the state who experienced the devastating effects of Hurricane Matthew's flood waters that destroyed many homes and businesses. Once again, just as they had before, they answered the call.

Before Hurricane Florence even hit the coastline, some Baptist volunteers had left their home planning to be away for the next several weeks. Others were staged and ready to respond as soon as they were given the orders to deploy. Site Coordinators had already contacted their administrative teams, feeding teams had already been organized and chainsaw teams had already prepared their equipment.

Once Florence left her mark, Baptist volunteers were deployed to three different sites to set up and operate three (3) large mobile feeding kitchens. One unit was set up in New Bern, one in Wilmington and the other in Lumberton. In addition to North Carolina Baptists, we also had help from our Baptist Partners from 10 other states. These states included Texas, Tennessee, Mississippi, Missouri, Virginia, Illinois,

Delaware, Maryland, Alabama, and Kentucky. Baptist volunteers worked tirelessly cooking food twice a day, so survivors in the surrounding counties could have hot meals to eat. All combined, Baptists prepared over 1,057,000 meals for those affected by the storm. The question some would ask is "Why would so many volunteers work so tirelessly for days on end?" The answer is easy. Jesus taught us to serve others. Mark 10:45 tells us that "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." As followers of Christ we are compelled to love others enough to show compassion and try to alleviate their suffering. When we see others in times of need Jesus tells us to put our faith into action. 1 John 3:16-18 tells us "...If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need, but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech, but with actions and in truth."

The "troubled waters" brought on by these hurricanes have provided Christians the opportunity to serve and to minister to people who are hurting. The Disaster Relief Ministry offers a way to build bridges and break down barriers that would often hinder many from accepting the Gospel. When people are hurting, they need to be shown love and given hope. What better way to be the "Hands and Feet" of Christ, than by meeting physical needs of those who are suffering.

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Volunteers Needed for HURRICANE FLORENCE REBUILD



September 14, 2018 is a date that all North Carolinians will remember! Hurricane Florence came ashore with winds and water unlike any other Hurricane in our history. Days before, Baptists on Mission/NCBM were making preparations for a response to help those in need after the storm. Over 1,000,000 meals were served! Chainsaw teams headed east! Teams of volunteers put tarps on roofs and began mud outs, tear outs and clean outs of homes. Many thousands of volunteers have worked tirelessly since that September day!

Baptists on Mission/NCBM have moved into a rebuild stage in several locations. We anticipate being in these locations for a few years. At present we have recovery/rebuild sites in Lumberton in Robeson County, Wallace/Warsaw in Duplin County, New Bern/Havelock in Craven County, Kelly in Bladen County and Burgaw in Pender County. We also serve surrounding towns and counties in these areas. Our hope is to open a few other recovery sites soon.

The rebuild operations primarily focus on the Sheltering and Temporary Emergency Power (STEP) program. You can watch a video about the STEP program at this link: <https://vimeo.com/303728386>. As you can see in the video, anyone can volunteer to be involved in this program. We are able to get families back into their homes much quicker. Once we complete the STEP houses, we will assist many homeowners with the finishing work in their homes.

Many volunteers are needed now and the many months to come. When you volunteer at any of our recovery sites we will provide meals and lodging. Some of our lodging is in rooms with bunk beds and some of our lodging is on air mattresses on Sunday School classroom floors. We provide all materials for the projects/homes. Many of our sites have the tools needed to do the work. Once we make an assignment to you and/or your group, you will have opportunity to speak to the site coordinator to get detailed information on needed tools, what to expect and many other details to make your volunteer stay successful. It is always helpful when we have skilled construction volunteers. As you are planning your dates, please consider bringing along some skilled people.

Registration is very simple. Go to this website:

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

Read the information carefully and then register for you and/or your group's volunteer service. Once you register, you will hear from our office with an assignment. At this time, we are able to make assignments between one and two months out.

Youth groups are able to help in the recovery process. Please make sure you have a ratio of one adult for every three youth. Youth must be in 6th grade and older. Information about background checks, parental waivers, etc. will be in the packet of information you receive with your site assignment.

For more information, please contact Tom Beam, Baptists on Mission staff, at (800) 395-5102, ext. 5626 (toll free), (919) 459-5626 (direct line) or tbeam@ncbaptist.org.



THE BLESSING OF FAMILY

As I sit at my computer to write this article, Thanksgiving and Christmas are just weeks away. The intense hurricane season of 2018 is in the rear view mirror. Both seasons cause me to celebrate the blessing of family. Certainly, all of us are grateful for the blessing of our families as we enjoy their love and fellowship. They are truly a gift from God.

I am a part of two very special families. One I came into by natural birth and marriage. While I came into the second family by birth, it was not a natural birth. It was supernatural. I was born again. That new birth gave me access by adoption to be a part of an incredible family, the FAMILY of GOD! Some parts of this family have awesome FAMILY REUNIONS. Most of them wear yellow shirts and the reunions take place in some of the most difficult circumstances and locations possible. Our Father calls us to these reunions to bear witness of His love and mercy to folks who have experienced terrible tragedy and loss. These folks are a part of the North Carolina Baptists on Missions Disaster Relief Family.

Our Father calls us together to demonstrate the power of love and sacrifice motivated by His grace and mercy that we all have experienced. When we gather as His family in the midst of disaster, He blesses us with a gift that can only be received from giving of ourselves. There is a wonderful unity of His spirit, an awesome sense of being a part of something much bigger than ourselves and a fulfillment that only comes from dying to self and living for HIM.

I wish to thank all of the yellow shirted folks who have answered the call to come to the DR reunions in 2018. I also want to encourage those whom God would invite to join us in 2019 for the scheduled reunions (Regional Training events) so you would be prepared for the other reunions which are also by His invitation.

Bill Fogarty,
Baptists on Mission/NCBM Disaster Relief State Ministry Coordinator
Chaplaincy Team Leader

2019 Disaster Relief Training Dates

Region 1	February 22-23	Elizabeth City
Region 3	March 8-9	Wilmington
Region 5	March 22-23	Thomasville
Region 7	April 26-27	Taylorsville
Region 9	May 17-18	Asheville



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The Marriage You Always Wanted

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Schedule

- 8:00am Doors Open, Registration, Coffee at Disaster Relief Unit
- 8:55am Introduction of the Day and of Dr. Chapman
- 9:00am *Communications 101*
- 10:10am Break
- 10:30am *Understanding and Expressing Love*
- 11:30am Lunch
- 12:30pm *Initiating Positive Change*
- 1:30pm Break
- 1:45pm *Making Sex a Mutual Joy*
- 2:45pm *How to Share the Things that Bug You*
- 3:30pm *Closing, Announcements, Dismiss*

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Mission Trip Changes Lives

By Rebecca Neal, STEM

Worthless. Unwanted. Outcasts. They walked into our clinics each day, some half-dressed, most covered in dirt, and all living in conditions that many individuals in first world countries will never experience or understand. Their faces tell the stories of the lives that they are forced to live and their eyes paint a picture of the hardships they face on a daily basis. They are the Roma people; a people group ostracized by the societies surrounding them – truly the least of these. Society tells them day in and day out that they are nothing more than worthless, unwanted outcasts. Several of these individuals have a lack of self-care, because what's the point of caring for yourself when no one around you shows the least bit of concern to your existence? Our team loved on these individuals and showed them that their worth is found in Christ alone, and that worth is immeasurable. While many Roma presented to our clinics with illnesses that we were able to provide medications for, more importantly, we were able to point them to The Great Physician. We were able to address the physical, emotional and spiritual concerns of these people during our short stay in Ukraine. We had the opportunity to instill a little bit of Jesus into a people group who rarely see what true love looks like and watch how God transforms their lives.

I've heard from many individuals that there's no use in short-term missions, which is something I disagree with wholeheartedly. It was on a short-term mission trip in high school that God placed the desire on my heart to become a nurse and to continue to serve Him through missions. Short-term missions change the lives of those who are being ministered to as well as the lives of those who go. I've been fortunate to have had numerous mission trip experiences

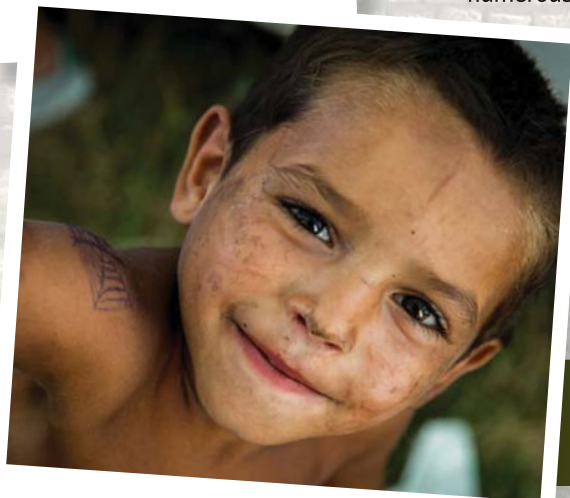
in my 21 years of life;

I've had numerous encounters with the

Lord on mission trips, Who is continually revealing His plan and His purpose for me. I often go on these trips with the intent to bless those I come into contact with, yet I walk away far more blessed than I could ever imagine. I yearn for the closeness to the Lord that I feel when I'm following His calling on my life. I desire to see a world on fire for Christ. I long to see lives radically changed for Jesus.

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Prayer Makes a Difference in ARMENIA

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We were all speechless as Pastor Armen shared his story. A world of prayerful dependence opened before us that was very different from our experience in the United States. During years of war between Armenia and Azerbaijan over control of the Nagorno-Karabakh Region between the two countries, Pastor Armen prayed that God would allow him to return to his home and plant a church. During that time he lost family members in battle ... and he prayed. He visited Azerbi soldiers who were prisoners... and he prayed. He went to international gathering of pastors, some of whom were Azerbi... and he prayed. Not for a few days, or months, or even a year or two but for seven years he prayed that he could plant a church to begin reclaiming the entire region for Christ after four generations of official atheism and Muslim influence. God answered his prayer and for several years a group of believers has been meeting upstairs in Armen's home in a war zone about two miles from the front lines.

Looking around we quickly saw some ways a few material resources could make a big difference: paint, plaster, light fixtures, and a better heater. A team member asked Armen, "What does your church need? How can we help you?" We expected him to ask for money to do the few repairs needed. Instead, he said, *"We have everything we need physically. We recognize that with the next offensive at the front lines it could all be gone in an instant, even our homes, so we are not willing to focus on the physical building in which we meet. Our greatest need is for prayer warriors, one each for the 150 villages in Nagorno-Karabakh, so that Christ's name be lifted up again in this entire region."* As he then prayed for our team, we felt the Spirit of God fall on that place in a powerful way. Our takeaway... we **must** come alongside our brothers and sisters in Armenia to assist them as they follow an aggressive church planting strategy that is impacting an entire region.

Baptists on Mission/NCBM sends teams to Armenia throughout the year and assists two dozen church planters as they reach new communities in an ever-widening strategy. There are opportunities to participate in medical teams, eyeglass distribution, construction, holding VBS, teaching at the seminary, and leading conferences for pastors or women. You can assist a church planter for \$100-\$200

per month. To join an existing team, register your own team, or sponsor a church planter, contact Paul Langston. Dates are available for 2019.



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Partnership Cuba

Cuba

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Proverbs 31:30

A team of ladies from different parts of North Carolina came together to minister to a group of ladies in Cuba. The goal of the ministry was to provide a skill (as a hair stylist) to the Cuban women to help them generate income for their families and provide spiritual encouragement thorough Bible study. Although language was a barrier at times, the things we most had in common were being women and loving our Lord!

Interpreter Doris Ramirez shares her experience:

When I first knew that I would be coming to "My Camp" I was thrilled because I had never been here before. Like many other times, when I have served as an interpreter, I am deeply grateful that God has allowed me to do it once more. I really didn't know what to expect until I was told the sisters attending this training would be taught all the things related to this job so they are able to start working as soon as they got back to their communities, thus providing for their homes. But this week has been blessed beyond all expectations in many ways. Getting to know new sisters in Christ, learning new things, having fellowship and worshiping God together has been a taste of heaven. I am absolutely certain that all my sisters feel the same. If I asked them to write their experience of this wonderful week it would, indeed, take many pages, so I would like to share some of their impressions about this week as a way to express how deeply grateful we all are for such a fabulous time of blessings. Their words about what this week has meant to them are as follows:

"It has been awesome to get to know new sisters, both from Cuba and from America, and we are thankful for their efforts to help us and provide for us in our needs. We have truly experienced the love of Christ."

"There are no words to describe how blessed we are, we thought we would just be taught the techniques and procedures of this job, but the Lord has over abounded by providing the necessary tools for us to be able to start working right away. To Him be all glory, He knows our needs."

"We are overwhelmed by the commitment and devotion of the pastors and leaders in the churches we visited, it was surely encouraging. This week has reminded us of Psalm 133:1 'Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell together in unity.'"

"Learning a new method of Bible study has been a wonderful experience. As this week comes to an end, we remember the early Church described in Acts 2, as we have had teaching, fellowship, sharing of meals and we have also studied the Word of God together."

It was wonderful that we could learn so many things to start a new job, it was even greater that we could learn about the privilege of being godly women who bear the image of Christ to honor His name in everything we do."

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It's About "The Heart" in Guatemala

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Guatemala

In 2016, my husband and I visited The Good Shepherd Ministries in Quetzaltenango (Xela), Guatemala with a group from the NC Baptist Children's Home. We learned how a culture of hopelessness led to record alcoholism, broken families and many abused and abandoned children. We saw how God called these ministries to partner in an orphanage and then with Baptists on Mission/NCBM to construct a ministry center and health clinic. We returned home, eyes opened to God's work in a way we had never experienced. We shared with our church. The pastor asked if the church could help. We prayed, and God called a team. Many others donated funds and materials. The trip was fully funded within months.

I could fill this magazine with all we experienced in our two trips to Guatemala in 2018, but in this small article, I hope something shared will touch your heart and encourage you to pray and see where God may be calling you.

As our teams reflected on the missions, we agreed on a number of things that impacted us most. First, the children. We saw firsthand how their lives are being transformed by God's love. We believe these children will grow in the faith and become godly leaders, impacting their community with the Gospel. We were all inspired by Roger and Vicki and their love for the Lord and for the children, their tireless dedication, and their gracious hospitality toward us. We were humbled to be a part of this work. When we experienced a serious injury on our first team, we saw God's hand in such a mighty way. We were reminded, He is never caught off guard. He made a way, day by day. He restored His people. And He gave great strength and resolve to the remaining team who accomplished more than seemed possible. We experienced a sweet sense of unity and fellowship (meals and prayers and devotions and work and laughter) that our hectic lives in the US rarely allows. We all returned home with a whole new perspective of the mission field.

I confess. I was once one of those practical people that wondered if the money spent on mission trips would be better given directly to those in need. However, these missions have given me a glimpse of God's "economy." It's not about the money or time (He is not bound by either). It's about the heart. It's about answering when God calls, and the amazing opportunity to work alongside Him. It's about love and relationship. These children, their people, the ministry and staff will forever be in our hearts and prayers. We long to return.

Has God given you a burden for someone or a group or a need? To paraphrase Henry Blackaby, "See where God is working and join Him."

— Sandy Chamberlain, Bethel Baptist, Yadkinville, NC

Baptists on Mission/NCBM is

blessed to be a part of the Good Shepherd Ministries in Guatemala, in partnership with the International Indigenous Community Development (IICD), and the Baptist Children's Home of North Carolina (BCHNC). Tasks for 2019 include, multiple teams to begin construction on a second children's cottage; three maintenance teams for the Good Shepard Children's Home; two public school evangelism teams; and small leadership training teams for pastors, youth, and women. We also need couples throughout the year to sever as Children's Home Assistants who will stay at the children's home for one to two months. For a more detailed description of what each of these tasks entail, please see our Guatemala Partnership website. Please pray about being a part of this meaningful ministry!

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

[Mission Projects/Outside US/Guatemala]



Bethel Baptist in Yadkinville, NC sent two teams to Guatemala in 2018. Many experienced God at work in a life-changing way.



Bethel team member works on the roof of the Westmoreland Children's Cottage in Xela, Guatemala.



Bethel team members haul terracotta tiles, which will be used to cover the roof at the Westmoreland Cottage.

Partnership Honduras

Overwhelmed by the Impact in Honduras

There are few fields as white and so ready for harvest as the fields surrounding Baptists on Mission/NCBM's Mount Horeb Mission Camp, outside of Pavana, Honduras. Our team from Arlington First Baptist Church are overwhelmed by the enormous impact the Lord is making through On-Site Coordinators, Mike and Ginger Greene, camp pastor Carlos, and the wonderful Honduran staff at Mount Horeb. Through a unique combination of efficiency, preparation and flexibility, Mount Horeb provided our team a tremendous opportunity to partner with a local church and connect the Honduran people to the Gospel.

From our first steps out of the airport to our final farewells, Mike and Ginger Greene's experience and guidance clearly focused on connecting our team to effective ministry engagement. The scouting and vision trip they had previously done to our partnering community and church was thorough and well informed. The translators hired for the week were gifted communicators and shared our heart for the work of the Lord.

It was clear that the Lord had opened a door into the San Jose Del la Conchas community as our team from Arlington entered the field for door-to-door evangelism and Vacation Bible School with our partnering church, Vida Eterna. Pastor Jose and members of Vida Eterna are a powerful army for the Lord and were fully prepared to partner in visitation and with our VBS activities. The Honduran people were so hospitable; it was immediately humbling to our team. Rarely did we encounter rejection or disinterest as we shared the good news of Christ, our personal testimonies and invited people to Vida Eterna. Almost every family welcomed us into their home, inviting us to sit in the few chairs they owned, and willing to hear about the Savior. Souls were saved!

The dozens of children who came to the church for VBS in the afternoons were precious. Their desire to participate, their smiles and laughter, and the way they shared and cared for one another taught us much and reminded our team about those things truly most worthwhile in life. One of the greatest joys we experienced was watching the members of Vida Eterna go into the gravel streets before VBS and round up the children so that they could come and enjoy the lessons and activities. There seemed to be no effort too great for them to connect people to the love of Christ. The Honduran Christians we met were full of love and made of steel.

We look forward to continued partnership with the saints laboring at Mount Horeb Mission Camp and encourage North Carolina Baptists to lift up their eyes and look upon the fields of Honduras.



Pastor Matty Ponce de Leon of Arlington FBC in Jonesville, NC, baptizes a new believer in a pila. Their team served in Southern Honduras during the summer of 2018.



Arlington FBC team members traveled door to door with their translators throughout the village each morning. Team members shared their testimony and the plan of salvation with Honduran families.

— Rev. Matty Ponce de Leon, Arlington FBC, Jonesville, NC

Baptists on Mission/NCBM send teams to Honduras year round. Most construct a house for a family in need. This construction effort is combined with an afternoon VBS or other children's ministry. Other teams, like Arlington FBC, do evangelism, consisting of door-to-door witnessing in the morning and VBS in the afternoon. There is also opportunity for medical or dental teams, each seeing hundreds of patients in a week's time. Teams stay comfortably at Baptists on Mission/NCBM's Ministry Center. Cost is \$1,235 per person, plus \$3,000 per team for construction materials (if building a house). We would love to have your church join us for a life-changing experience in Honduras in 2019!

CONTACT

Baptists on Mission/NCBM is currently filling dates for 2019. Please call (919) 459-5607 or e-mail mabernathy@ncbaptist.org to secure a mission date for your church. You can also visit our website at www.baptistsonmission.org [Mission Projects/Outside US/Honduras] for more information including pictures of the ministry.



Afternoons involved Vacation Bible School with the dozens of local children. Evangelism and house construction teams can serve year-round in Honduras through Baptists on Mission/NCBM.

God Uses Willing Hands and Feet in

kenya



When you volunteer for Houses of Hope, you know you will be helping build homes. What you do not know is the variety of amazing ways God can use your willing hands and feet. In May of 2018, a group from First Baptist Church, Fayetteville made its way to Kenya as part of this project with Baptists on Mission/NCBM. After the long journey, we were thrilled to reach the small town of Ahero, which would serve as our "headquarters" for the next few days. Shem Okello and Peter Ngeso were among the dear brothers who met us there. We were profoundly blessed by their presence, wisdom, and passion for serving Christ:

Each workday the team rode out to a site and helped build a new home for a member of the community. It was always moving to hear the stories of the recipients of the new home and to see the community come together to help with the work. At every site, there were lovingly-prepared meals often sacrificed out of people's scarce supplies. I could not help but think of the widow that fed Elisha from the last of her flour and oil. Halfway through the day, a few of us would walk through the village with Peter, stopping to visit the scattered homes where we would share the Good News. At one home, when one of our team members shared John 3:16, a gentleman told us that he had opened the Bible to that verse that same morning. The night before he had dreamt that some people came to his home to talk to him about Jesus. A divine appointment, perhaps? At the end of each day we held a dedication service in the newly constructed home. Neighbors gathered inside and out to join in the singing, and to listen to the Word of God. With each service, there was a Gospel message and an invitation to receive the gift of salvation. What a joy it was to see people receive that gift!

We were also blessed during the week with the opportunity to visit a hospital, several schools, and a children's feeding program. Our team served a meal to a crowd of children who are guaranteed few meals per week. God was breaking our hearts for His babies... perhaps because His own heart is breaking for them.

There is no way a short article can adequately relay all of the joys, difficulties, love, and miracles of a trip volunteering with Baptists on Mission/NCBM to do Houses of Hope. In order to witness Jesus in action as you have never seen before, you have to go. Is God calling you to serve through Houses of Hope? You will not regret entrusting Him with this incredible opportunity. Please go and share the love of Jesus in Kenya!

— Hannah Kristeller, FBC Fayetteville, NC

Baptists on Mission/NCBM sends mission teams to the country of Kenya to build houses for widows and other families in need through the Houses of Hope project.

Volunteers enjoy an authentic African

experience, spending each day in a village working on the house, ministering with the children, witnessing house-to-house, and gathering the community to dedicate the house. After the team departs, a Kenyan pastor leads a twelve-week Bible study in the new home to which all are invited. There is a place for you and your church to serve in Kenya!

CONTACT

A trip to Kenya and participation in the Houses of Hope ministry can be arranged almost any time during the year. Simply call the Baptists on Mission/NCBM office with an 11-day travel time frame in mind. Ideally, trips begin on a Tuesday and conclude on the following Friday. Cost of the trip includes approximately \$950 for ground costs (which includes a one-night stay in one of Kenyan's world famous game parks), plus the cost of airfare, which usually runs from \$1,200-\$1,800, depending on time of year. Come find a true African experience while assisting a family in need and providing Bible Study and a potential new church start in Kenya!

Visit our website at www.baptistsonmission.org to find out more about both projects. (Mission Projects/Outside US/Kenya). Or call (919) 459-5607, or e-mail mabernathy@ncbaptist.org to secure a mission date for your church or group.



FBC Fayetteville team members assist in constructing a house for a widow in Kenya.



FBC Fayetteville team members pray for the widow and her family at the dedication of their new house.



The team presents Margaret, the new homeowner, with a valuable and much appreciated house warming gift - chickens!

Partnership The Least of These

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Into the Hands of Jesus

Following the news each day, we see desperate needs around the world. It is easy to casually shrug say to ourselves, "That is sad, but I can't do anything about it. Even if I did, my participation wouldn't really change anything."

Thankfully, God can use even the smallest gift as a story in John 6 shows. One day thousands of spectators were in a crowd listening to Jesus. People started getting hungry. He already knew He was going to feed them when the best his disciples could come up with was a small lad who had five barley loaves and two fish. Andrew summed it up when he said, "What are these among so many." Jesus prayed, broke the bread into pieces, distributed it to His disciples, and had them distribute it to the hungry masses. Thousands of people enjoyed one little boy's lunch after it was surrendered into the hands of Jesus. Can you imagine being there that day and missing the opportunity to fully participate in the miracle because you kept your resources to yourself?

Least of These Projects offers you a way to surrender resources into the hands of Jesus and witness miracle after miracle. Each of the projects below touches hundreds of people. You can be the channel through which God delivers hope in some of the neediest places in the world like:

Haiti - Cost is \$30 per month to sponsor a child in school including books, uniform, and school costs. Teams can also participate in construction of a vocational school in Saintard that will teach a trade to adults.

Cuba - Plant fruit trees for \$2 each, purchase baby chicks for \$0.50 each, or sponsor a church planter for \$30 a month. Teams can also help build a seminary in Santa Clara or do ministry projects at sites across the country.

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

Armenia - It costs just \$100-\$200 to sponsor a church planter who is in seminary or on the field in a church. You can also contribute to help build a church in Yerevan and a seminary in Nagorno-Karabakh.

Kenya - Build a house for a widow or a person with a disability that will host a Bible study as part of a church planting strategy for \$400.

South Africa - Help Door of Hope rescue abandoned infants for just \$25 per month or contribute to help build cottages in which they can grow up. Teams are helping build cottages and also assisting a church planter in the Winterton area.

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

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Since 2014, teams from North Carolina have been telling hundreds of children in Hungary about Jesus through the English Bible Camps. Steve Maness, team leader from Bennett Baptist Church shares his story.

This past July I had the amazing opportunity to travel to Kótaj, Hungary on a short-term mission trip put together by Baptists on Mission/NCBM. The trip's mission was to teach an English Bible Camp in a public school. This was several years in the making, as I and others from my church had attended the Missions Conference in Charlotte two years earlier, where we heard from Teresa Jones and her daughter, Alicia. Little did we know that God was working on this trip long before it ever came together. Alicia had been praying for the town of Kótaj for four years and our church had been praying for a place of mission's involvement for that same amount of time.

As our church family enlisted our team of 10, we worked diligently to study the material, developed and provided through NCBM. I teach as the Department Head for the Industrial Programs at Randolph Community College and I was very impressed with the gospel-integrated curriculum provided.

Upon arrival in Kótaj, we found the people there very welcoming and instantly felt at ease. We were paired with translators and the team quickly went to work. I was teaching the Bible class and it seemed that was the one class being avoided by the translators. Finally, a young lady, Kittí Balogh, stepped up and said she would work with me. As I started to teach the Scriptures to the students and love on the people there in Kótaj, something started to move in Kittí. After class she would ask me questions and I delighted in explaining what she had been translating all day.

In our evening devotions each night I could tell Kittí was thinking about things. Each day she heard the Gospel as we worked together teaching the materials and building a relationship with each other. Patiently, I would speak with her about what she had heard that day, learning through that process the importance of relationship-building in spreading the Gospel.

As the week progressed so did the Spirit's drawing on Kittí's heart. On Friday she asked if we could speak for a moment about all she had seen and heard during the week. I said, "Sure." That evening I explained the Gospel to Kittí and she responded, "I want what you have." There in a place that Alicia had been praying over for four years, and our church had been searching for the same amount of time, Kittí accepted Christ as her Savior. It was one of the best moments in my life and the most important one of Kittí's. I will never forget that day or the time I spent teaching the children in Kótaj. I am so thankful to Baptists on Mission/NCBM for developing these short-term mission trips, allowing everyday people to spread the hope and love of Jesus to places that otherwise have no opportunity. I went there to teach, but left there being the one who was taught.



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Giving Hope and a Future South Africa Door of Hope

Left to die in a field or thrown in a garbage can, three children per day face certain death in Johannesburg, South Africa without intervention. Baptists on Mission has been privileged to walk alongside Door of Hope Infant Rescue and Orphanage as this incredible ministry has provided hope and a future to over 1,600 infants whose lives would surely have ended prematurely.

Georgina, a student at East Carolina University, was the first baby adopted through Door of Hope. Many of the 75 infants currently in the loving care of Door of Hope baby houses will be adopted into "forever families," but some will not have a traditional family and will therefore need a place in which to grow up. That is why Baptists on Mission/NCBM volunteers are helping build Door of Hope Village just outside of Johannesburg. Once completed the Village will offer a home for up to 200 toddlers. Three cottages are in the final stages of construction, with two more scheduled to be built by volunteers in early 2019.

Teams will construct cottages from the ground up that will each house 6 toddlers and a host family. As typical construction team will make interlocking concrete blocks using plastic molds and lay blocks made by previous teams. Every team will visit some of the baby houses located in Johannesburg that are providing care for 75 abandoned infants, worship in churches in the Johannesburg area, and have an excursion day that includes viewing wild game in a nearby park.

You may also choose to partner with a group of Zulu church planters in the Winterton area by leading VBS, holding eyeglass clinics, or doing other community ministries. Basic trips last 10-12 days and teams choosing to work with Pastor Musa in Winterton should consider a 2-3 day extension to a basic construction trip.

Please pray that God will be glorified as hope is offered through Door of Hope. Contact Paul Langston to register your team, join an existing team, or for more information.



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Health Screening Ministry

All Heard About Jesus

It was a bright sunny Saturday morning. We parked the Health Screening Ministry mobile unit in the parking lot and began unloading the equipment. The care packages that had been donated were displayed on a table. Bibles were set out underneath the prayer tent, and everyone was excited to see what the day would hold.

The first patient to arrive was a Turkish man that worked at the restaurant on the other side of the parking lot. The next few patients worked at the local Mexican restaurant. They all waited patiently in the hot sun, waiting for their turn on the mobile unit.

Happy faces greeted each patient. One joyful face was literally the town's WalMart greeter, who was originally from the country of Cameroon. Volunteers came from various congregations, with the sole purpose of showing the love of God in a real and tangible way; to pray for people right where they were; to give a smile, a hug, and the hope of Jesus Christ.

Twenty-five patients were seen this day. Some patients were relieved to know that they did not have diabetes. Some of them found out their blood pressure was high. A few of them discovered they were at risk for heart disease. All of them heard about Jesus, felt His love in action, and saw the body of Christ working the way it should.



We are in need of drivers and hosts.

We are also in need of healthcare volunteers across the state to act as on-site trainers at each clinic.

Please contact Crystal Horton at (919) 459-5610 or chorton@ncbaptist.org if you would be interested in volunteering.



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Mobile Dental Ministry

Spanish Mission Gained New Prospects

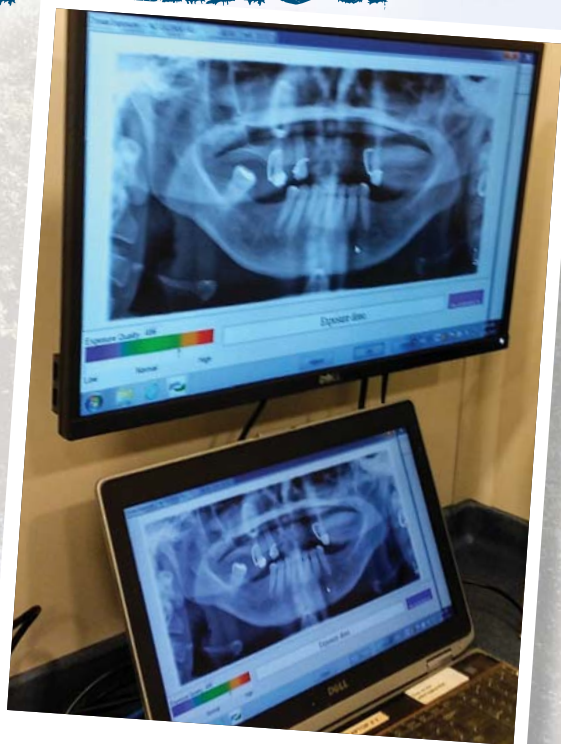
On behalf of the Mingo Baptist Spanish Mission, the sponsoring churches of the Mission and Baptists on Mission/NCBM, we would like to thank you for your prayers, contributions, support, and help with the Medical Dental Bus on Saturday, August 25, 2018. As always, we had many people of all ages who came to the mission that day some of whom had just moved into the area and did not attend church anywhere, nor did they have the joy of knowing Jesus as their Lord and Savior. The Gospel was presented to everyone who came to the Mission with eight (8) making a profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

A total of 21 people were seen by the dentist and dental hygienists who took x-rays, filled cavities, performed extractions and cleanings. A registered nurse evaluated patients by performing blood pressure checks and answering questions. Everyone was served sandwiches, chips, cookies, and their choice of water and cold drinks. Health kits were given to everyone who saw the dentist and hygienist.

The Mingo Baptist Spanish Mission gained many church prospects from this event. There were over 25 volunteers who helped make this day a success!

Again we thank you for your continued help, prayers and support of the Mingo Baptist Spanish Mission.

— Project Coordinator, Dr. James Dees, Jr., Pastor Clement Baptist Church, and Volunteer Coordinator, Joyce Johnson



The Mobile Dental Ministry is always seeking volunteer servants to host the Dental trucks and to drive. Volunteers drivers need a CDL license.

What does a Dental Host do?

- Share Jesus with patients and dental professionals
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- Help the clinic coordinator with required paperwork

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New Partnership in the "Last Frontier"

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In the summer of 2018, Baptists on Mission/NCBM sent five North Carolina mission teams to serve in Wasilla, Alaska. They worked there with the Fairview Loop Baptist Church in finishing Sunday School classrooms. That marked the first time since 2004 – the last year of the original NC/Alaska Partnership, that Baptists on Mission/NCBM had sent teams to Alaska. Mark Abernathy, Partnership Consultant for Baptists on Mission/NCBM, traveled to Alaska while our teams were there to meet with convention and associational leaders about the possibility of renewing the Partnership. The response was overwhelmingly positive, and that door has been re-opened!

Baptists on Mission/NCBM received mission team requests from Alaska congregations and will begin sending teams in 2019. A variety of requests have come in and teams are needed to serve. Known as the Last Frontier, our 49th state is alive with adventure – rough, rugged, and beautiful. Alaska is populated by hardy, independent folk. Here are some examples of the requests that have come in:

AK19-002—Vacation Bible School—Kenai, Alaska

A team of 5-12 volunteers is needed to conduct Vacation Bible School. Need those with VBS experience to help lead in all facets. Requestor will talk with team leaders concerning what materials team may need to bring. Church will provide rental van for team to use. Team will be housed with church members. Host families will provide breakfast and dinner for team. Lunch will be provided by the church.

AK19-010a—Community Outreach and Park Ministry—Anchorage, Alaska

Teams of 8-15 volunteers are needed to assist in ministering to disadvantaged children in local communities by providing an afternoon Backyard Bible Club-type program that may include, recreation, crafts, Bible story, music, etc., as well as providing lunch for the children. The team will also help host evangelistic community "park parties" in the evening. Team will provide ministry supplies (est. \$100-\$200). Team will provide their own transportation to Alaska. Food, lodging, and local transportation for the week are provided for a fee of \$650 per person.

AK19-004—Basketball/Soccer Camp—Anchorage, Alaska

A team of 10-20 volunteers needed to conduct a basketball and soccer camp for 5-year-olds to 6th grade. Team would begin with short Bible study and then teach basic basketball and/or soccer skills. Requestor will talk with team leaders concerning what materials team may need to bring. Church will provide van(s) for local transportation. Team will pay for fuel. Team may stay at church or mission house. Team would need to provide their own bedding. Team may use church kitchen to provide and prepare their own meals.

There are also several construction opportunities as well. 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 are located in isolated areas. Things we take for granted in our churches are simply not available to many of theirs. Our participation in missions in Alaska provides needed resources, leadership, and possibly most importantly, – encouragement. Be in prayer about this exciting Partnership and your participation in it!

CONTACT

Project requests for 2019 mission teams are on our website. To receive a list of projects or to learn more about how your church can participate in Alaska, please contact Mark Abernathy at mabernathy@ncbaptist.org or by calling (919) 459-5607 or go to our website at www.baptistsonmission.org [Mission Projects/United States/Alaska].



Team members from Poston Baptist Church of Wallace, NC assist in the construction of pavilion at FBC Palmer, Alaska.



Congregations in Alaska have submitted requests for mission team to come serve with them in 2019. Pray about your congregation's participation in this exciting Partnership!



Poston Baptist members paint the exterior of the Pioneer Baptist Church in Wasilla, Alaska.



Appalachian Coalfields Ministry

God's Plans, Not Ours

Churches and individuals from all over North Carolina are receiving a blessing from being a part of the Appalachian Coalfields Ministry. Teams serve in the states of West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, and North Carolina. Projects include week long service in children's ministry, sports clinics, music, and construction, to name a few. Mission opportunities may also include the collection, delivery, and distribution of items such as food, school supplies, clothing, etc., done in the course of a few days or over a weekend. Following is one volunteer's impressions of serving in Appalachia:

Last summer our church took its second trip to Lochgelly Baptist Church, and ministered at a section 8 housing apartment complex. We chose to do a very simple Vacation Bible School. Upon arrival, we saw many familiar faces from our previous trip. However, we noticed that there were several folks who were crying. After asking around we learned that a gentleman had died while rescuing a child in the New River. He was found under water with his foot trapped between rocks. All of that morning's planning went out the window as we began praying with several people and telling them about Jesus, the only one who could help them with their pain. We then continued with the VBS. We could tell the incident was on everyone's mind, but with the puppet show and singing, we were able to take their mind off the pain.

We have learned that you can plan a mission trip down to the "tee" but that can all go out the window when you get there. Another ministry in which we participated was feeding the local children from one to three. Since this is a poor area, the residents need that food. The plan was that each leader would take their class to get the bag lunch and then come back to the VBS. It didn't work out that way, but we adjusted. Another part of our plan was to minister at this particular apartment complex for the entire week, but God had other plans. The room planned for our use was already occupied on Thursday so we left the complex and ministered at a trailer park. We were getting ready to set up the puppets when we noticed this area was where all the neighbor dogs visited on their potty runs. Two of our team members rose to the challenge, walking around with plastic gloves and bags making sure the fertilizer would not be in the way!

We completed our puppet show, performed our drama, and then I gave the invitation. No one responded. I started to close the invitation and step away when it was brought to my attention that someone had accepted the Lord. I gladly announced this, extended the invitation - then nothing. Again, I started to step away, when two more came forward. This happened two or three times. Before it was over 1 adult and 4 children had accepted Christ as their Savior! As always, God has the best plan throughout the course of our trip, and he is waiting for you to come to Appalachia to reveal His perfect plan to you and your team as well!

— Billy Ohlandt, Union Chapel Baptist Church, Zebulon, NC

The Appalachian Coalfields Ministry, sponsored by Baptists on Mission/NCBM, seeks to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of people living in the Appalachian Area. Please pray about using your talents to serve with a team from your church or association. Opportunity abounds year-round.

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Project requests for 2019 mission teams are on our website. To receive a list of projects or to learn more about how your church can participate, please contact Mark Abernathy at mabernathy@ncbaptist.org or by calling (919) 459-5607 or go to our website at www.baptistsonmission.org. [Mission Projects/United States/Appalachian Coalfields]

Churches, Sunday School classes, families, and individuals are needed to help with the collection and filling of backpacks for the 2019 Appalachian Christmas Outreach. Go to www.baptistsonmission.org/aco2019 to learn more!



Teams who serve in the Appalachia region come to love the people they serve.



A wide variety of skills and talents are needed - from children's ministry to construction - evangelism to needs distribution.



Come to Appalachia and discover how you and your church can make a difference in people's lives!

Being the Hands and Feet of God in

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For the past few years, 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. Here is one couple's experience:

The decision to apply to serve at Pu'u Kahea came with a lot of "what if..." questions for us. Initially, we were concerned about our inability to do some of the tasks that may be needed. Particularly, we were afraid that there would be a need for those skilled in maintenance work. As retired teachers, that is not our gift. However, through prayer, we felt this was the direction God would have us go. When we announced to others that we were going to serve two months in Hawaii, the reaction was, as you might expect, "Surrrre you're going to do mission work. I guess 'someone' has to go to the 'hard' places!" Nevertheless, we knew from study that Hawaii does have a great need for the gospel. We also knew that this trip was not as much sharing the gospel in words, but showing our love for Christ and others through our labor.

We had a wonderful experience serving two months at Pu'u Kahea. Camp Directors Jimmy and Ashley do a wonderful job managing the conference center. Kelly, the head cook, runs the kitchen so smoothly that helping her out is a breeze, and Lindsey's quiet personality as she handles everything in the office shows her love for others and dedication to the conference center. They are all willing to go above and beyond in helping volunteers feel comfortable and taken-care-of.

The biggest blessing that we received at Pu'u Kahea was serving its many guests. Our work - cleaning the facilities, landscaping the beautiful grounds, doing laundry, preparing and serving food - are all ways to be the hands and feet of Christ to others. Another blessing was the relationships we developed with other volunteer couples with whom we served. Working together creates a common connection. We worked together, but also found time to enjoy our surroundings together. On our days off, we found that the island offers so many opportunities to see God's magnificent creation. At night, after work, we walked along the beach and watched the sun set. As we walked, we saw locals going about their daily life. One can see the struggles that many face, a reminder that there are needs all over the world, even in "paradise."

Pu'u Kahea is a wonderful opportunity for those who can serve - and a beautiful location to be the hands and feet of God!

— Sandra Cloninger, Freedom Baptist, Lincolnton NC

Couples serving at Pu'u Kahea commit to a minimum of one month and do a variety of tasks. Flexible couples who are willing to jump in and do whatever is needed, can be utilized year-round. Housing, some meals and local transportation are provided for couples who commit to this service. One-week teams are also needed (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.

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If you are interested in serving in this position, please contact Mark Abernathy at Baptists on Mission/NCBM at mabernathy@ncbaptist.org or (919) 459-5607.



Jeff and Sandra Cloninger were among several NC couples who have served at the Pu'u Kahea Baptist Conference Center on the island of Oahu.



For those who are willing to work hard, there is no shortage of tasks to be completed during a week at Pu'u Kahea camp.



Volunteers discover the joy of being God's hands and feet while serving guests at Hawaii's Baptist camp.



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Experience Church Planting in Maine!

mission volunteers are serving in Vermont, Maine, and Massachusetts, providing encouragement and ministry expertise to church planters, pastors, and their families. Though recognized as a very unreached and unchurched area of our nation, God is at work here – and North Carolina congregations are playing a part! Here's one example how:

We at First Baptist Maysville were blessed to take a group of 15 volunteers to Maine in the summer of 2018. For 10, this was their first mission trip. We found Maine to be a great mission "starter" for our church. The church planter we worked with, Roger Ferrell, teaches mission teams how to witness and share on a daily basis. His desire is to give mission teams a real feel for all that church planting involves. Roger, wife Caroline, and their family, open their home to volunteers, who then have opportunity to share the gospel on the village streets, with merchants, in nursing homes, and throughout the coastal communities. Our team learned that building relationships is the key to sharing God's love.

We were able to use our talents in many ways. One day we prayed in small groups at a local school, bathing the teachers and facilities in prayer as they prepared for the upcoming year. Some found their "niche" at the nursing home, as we were able to talk with, and brighten the day of, the residents. Others displayed their skill of creating balloon animals at a children's event and at the local farmer's market, while Roger "worked the crowd," making critical contacts. All of us were stretched by sharing with and praying one on one with people we met throughout the week.

Our team also had lots of fun during the week – shopping, whale watching, eating lobster, and visiting an oyster farm. This was not just "random sight-seeing." Part of the mission philosophy here is that if mission volunteers fall in love with Maine – they will also fall in love with Mainer! The local shop owners and townspeople are happy to see a bunch of "Southerners" in town – appreciating their live style, asking questions about their culture – and spending a few bucks along the way!

We learned that the need for mission teams in Maine is great. Statistics show that only 3% of Mainer claim to be Christian. It is sad and disappointing to hear of a percentage that low in our country. The two greatest commandments of the Bible instruct us to love the Lord with all you heart, soul, and mind and to love your neighbor as yourself. Statistics like these make us re-think how well we are obeying these commandments.

We found Maine a wonderful mission opportunity for any age group. While there, we learned how to surrender our lives to God and depend on his strength. I encourage anybody that has a heart for missions to take a trip to Maine. Experience this beautiful state and its wonderful talented people!

— Wanda Morton, First Baptist Church, Maysville, NC

North Carolina mission teams have been witness to God's incredible work in New England since 2005. Please pray about your participation in 2019!

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New England Partnership Requests for 2019 are in and we need teams! Please call (919) 459-5607 or e-mail mabernathy@ncbaptist.org to receive a projects list or secure a project for your church. You can also go to our website at www.baptistsonmission.org [Mission Projects/United States/New England].

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Church planter Roger Ferrell talks with team about how to best share the Gospel with Mainer. Teams get plenty of opportunity to share one on one during the week.



Mission team members from FBC Maysville create and share balloon creations with passersby at the local farmer's market. This opens the door for church planter Roger Ferrell to mingle with townspeople, making critical contacts.



Team members put together candy bags to share with local shop owners. Very few can refuse a bag of candy (with church information) when combined with a Southern drawl and an offer to pray for them!

Intentional Relationships – key to witnessing in *Pennsylvania*

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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 a variety of ways. Their service is making a difference to the work of many pastors and church planters in the Keystone state. Many are the blessings these North Carolina team members are receiving. Here is an example of how one North Carolina congregation was blessed:

Hidden in the valley behind a nondescript interstate exit in central Pennsylvania is the beautiful borough of Tamaqua. It would be easy to drive by on Interstate 81 and miss this sweet treasure along the Schuylkill River. We drove into Tamaqua on a Sunday morning and met Pastor Steve Gintz and his wife, Joy, at Revive Community Fellowship, a small congregation meeting in the local YMCA. Although our team outnumbered the congregation, we were greeted with the love of Christ and together became an instant family.

Prayer Walks, Basketball, Jump Rope, Crafts and Snow Cones are tools that were used by the youth of New Hope Baptist in Raleigh to live out the words of Jesus Christ. We quickly learned that "Intentional Relationships" are key! Using teenagers to build relationships with the children and parents in two of the borough's parks, God began breaking down walls. Each day the children returned, bringing friends to meet their new NC buddies; excited to hear the stories of Jesus and his love for them.

Pastor Steve truly has the heart of a Pastor for all the people of Tamaqua. He has worked hard to build the trust of the residents and borough leaders by coming alongside them, listening to their stories and walking the journey with them. Through Pastor Steve's eyes, it was easy to fall in love with the people of Tamaqua.

By Thursday morning, one of the precious boys brought his mom to experience camp. This was Mom's first contact with Revive. Pastor Steve shared Jesus with Mom and invited her to church on Sunday while our youth taught the children. The day after we returned home, I had a call from Pastor Steve, Mom and Child came to church for the first time. The next week, she brought her husband. Now, the whole family is attending and growing in their new faith – all because of a prayer

walk, a basketball, a jump rope, a craft, a snow cone, and amazing stories about a man named Jesus! Praise be to God!

— Rev. Brian Lockamy, New Hope Baptist, Raleigh, NC

Project requests for 2019 are in. Each of these requests represent church planter couples and existing Pennsylvania congregations who are asking for help in 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].

CONTACT

Pennsylvania Partnership Requests for 2019 are in and we need teams! Please call (919) 459-5607 or e-mail mabernathy@ncbaptist.org to receive a projects list or secure a project for your church. You can also go to our website at www.baptistsonmission.org [Mission Projects/United States/Pennsylvania].



Church planter Stephen Gintz truly does "love Tamaqua," the small town in which he serves. Steven and wife Joy are great hosts to North Carolina mission teams who come to serve.



Jumping rope at a Park Party event is just one way team members work to build intentional relationships in Pennsylvania.



North Carolina team members man the booths as church planter Steven Gintz "works the crowd" at Tamaqua's summer festival.



PUERTO RICO

Who We Are, What We Do, Why We Do It!

Bringing Hope, Peace and Comfort to our Neighbors in Puerto Rico.

On a roof in Puerto Rico, our PR foreman, Adrian, is wearing our NCBM yellow shirt signifying **Who We Are**. Fifty-six teams of Baptists on Mission/NCBM volunteers have put their “regular” lives on hold to bring hope and relief to our neighbors in Puerto Rico. As of this writing, since January 1, 2018, 200 families have a new, dry, whole roof over their homes.

The roof that Adrian is standing on signifies **What We Do**. In many places around the world, we have been called Angels in Yellow. Our volunteers bring relief for physical needs... housing, food, clothing, medicines. Our homeowners feel comforted in having their homes restored and other needs met. One Puerto Rican lady said that when she saw the clouds, she didn't have to be afraid anymore. And when she saw the rain, she didn't have to cry anymore.

The Cross in the background signifies **Why We Do It**. The *Reason* for our mission project is restoring roofs on homes. But the *Purpose* is much more... **Why Do We Go?**

In His Word, **He** gives us Reason, Purpose and Command:

“And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands.” 2 John 1:6

“you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:39

“And you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth,” Acts 1:8

On a recent Sunday at *Primera Iglesia Bautista de Rio Piedras* (where we are housed), one of our homeowners and her son attended the worship service. Proudly displaying the Bible that a team had signed and presented to the family, they praised the Lord and shared the Blessings that that team had brought to their home.

You can play a role in delivering that **good news** of peace and comfort that comes from the **Good News of Jesus Christ**. You can join a team of Angels in Yellow and travel to Puerto Rico sharing the Good News and the Love of Christ to our neighbors. As always we ask that you **Pray, Give and Go**. We now also ask that you **Share**. **Share** with others what NCBM is doing with our Lord's Blessing. Share the **Good News**.

By Janet Daughtry, Selma

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ROCK MOUNTAIN

Construction Teams Needed in Casper, Wyoming

Partnership
Rocky Mountain

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Boyd Avenue Baptist in Casper, Wyoming is constructing a 16,000 square foot multi-purpose facility adjacent to their current church building in 2019. Their goal is to multiply the opportunity for ministry and fellowship among those in their community. Pastor Quin Williams is husband to Beth Williams, who for years worked with our teams as director of the Mountaintop Baptist Assembly on Casper Mountain. The building will be constructed in the Fall and Winter of 2018/2019. The goal for our teams will be to complete the interior of the building beginning in early June. We will need several teams to do sheetrock hanging and finishing, trim work, tile, painting, and other finish work. Teams will be scheduled throughout the summer.

Casper is the county seat of Natrona County, and, with a population of 55,316, is the second-largest city (to Cheyenne) in Wyoming. Casper is nicknamed "The Oil City" and has a long history of oil boomtown and cowboy culture. Casper is located in east-central Wyoming at the north end of the Laramie Mountain Range, along the North Platte River. Interstate 25 approaches Casper from the North and East and is the main avenue of transportation to and from the city. The church is already well on their way to raising the required material funds for this new project. Its success is dependent on volunteer teams.

Teams will be needed to complete several phases of completing the interior of building. Each team should have a "core" of volunteers with solid construction experience and know-how. Each team will be responsible for their own meals and need to bring volunteers to assist in meal prep. We will try to schedule up to 24 volunteers per week, so we could have more than one team on site per week, if both are smaller teams.

Teams will sign up for a date through the Baptists on Mission/NCBM Office. As time grows closer, the team leader will be put in contact with the project coordinator, who will be able to let teams know what to expect work-wise about a week or two out. Each team member will register online with Baptists on Mission/NCBM, and be signed up for the volunteer insurance (\$6 per person total per 8 days). Team leader will be sent this information via e-mail.

Teams will arrange their own travel to Casper. Driving will be an option for some.

Raleigh, NC to Casper, WY is 1,844 miles. Direct

flights are available into Casper.

Denver, CO (278 miles) is also a flight option that some teams may

want to pursue. Flights into Denver are usually less expensive. Teams will need to rent vehicles if they fly. Van rentals run between \$600-\$900 per week for a mini-van. Teams will be housed in the existing church facility, which has showers and a kitchen for team's use. Teams are encouraged to contribute \$2,000 toward the purchase of building materials if possible. (Not required)



Construction teams needed throughout the summer of 2019 to help finish an educational building for the Boyd Avenue Baptist Church in Casper Wyoming.



Ed and Helen Helms of Lincolnton, NC plan to once again assist teams in their tasks while in Casper.



Cook teams of 8-10 are needed to work a week at our partner camps in Wyoming and New Mexico.

CONTACT

Cook teams of 8-12 volunteers are also needed to serve at our partner Baptist Camps in **Wyoming** and **New Mexico**! Please call (919) 459-5607 or e-mail mabernathy@ncbaptist.org to receive a projects list or secure a project for your church. You can also go to our website at www.baptistsonmission.org [Mission Projects/United States/Rocky Mountain].

CONSTRUCTION SKILLS TRAINING

"I wish I could help more in the Hurricane Florence rebuild effort, but I don't know how."

Approaching an unfamiliar project or task can be a daunting challenge. Learning some of the basic skills required to undertake the most common construction tasks opens the door for involvement. We want to help more families than we have ever helped before return to homes damaged in the recent hurricanes.

Bring your family, youth group, church, or a group of friends to learn the basics in some of the most common skills we use when we respond to construction needs: laying laminate flooring, hanging and finishing drywall, and simple framing. Almost every home flooded by Hurricane Florence will need new drywall. You can help them return home!

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

**MARCH 30 & OCTOBER 5
RED SPRINGS MISSION CAMP
APRIL 13 & OCTOBER 26
SHELBY MISSION CAMP**

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

To register online, go to: baptistsonmission.org/training/construction-training



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The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.

— Matthew 9:37-38

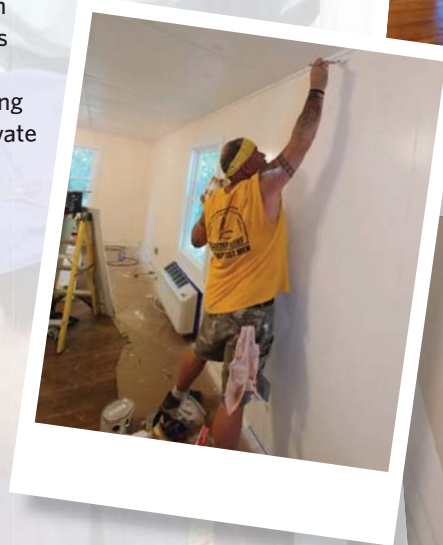
Virtually every community in North Carolina is touched by the growing addiction crisis. Impact NC Projects are coming alongside ministries in 2019 that offer hope, help put lives back together, and offer a fresh start for men and women whose lives have been affected by addiction.

Bethel Colony of Mercy in Lenoir has helped thousands of men and is now assisting women at their new Women's Campus that will offer residential treatment. Treasures of Joy in Oxford is building a new transitional home for men who have completed a residential treatment program. You can help either or both facilities as they renovate and build.

Hurricane Florence impacted many churches across North Carolina in September 2018. Your church can help them as they repair and rebuild in 2019. Ethnic church plants like Samthong Laotian Church in Mount Gilead, NC are reaching new populations with the gospel. You can help them renovate and move into their first facilities.

To claim a project:

1. Visit our website at www.baptistsonmission.org/missions/north-carolina/impactnc or contact Paul Langston (see contact below) to get information on specific requests.
2. You will be connected with the requestor to ask any questions and to arrange a specific date of service.
3. Team Leaders will need to register online with Baptists on Mission/NCBM and will be sent registration instructions, as well as 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 be sent information to help with this.



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BAPTIST BUILDERS

Year-round opportunities exist for volunteers to participate in construction projects in North Carolina and other states. Many need a wheelchair ramp or help with simple repairs while others need major work completed so that they can return to their homes after a disaster. Often the work requires only one qualified carpenter and several helpers. The following projects are under construction:

Church Construction—Periodically we help new churches build a portion of their facility. Contact Paul Langston at (919) 459-5611 or plangston@ncbaptist.org to learn more about the latest projects.

Handyman—We receive many requests each month in the Baptists on Mission/NCBM office. Our goal is to match a need to a volunteer team to meet physical and spiritual needs. Please let us know if you have a group at your church that would be willing to respond to projects in your local area. Contact Paul Langston at plangston@ncbaptist.org or (919) 459-5611 to find out more or volunteer.

Caraway and Caswell—Our retreat centers in Asheboro (Caraway) and Oak Island (Caswell) are in need of volunteers for maintenance and other projects. Contact Caraway (336) 629-2374 or Caswell (910) 278-9501 to learn more about how you can help.

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.

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/NCBM**, 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

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Operation InasMuch

Moving Out of Our Seats and Into the Streets



Be more than just a spectator, make a difference. If we are actively engaged in meeting needs in our community even those who are unattached to our church will be glad we are there. 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."

Operation Inasmuch (NCOIAM) is about everyone working together to impact 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. Look around! Jesus commanded His followers to show compassion and NCOIAM helps us do that.

We encourage churches to set aside **April 27** and **May 4** to impact their communities, but choose any date that your church chooses. You may plan to set aside a day every month or every 3 to 6 months to impact lives through the love of Jesus Christ.

Please register your intent to hold NCOIAM at:

www.baptistsonmission.org/ncoiam

www.baptistsonmission.org/Missions/North-Carolina/Operation-Inasmuch

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 |



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FIRST RESPONDERS - PRAYER WARRIORS

When the eye of any storm hits, whether it be hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, fires or any tragedy in life, First Responders need to be ready. Prayer warriors are First Responders who always stay on alert. When storms of life hit, the victims feel hopeless, helpless and confused. Prayer Warriors can be ready to respond and intercede in prayer for those suffering. Prayer Warriors are devoted to prayer. What does that really mean?

Pray when...

it looks like God is not answering,
things are at their worst,
when you feel like giving up,
when facing rejection,
in season and out,
when things are good.

The Bible is filled with examples of men and women who lifted up others in prayer, and Ephesians 6:18 tells us to *pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests*. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all God's people.

With the devastation eastern North Carolina encountered with Hurricane Florence, daily I was reminded that people need prayer. Many people were in total shock as so many were speechless and needed those First Responders to show up to bring them hope, help and a word from God. There was an extreme need for Chaplains and Prayer Warriors to be on standby and ready to pray as families were being rescued from the floodwaters and, also to join those going out to evaluate the damage to their homes and assess how Baptist on Mission/NCBM

could help. Consider becoming a First Responder - Prayer Warrior by volunteering through the Prayer Ministry or taking Chaplaincy training through Disaster Relief. Don't wait until disaster or any tragedy to happen and wish you had responded. Be the first to Respond!

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2019 SPRING GOLF

TOURNAMENT FOR MEN, WOMEN & YOUTH

MAY 4, 2019 KEITH HILLS, BUIES CREEK

Cost – \$55 per person (includes dinner)

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

Deadline for entry – May 4, 2019

12:00-12:30 Practice and Warm-up

12:30-1:00 Tee Times

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

5:30-6:00 Dinner and Awards

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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 Tom Beam or Johnny Childers (see contact above).



TITUS 2:11-14

DEEP IMPACT 2019

"For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good."

DEEP IMPACT DATES AND LOCATIONS

June 13-16 Shelby Mini Week	June 30-July 6 Caswell	July 19-27 Puerto Rico
June 15-22 Honduras	July 6-14 Cuba	July 22-27 Red Springs
June 17-22 Boone	July 8-13 Shelby	July 28-31 Red Springs
June 23-29 Atlanta, GA	July 15-20 Nags Head	Mini Week
June 24-29 Fruitland		November 1-3 DI Weekend Shelby

baptistsonmission.org/camps/Deep-Impact



Baptists on Mission

North Carolina Baptist Men, Women and Students
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LIVE AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT

By Tyler Ward

Late July in southeastern North Carolina is about as hot and humid as it comes. For most people, doing work in this kind of weather is about the last thing on their summer wish-list. Thankfully, the youth and adults from nine churches across our state who showed up at the Red Springs Mission Camp this past July weren't most people. From points near and far, they came to this racially diverse and economically depressed area to, in the words of our theme scripture for the summer, *"live as children of light."*

As a native to the greater Robeson County area, I'm always glad to see when God's children come to this place to share their gifts, talents, and skills with the larger community. For this particular mission trip, I was humbled to "come home" and serve as the speaker for the week. While staying at the mission camp, I was able to make daily visits to see our youth in action around the area. As a North Carolina Baptist who supports this mission camp and youth missions, you should be proud of what I saw.

I saw youth spend countless hours in the hot sun doing manual labor at a nearby animal rescue in Hoke County. While there, not only did they provide much-needed care for the facilities that house these animals, but they provided a much-needed Christian witness to the middle-aged woman who runs this rescue all by herself. During the week, they intentionally developed relationships with this woman, prayed for her, and lovingly encouraged her to seek community through any of the local churches in her area.

I saw youth show up to the Odum Home in Pembroke to clean and organize several storage buildings on the campus. They did that work exceedingly well, but that wasn't all. Following the Spirit's call, these youth and adults ministered to and comforted a staff member who had lost a loved one the week before. Through their presence, and their hard work, they were able to help lessen the load for this grieving staff member.

Elsewhere throughout the area, I saw youth build wheelchair ramps to give hope to those who'd become prisoners in their own home. I saw youth sharing joy and laughter with senior citizens and at-risk children.

No matter where I went, I saw youth stepping out of their comfort zones in order to do what God had called and equipped them to do.

As a North Carolina Baptist, I'm encouraged by the witness that these youth were able to bear to the people they ministered to this past summer – a witness that was good, right, and true. If your youth took part in this missions experience (or

something similar), continue to encourage, equip, and empower them to continue living out that witness wherever they are and whatever the circumstances!

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Check us out on Facebook: facebook.com/issnc or on our website: issnc.org

Register Online: ISSCNC.ORG

Join us for the International Student and Scholar Conference on April 12-14, 2019 at the Fort Caswell Coastal Retreat and Conference Center in Oak Island, NC. We will be exploring the theme *"Through the Noise"* and learning about who we really are behind our relationships, technology and the hustle of our everyday lives. There will be lots of food, conversation, learning and friendships. International students are welcome to participate as an individual or as part of a group. Dr. Guy Sayles, from Mars Hill University, will be the speaker.

The cost is \$125 per student. Pricing for leaders/chaperones is \$195 for an individual room or \$170 for a shared room with two double beds (includes a t-shirt, a two-night stay, meals from breakfast on Saturday through lunch on Sunday, and access to all sessions Friday, April 12 through Sunday, April 14).

Spring Break Missions for College Students SPRING 2019



For More Information

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What: Hurricane Florence
Disaster Relief with
Baptists on Mission/NCBM

Where: Eastern North Carolina
(Various Sites Available
depending on dates
of service)

When: Spring Break or after
Spring Exams, Summer
or Fall Break - 2019

Cost: Travel to and from
service area

MENS MINISTRY

Igniting the Hearts of Men for Christ

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2019 Men's Outdoor Weekend

Plan to join us May 3-4, 2019 for our eleventh annual Men's Outdoor Weekend. The event, held at Camp Caraway in Asheboro, is designed to give men a fun outdoor experience that will also challenge them to walk closer with Christ. The event will begin with a time of worship on Friday night. Saturday morning will feature demonstrations on a variety of outdoor activities. Saturday afternoon will include competition in skeet, archery, hatchet throw, pistol, and target shooting. Information will also be shared on how your church might begin an outdoor ministry to the men in your area. Cost of the weekend is \$78 per person. Space is limited, so register early! See our Men's Ministry webpage for a promotional video on this event!



Our Men's Outdoor Weekend will be held at Camp Caraway May 3-4, 2019. Register early and come join the fun!

WHO ARE YOUR "GOT YOUR BACK" FRIENDS?

Hurricane Florence disrupted many lives last September. That disruption will continue for many months – possibly years – for many. Immediately after the storm I was asked to lead a NC Baptist on Mission Disaster Relief Operational Center (DROC). I was honored to be asked to do such a task and oversaw the site at Scotts Hill for two months. I learned a valuable lesson on the need to have men in your life who have your back.

During times of disaster, rather it be a hurricane, health issues, financial crisis, relationship troubles, or any other number of things that disrupt our lives, we can easily lose focus on our relationship with God. Some say in those times that they find themselves drawn closer to God. I understand that. However, there also times when we might find ourselves neglecting our intimate and intentional time with the Father during times of distress. This is where I found myself.

After a week of operating the site a pastor friend came by and asked how I was doing. I told him that I was finding it hard to have time with the Father in the Word and prayer. The days began early and, by the end of the day, I was tired and just ready to go to bed. This is when my "Got Your Back" friends came into play.

These are four men who I meet with weekly to talk and pray with. These men saw the struggle I was having and suggested we meet at the DROC location. These men were life saviors in many ways. A couple of them volunteered their time to help out during the week. Others began praying

specifically and checking up on me during the week. Every week we met for an hour at the DROC to share and pray with one other.

I call them my "Got Your Back" friends because we had been studying Gary Yagel's book 'Got Your Back' for the past several weeks before the hurricane hit. We had begun developing a bond with each other as we walked through this book and spent time in prayer. We shared our individual struggles with one another. These men have become my life saviors in so many ways. They help keep me focused not only on the task at hand but also on my relationship with God.

My 'Got Your Back' friends lived the example Solomon wrote about in Ecclesiastes 4:9-10; "Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their efforts. For if either falls, his companion can lift him up; but pity the one who falls without another to lift him up." It is good to have such friends – brothers in Christ – who are there to lift you up in your time of need.

My question to you is; "Do you have men in your life who have your back?" If not, seek them out. You may not think you need men like this; but, believe me – you do. Gary Yagel's book *Got Your Back* is a great book to work through with a few friends to understand this concept.

Together in the adventure and challenge to disciple men.

— Mike Sandlin

NCBM Men's Ministry State Coordinator



Baptists on Mission/NCBM will sponsor two one-day Men's Ministry Leadership Training sessions in 2019 – one in East and one in the West. These sessions will be from 10am – 3pm.



Men work on completing a wheelchair ramp at the Men's Work & Worship Weekend. This year's event will be at the Shelby Mission Camp October 11-12

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

Men's Ministry Leadership Training (September 7 – West; September 14 – East)

This year Baptists on Mission/NCBM will offer two one-day statewide Men's Ministry Leadership Training events. These training events are designed to equip local church Men's Ministry leaders in how to lead the men of their church into a deeper walk with Christ and missions involvement. Training will focus on three key areas of ministry: 1) evangelistic outreach and fellowship; 2) spiritual growth and discipleship; and 3) missions and ministry involvement. Come discover the benefits of training, which will include discussion with other men's ministry leaders from across the state. This event will help you put all the necessary pieces of conducting an effective men's ministry in your church together. Training will begin at 10am and conclude by 3pm. Training sites will be announced on our website early in 2019.

2019 Men's Weekend Shelby Mission Camp (October 11-12)

Come join us for a time of worship and hands-on missions at the Shelby Mission Camp. The weekend will begin with supper on Friday night, followed by a men's rally featuring worshipful singing, a spiritual challenge, a time of sharing, prayer, and great fellowship. On Saturday, we'll split up throughout the community on various projects that will be planned by camp director David Brown. The Mission Camp provides a place where volunteers can use their God-given skills to rebuild homes and touch lives in the name of Christ. There is plenty for all to do regardless of skill

level! Cost is \$24 per person for Friday night lodging and supper, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. For more information go to our men's ministry webpage or contact Mark Abernathy at (919) 459-5607 or mabernathy@ncbaptist.org. See our Men's Ministry webpage for a promotional video on this event!

Men's Worship Rallies to Be Held Throughout the State in November 2019

Men's Ministry Rallies will be held in five locations throughout the state in November. 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 a model of how you might take this kind of worship model back to your own men's gatherings. All men and their pastors are invited to attend the rally closest to them. Rally dates are as follows: Region 1 Thursday, November 7; Region 3 Thursday, November 14; Region 5 Tuesday, November 19; Region 7 Thursday, November 21; and Region 9 Monday, November 25. (Specific rally sites will be listed on our website). Registration is \$5 per person, which will go toward covering the cost of the meal.

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Men's Worship Rallies will be held in November of 2019 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.

CHILDREN MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITIES



TITUS 2:11-14

DI KIDS 2019

"For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good."

DI KIDS DATES AND LOCATIONS

May 17-19	Red Springs Weekend
June 13-16	Camp Cale Mini-week
June 24-28	Red Springs
July 1-6	Caswell
July 14-17	Truett Mini-week
July 28-31	Mundo Vista Mini-week
September 27-29	Shelby Weekend
November 15-17	Red Springs Weekend

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THE PERSONAL IMPACT

By Wesley Scoggins

When I was in high school, my home church took our youth group to "camp." Excitement filled my mind when I thought of rope swings, rock walls, and waterfalls. We loaded up our church van and ventured off. After a couple of hours of driving, our van pulled into an old trailer-house factory in Grifton, North Carolina. Our youth group thought we stopped to ask for directions. No, we had arrived at Deep Impact! God used that week at Deep Impact in mighty ways. I served at a local daycare and worked with children. That week God began planting in my heart a passion for children's ministry. Now I serve as a Children's Pastor full time. This past summer I was able to rekindle my relationship with Deep Impact through DI Kids. I was able to observe DI Kids in two unique ways: as a speaker and as a church leader. I served as speaker for the Shelby mini-week and led a group from my church during the mini-week at Mundo Vista.



As a speaker, I was able to work closely with the staff, and interact with multiple church groups on their mission sites. It was so encouraging to see the staff's passion for sharing the love of Christ in the communities they are in. I heard testimonies of lives impacted through lawns mowed, ramps built, and games played – all in the name of Jesus! As a church leader, I was able to see these lives changed first-hand. The first project our group had was building a ramp for a sweet elderly lady. She was so appreciative of the work the kids did. We ended our day eating lunch and praying with her. The second day we served a local thrift store and were able to interact and minister to many of the employees.

Through these projects, kids are learning the importance of serving with a joyful heart. Christ came to this world to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28). Kids do not gain a heart for service by being taught; they learn through serving! This is what DI Kids is all about: giving kids a heart for serving their communities in Christ's name. I hope you make plans to bring your children's group to DI Kids. I know that we will be back!

— Wesley Scoggins, Pastor of Children's Ministries,
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RA RACE

March 30, 2019

8:15am - 4:00pm

First Baptist Church, Salisbury

The Statewide RA Race is the NC State Championship for all RA Racer associational winners and includes all Lads, Crusaders, Girls, and Adults. The date has been set for March 30, 2019 at First Baptist Church, Salisbury. It is not too early to promote to your RA, GA and Children's Mission groups.

The deadline to register is March 22. Registration cost is \$9 per race participant, \$6 per non-participant/other attendees, ages 3 to 5 is \$4 and age 0-2 is no charge. This fee covers all program costs, ribbons, insurance, and lunch.

T-shirts, RA Race Day patches, and snacks will be available for purchase. A missions offering will be received.

A mission project is required to race (adults included). Note the new date and deadline. All participants must follow NC RA Race rules.

Contact your local Baptist Association for the local race dates. Participants for the statewide race are determined on the local Baptist association level.

We hope to see you in Salisbury on March 30, 2019.

For rules, more information or to register online go to:
www.ncroyalambassadors.org.



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RA CAMPOREE

The RA Camporee is scheduled for September 20-22, 2019. The location is to be determined. This will be a great weekend of camping, helping your RA's learn camping skills and great fellowship around the campfire. For more information contact Jeff Cornwall at racamporeenc@ncbaptist.org. Registration will open late spring 2019 for the fall Camporee.

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2019 WORLD MISSIONS WEEK

July 1 – 6, 2019 • Fort Caswell

WORLD MISSIONS WEEK AT CASWELL

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 (preschool, children, youth and adults). This is the only week of the summer that Caswell offers programming for all ages.



SPEAKER MIKE SATTERFIELD

Mike Satterfield is the founder of Field of Grace Ministries. His vision is uncompromisingly clear, with one central principle; to build and develop a kingdom of empowered people for God. Mike is the Teaching Pastor at Fielder Church in Arlington, Texas. He and his wife, Rhonda, live in Arlington with their two children.



WORSHIP BY RUSH OF FOOLS

The Birmingham, Ala., based band takes their name from 1 Corinthians 1:26-31. Rush of Fools' message of God's mercy and grace is encapsulated in their debut single, "Undo" which has seen an extraordinary climb up the Christian radio charts. The band members are just a group of guys who love music and love God.

TO REGISTER:

Contact the NC Baptist Assembly at
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2019 NC Baptist Mission Conference p. 8

April 5-6, 2019, Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC
Featuring Bob Goff, Jennifer Rothschild, D.A. Horton, Bryan Loritts, Karen Kingsbury, Tom Richter, and Laura Story

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Various dates 2019. To learn more about Deep Impact and student missions, contact Tom Beam (919) 459-5626, tbeam@ncbaptist.org.

www.baptistsonmission.org/deepimpact



Deep Impact Kids 2019 p. 52

Various dates 2019. To learn more about Deep Impact Kids, contact Dollie Noa (919) 459-5598, dnoa@ncbaptist.org.

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World Missions Week p. 55

July 1-6 at Fort Caswell
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