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Accomplishing What Really Matters

God uses our Missions Mobilization work to change people, churches and the world in ways that nothing else does. We have a very high calling, and that is to equip disciples who live as missionaries. Each person on our staff and each board/advisory council member/volunteer should work out of a sense of being called by God to serve churches and help individuals become personally involved in missions. There is so much to do that we focus more easily on the things we do instead of the people we are. Instead, we should acknowledge that *"what matters is not the accomplishments we achieve; what matters is the people we become."* (Dallas Willard quote).

As staff/board/advisory council/members/volunteers, we are to be growing as disciples of Jesus Christ. To grow as a disciple means to be growing in the "Fruit of the Spirit" characteristics in Galatians 5:22-23—"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law." God expects us to act in ways that display His love, grace, mercy and forgiveness. God has put us in a position to display His hands and feet to hurting people as we serve them.

We should:

- 1) Be growing as disciples of Jesus Christ.
- 2) Be growing in the "Fruits of the Spirit" (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control—Galatians 5:22-23) and growing in grace, mercy and forgiveness.
- 3) When things are going well we should act with humility knowing that God is one who provides. When there is a problem, we should act with humility, gentleness and in love to seek to make things right. We should avoid gossip and slander through our words, written communication (e-mails, social media posts, etc.) and seek to be reconciled to our brother/sister in Christ.
- 4) We should seek to share the Good News of the Gospel to all through our words and deeds so that all people may come to know Christ.



Richard Brunson

Richard Brunson
Executive Director-Treasurer & Partnership Missions Director
NCBM

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Mission Statement

The goal of NCBM is to help NC churches involve their members in missions.



Living Loved

As I go about my vocational work as Central Area Manager for the NC Baptist Foundation I am frequently reminded of the wonderful works of NCBM/Baptists on Mission. I attend many Associational events in which there will be reports and testimonies about mission trips and Disaster Relief work being done in many places. Often when I am in churches speaking to Senior Adults or other groups I will hear or see reminders of that church's involvement in NCBM/BOM missions and ministry. And one of my greater joys is when I am meeting with an existing or new donor and they have or want to remember the work of NCBM/BOM in their estate plan. They will often share their experience and thoughts about the work of NCBM/BOM from their perspective. I can think of several occasions when a new donor will say "And of course we want to remember the work of NCBM."

Often when I have met with a donor who wants to remember the work of NCBM/BOM we will also pray for the staff, volunteers and the people who are affected by the work that is being done. Thank you for praying for NCBM/BOM. It is a fact that prayer is essential to the life and ministry of all followers of Jesus Christ. We must have God's guidance in carrying out the mission and ministry work of NCBM/BOM.

I was browsing the NCBM/BOM website and on just the home page there were reminders of the work being done in Disaster Relief for Hurricane's Matthew (NC), Harvey (TX) and Irma (FL) Maria (PR); there were links to work in the Appalachian Coalfields; and a reminder of our goal of obtaining a new Mobile Dental Unit during 2018. Of course all of these mission efforts and equipment to accomplish them cost money. I want to thank everyone who has donated to NCBM/BOM for all of the things that have been and will be done in the future. I recently read an article that was entitled "The Gospel is Free, But Ministry Costs Money." This was a good reminder that the work we do is extremely important and it takes a lot of resources to do them. Lives are being transformed because of the work of NCBM/BOM. The staff and volunteers of NCBM/BOM are wonderful stewards of what you entrust to them to do the work that they do. Please continue to give to the work of NCBM/BOM.

I am in awe of the many volunteers for NCBM/BOM and the work that they are currently doing all over the world. Personally I wish that I could do more. Often I feel a sense of embarrassment to be serving as NCBM/BOM President when I can do so little compared to the commitment that so many of our volunteers make. I remind myself that I am not retired yet and one day, if it's God's will, I will have my opportunity to do more. For now though I would like to tell our volunteers how my heart swells with pride (hopefully this is not a sin) to see what great works that you are doing. Thank you from the bottom of my prideful heart!

Thank you for going, giving and praying!

[Editor's Note: There are many essential administrative tasks performed by our President and important meetings he attends as our representative which enables the work of NCBM/BOM staff and volunteers. This reflects on our ability to respond better. He works hard to open doors for people to be involved. In addition, he has personally participated in Guatemala, Pennsylvania, Appalachian Coalfield partnerships plus more. So, Mr. President, there is no reason for you to feel a sense of embarrassment. — Richard Brunson]



Robert Simons

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Agriculture Missions

- Church and community garden ministries continue to be promoted within NC 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

- 34 NC pilots involved
- 221 Airlift Hope Missions completed
- 74 patients served
- 180 passengers served
- \$645,639 in public benefit
- 12,675 miles flown

Baptist Educators

- English as a Second Language ministry has been successful in its first year under the umbrella of Baptist Educators. Two Literacy Missions Conferences were held in Winston-Salem and Raleigh this year.
- Bibles and Christian study books collection continues for a seminary library in Africa or Asia.

Children's Missions

- 316 participated in the State RA Race
- 75 campers for RA Camporee

Church Renewal

- 32 Church Renewal Weekends in NC
- 52 Church Renewal Overviews
- 36 Preparation Group Trainings
- 1 Church Renewal Journey Team in Romania
- NC Team Members assisted with 36 churches in 12 different states other than NC
- Two Renewal Coordinator trainings conducted

Disaster Relief/Recovery

RESPONSE LOCATIONS:

- Hurricane Matthew (ongoing)
- Tennessee Fires (from 2016)
- Rockingham County Tornado - May 5
- Sampson County Tornado - May 23
- Tornado - May 24
- Sampson County Wind Event - May 29
- Rockingham County Wind Event - May 31
- Flood Relief Sri Lanka, provision of funds
- Pitt County Tornado - June 5
- Windsor Wind Event - June 5
- Rockingham County Wind Event - June 15
- Tennessee Fires second response
- Tarboro Townhall Mtg, provision of childcare (Hurricane Matthew)
- Nederland TX Hurricane Harvey - September 4
- Miami/FL Keys Hurricane Irma - September 13
- Puerto Rico Hurricane Maria - September 29
- Caldwell County (Tornado) Hurricane Nate - October 9
- Alexander/Burke/Caldwell/Catawba/Cleveland Counties Tornado - October 23

By Numbers:

- Responses - 18
- Volunteer days - 29,493
- Chaplaincy contacts - 8,124
- Salvations - 91
- Meals prepared - 538,539
- Patient Visits - 10
- Flood Cleanup Jobs completed - 677
- Chainsaw Jobs completed - 184
- Homes repaired - 128
- Showers - 15,118
- Laundry Loads - 3,072

Family Foundations

- Two Marriage Retreats were held in Laurel Springs and at the Caraway Conference with 20 attending

In-State Mission Projects

- Red Springs Mission Camp - over 5000 volunteer days
- Shelby Mission Camp - 3,979 volunteers days, 173 completed construction projections (72 wheelchair ramps); 32 non construction projects
- Baptist Builders - Matthew 25 House Project in Tabor City
- Handyman Assistance Requests - 163
- Impact NC - 6 Church-to-Church Projects

International Mission Partnerships

- Armenia - 18 on 4 teams
- Cuba - 180 on 26 teams
- Guatemala - 165 on 22 teams
- Haiti - 15 on 2 teams
- Honduras - 293 on 21 teams
- Kenya - 55 on 9 teams
- Roma People - 126 on 12 teams
- South Africa - 71 on 7 teams

Least of These Projects

- Lighthouse School in Gaza - 21
- Armenia Church Planters - 20
- Kenya Houses of Hope - 24 houses built
- Haiti - School, Medical Clinic
- Bihar, India - 14 wells donated; 3 sewing scholarships & 3 sewing machines donated
- Africa for Christ - 7 Church Planter Supports
- Door of Hope, South Africa - assistance provided for many children

Medical Missions

MOBILE DENTAL MINISTRY:

- PATIENTS: dental - 3,256; medical - 144; eye - 43
- VOLUNTEERS: medical professionals: dentists - 324; dental assistants/hygienists - 470; physicians - 15; nurses/PA's/Pharmacists - 177; lay workers - 1,249; translators - 124; pastors - 94; counselors - 121
- Mobile units in use 170 days in 160 locations, traveling 21,128 miles.
- Professions of Faith - 21; Other decisions - 30

HEALTH SCREENING MINISTRY:

- 35 Scheduled Clinics
- Professions of Faith - 5
- PATIENTS: 458

- VOLUNTEERS: 709
- Medical/Nursing Programs Utilizing Mobile Unit - 5
- Number of Counties visited - 17

Men's Ministry

- 242 participants in Men's Ministry Worship Rallies
- 62 participants in Men's Outdoor Weekend
- 62 Men's Work & Worship Weekend, Shelby Mission Camp
- 43 participants in statewide Men's Ministry Leadership Training

National Mission Partnerships

- Appalachian Coalfields - 1,127 on 68 teams
- Hawaii - 23 on 6 teams
- New England - 420 on 30 teams
- Pennsylvania - 232 on 16 teams
- Rocky Mountain - 328 on 33 teams
- TOTAL - 2,130 on 153 teams

Sports & Recreation

- 52 participated in the annual May NCBM Golf Tournament

Student Mobilization Ministry

- 1,721 participants in 11 Deep Impact Mission Camps & 4 DI Kids camps; mission offering = \$10,000 for Eastern Cuba Water Purification units

College Missions

- 79 Students & Scholars attended the International Student & Scholar Conference
- 64 Students attending Student Summer Ministries Interview Weekend
- 142 Students partaking in Student Summer Ministries (BeDoTell, Camp Caraway, Camp Mundo Vista, Deep Impact, DI Kids, & Fort Caswell)
- 75 Students in Here & Now Missions Experience
- 62 College Students assisting with Disaster Relief

GENERAL EVENTS

ACC Church Day Event

- 1,200 youth/adults attended ACC Church Day Program followed by the football game at Wake Forest University

Baptist Missions Conference

- Approximately 1,425 participants attended this annual inspirational and informational meeting

Camps

- 322 boys attended Camp Caraway; \$2,092.16 offering received for Hurricane Matthew
- 487 attended Children Coed Camps
- 37 attended Mother/Son Camp
- 19 attended Father/Daughter Camp
- 111 participated in Father/Son Overnight Camps
- 383 attended World Missions Week at Caswell

Regional Rallies

- 2,606 participants in August
- 2,177 participants in February

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The North Carolina Missions Offering:

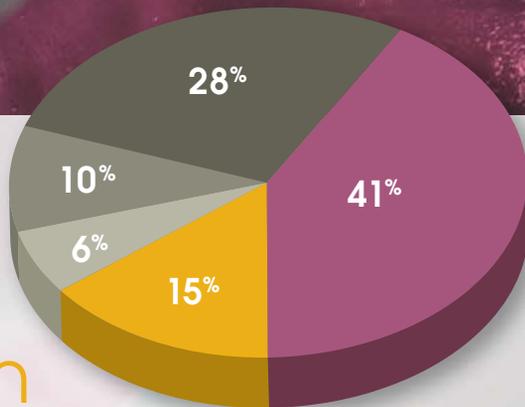
- relieves suffering of people
- plants new churches
- mobilizes volunteers for missions
- shares the gospel of Jesus Christ
- responds to various disasters
- treats the sick

“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

2018 GOAL

\$2.1 million



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

2018.events

JANUARY 2018

- 26-27 Baptist Men's Board Meeting, Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro
- 27 NCBM Annual Business Meeting, Asheboro
- 28 Baptist Men's Day in the Churches

FEBRUARY 2018

- 12 Region 2 Missions Rally, Winterville BC, Winterville
- 12 Region 8 Missions Rally, South River BC, Statesville
- 12 Region 10 Missions Rally, Marble Springs BC, Marble
- 13 Region 1 Missions Rally, Meherrin BC, Murfreesboro
- 13 Region 4 Missions Rally, Fairview BC, Apex
- 13 Region 6 Missions Rally, Highland BC, New London
- 13 Region 9 Missions Rally, Arden, First Baptist
- 15 Region 3 Missions Rally, Mount Vernon BC, Clinton
- 15 Region 5 Missions Rally, Bethany BC, Winston-Salem
- 15 Region 7 Missions Rally, Enon BC, East Bend

MARCH 2018

- 2-3 Region 4 Disaster Relief Training, Durham County
- 16-17 Region 2 Disaster Relief Training, Nash County
- 17 RA Car Racer Day, Salisbury, First Baptist

APRIL 2018

- 6-7 Baptist Missions Conference, Charlotte
- 7 Student Missions Conference, Charlotte
- 13-15 International Student & Scholar Conference, Caswell
- 20-21 Region 6 Disaster Relief Training, Cabarrus County
- 28 Operation Inasmuch One-Day Missions Blitz

MAY 2018

- 4-5 Region 8 Disaster Relief Training, Iredell County
- 4-5 Men's Outdoor Weekend, Caraway
- 5 NCBM Golf Tournament, Keith Hills, Buies Creek
- 5 Operation Inasmuch One-Day Missions Blitz
- 18-19 Region 10 Disaster Relief Training, Jackson County
- 18-20 Deep Impact KIDS Weekend, (Grades 1-5) Red Springs Mission Camp

JUNE 2018

- 14-17 Deep Impact Mini Week, Shelby
- 16-23 Deep Impact Honduras
- 18-23 Deep Impact Boone
- 24-30 Deep Impact Week Philadelphia, PA
- 22-24 Caraway Summer Father/Son Camp #1
- 25-29 Caraway Summer Camp for boys - Week 1
- 25-30 Deep Impact Nags Head

JULY 2018

- 1-7 Deep Impact Caswell
- 2-6 Caraway for Children Camp (Coed) #1

JULY 2018 *continued*

- 2-7 World Missions Week, Caswell
- 7-14 Deep Impact Week Cuba
- 9-13 Caraway Summer Camp for boys - Week 2
- 9-14 Deep Impact Shelby
- 15-18 Deep Impact KIDS, (Grades 1-5) Red Springs Mission Camp
- 16-20 Caraway for Children Camp (Coed) #2
- 16-21 Deep Impact Week Beulaville
- 19-22 Deep Impact KIDS, (Grades 1-5) Shelby Mission Camp
- 23-27 Caraway for Children Camp (Coed) #3
- 23-27 Deep Impact KIDS, (Grades 1-5) Blowing Rock
- 23-28 Deep Impact Week Red Springs
- 29-Aug 1 Deep Impact KIDS, (Grades 1-5) Mundo Vista
- 29-Aug 1 Deep Impact Mini Week Red Springs
- 30-Aug 3 Caraway for Children Camp (Coed) #4

AUGUST 2018

- 6-10 Caraway for Children Camp (Coed) #5
- 10-12 Mother/Son Camp, Caraway Conference Center
- 13 Region 2, 8, & 10 Missions Rally
- 14 Region 1, 4, 6, & 9 Missions Rally
- 16 Region 3, 5 & 7 Missions Rally
- 17-19 Father/Daughter Camp, Caraway Conference Center
- 24-25 NCBM Board of Directors Meeting, Caraway Conference Center
- 25 NCBM Advisory Council & Board, Caraway Conference Center

SEPTEMBER 2018

- 1-30 **NC Missions Offering Month**
- 7-9 Deep Impact KIDS Weekend, (Grades 1-5) Shelby Mission Camp
- 8 Men's Ministry/Challenger/Royal Ambassador Leadership Training - West
- 15 Men's Ministry/Challenger/Royal Ambassador Leadership Training - East

OCTOBER 2018

- 12-13 Men's Work & Worship Weekend, Red Springs Mission Camp
- 19-21 Fall Father/Son Camp, (Grades 1-8 & Leaders) Caraway
- 21-23 RA Camporee

NOVEMBER 2018

- 3 Church ACC Day vs Syracuse
- 8 Region 2 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 12 Region 4 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 15 Region 6 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 19 Region 8 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 29 Region 10 Men's Ministry Worship Rally

DECEMBER 2018

- 13-15 Here & Now Conference
- 31 Applications Deadline for 2019 Student Summer Ministries

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2018 MISSIONS CONFERENCE
April 6-7, 2018

SPEAKERS



BRYAN LORITTS



VICKI GROSSMAN



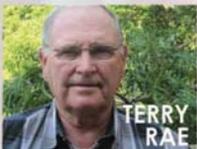
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LODGING OPTIONS

You must make your own reservation directly with the hotel of your choice. Be sure to ask for the special Baptist Missions Conference rate but it must be by the deadline date to guarantee the rate per night. Below are some of the available hotels:

**HAMPTON INN,
CHARLOTTE UNIVERSITY**

\$99 per night (breakfast)

8419 N Tryon St
Charlotte, NC 28262
(704) 548-0905

Reserve by March 17

**HILTON
CHARLOTTE UNIVERSITY PLACE**

\$135 per night

8629 JM Keynes Dr
Charlotte, NC 28262
(704) 547-7444

Reserve by March 6

**HAMPTON INN,
CHARLOTTE/MATTHEWS**

\$119 per night (breakfast)

9615 Independence Point Pwy
Matthews, NC 28105
(704) 841-1155

Reserve by March 10

**HOLIDAY INN
CHARLOTTE UNIVERSITY**

\$109 per night

8520 University Executive Park Dr
Charlotte, NC 28262
(704) 547-0999

Reserve by March 25

**HOMEWOOD SUITES
CHARLOTTE RESEARCH PARK**

\$99.00

8340 Tryon St
Charlotte, NC 28262
(704) 549-8800

Reserve by March 24

WHO CAN ATTEND

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!

REGISTRATION FORM

North Carolina Baptist Missions
Conference
April 6-7, 2018

Complete and return by March 29

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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Cary, NC 27512

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call (800) 395-5102, ext. 5596
or visit www.baptistsonmission.org
to register online

A Missions Rally for Men, Women & Youth



You are Invited to the February, 2018 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 6:00 pm

Program from 6:50 pm - 8:30 pm

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

Region 1	Tuesday, February 13	Meherrin Baptist, Murfreesboro
Region 2	Monday, February 12	Winterville Baptist, Winterville
Region 3	Thursday, February 15	Mount Vernon Baptist, Clinton
Region 4	Tuesday, February 13	Fairview Baptist, Apex
Region 5	Thursday, February 15	Bethany Baptist, Winston-Salem
Region 6	Tuesday, February 13	Highland Baptist, New London
Region 7	Thursday, February 15	Enon Baptist, East Bend
Region 8	Monday, February 12	South River, Statesville
Region 9	Tuesday, February 13	Arden First Baptist
Region 10	Monday, February 12	Marble Springs Baptist, Marble

Meal is free, but we need to have an accurate head count. Register by going to our website at www.baptistsonmission.org (Events/Regional Rallies/Mission Rallies) or by contacting our office: call 1-800-395-5102 x 5596; or e-mail keskridge@ncbaptist.org.

Registration is due one week prior to the rally date.

Gardening is Agriculture

Most people think about agriculture as the cultivation of the soil for growing of crops and raising of livestock by farmers for profit. Agriculture in America has changed tremendously over time as machinery and technology has improved. In 1950 12.2% of the population was farmers. Average farm size was 216 acres. By 2000, only 2.6% of the population was farmers. They farmed an average of 416 acres. These trends continue as farmers are able to farm more land and produce more crop per acre than ever before. We are blessed with an abundance of food on the shelves of our grocery stores. Many Americans think of food coming from the back of the grocery store and have no knowledge of where the food is actually produced. Gardening had been a dying skill, until about 2008 when the number of home vegetable gardens began to increase. Today approximately 35% of all households in America are growing food at home or in a community garden. This figure is up 17% in five years. Gardening is agriculture, just on a smaller scale!

Home gardening is not a simple task. It is a task that requires time and labor to produce a product. Remember what Adam was told in Genesis 3:19 after the first sin, "By the sweat of your brow you will eat of your food." Gardening requires some space, preparation and planning, gardening tools, soil amendments, seeds and/or transplants, and lots of time. Usually the size of space available will determine the type of garden you can have. Very limited space may allow an urban garden made up of flower pots or even a small gutter garden. Though limited in size, fresh tomatoes and herbs can be grown. Those having a small yard may consider constructing a raised bed garden or having a straw bale garden. Construct a raised bed as long as you would like, but width should allow you to reach the center of the bed from either side. Straw bales work well, but need lots of watering. A large space allows for a conventional garden. A large garden also includes lots of cost, time, and hard work (sweat of the brow). If everything goes well with any type of garden, there will be fresh vegetables to enjoy and some to share with your neighbor. Mark 12:30-31 tells us to "Love the Lord with all our heart and to love our neighbor as yourself."

There is lots of information on gardening available on the internet. There is vegetable gardening for beginners, vegetable gardening for dummies, and just plain vegetable gardening. If you are planning to try gardening for the first time or just want to learn more about gardening, I would recommend that you check out the Extension Gardener Handbook at the following website: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/extension-gardener-handbook>. This handbook covers many topics that you may or have experienced when gardening. The Agriculture Missions group plans to update its website in early 2018 with additional information on gardening and other related topics.

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Raised beds



Straw Bale Garden



Canned and Frozen Vegetables

The Gift of Hospitality

With the Aviation ministry expanding into other areas of ministry using transportation as its tool, we want to introduce Lin and Janet Whichard of the Earth Angel team. They have been using transportation as their means of serving the Lord for many years ministering to folks in need.

— Philip Plemmons
Aviation Ministry State Coordinator

As believers, we are given opportunities to become the hands and feet of Jesus. We look around and He shows or directs us where we can make a difference in someone's life. Sometimes it is big, sometimes small. NC Baptist Aviation Ministry is a big way that ministry happens. Many patients flown into the RDU area by NC Baptist Aviation pilots come by private planes because they are too sick to fly commercially, cannot drive long distances, cannot afford commercial airfare, are immunosuppressed and cannot be around groups of people, etc.

When patients arrive at airports in our area they are often very stressed over their physical situations. They are away from family, friends, church and familiar surroundings. We believe they should not have to worry about transportation. That is where "earth angels" enter the picture. These patients need transportation to hospitals, doctor

appointments, hotels, Ronald McDonald House, Caring House, back to the airport, etc. It is our privilege to welcome them offering transportation, encouragement, friendship and prayers. We answer questions about the area, treat them to a meal if their flight caused them to miss one, and for those staying in places other than the hospital, we offer to take them to pick up any supplies they might need to make their stay more comfortable. Weight limits on planes prevent them from bringing food and water.

Our neighbor, Ed Spencer, Janet and I have enjoyed meeting wonderful people as we have served as "Earth Angels." Some patients share their stories while others are very quiet. We have heard wonderful stories of how God has been working in someone's life while they have been going through their physical trial. We have had many that needed spiritual encouragement just to face tomorrow. We depend on the Holy Spirit to direct our conversations.

As believers, we understand that these are our neighbors. In Romans 12:9-13 NIV we read, "Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil, cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

Lin and Janet Whichard



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Baptist Educators

God Has Blessed Us in a Mighty Way

The Fellowship of Baptist Educators (FBE) continues its work collecting, sorting and packing books at the Shelby Mission Camp. If your church, your pastor or someone you know has Concordances, Commentaries, Hymnals, and Bibles that are cluttering the shelves, contact us. We would love to have them and other books that would benefit a seminary library in Africa or Asia. We are also in need of volunteers to work with the books so if you are looking for a great place to do a great work contact the Shelby Mission Camp for more information or call Sandy Simpson to arrange a time to go. Call also if you have books that you need to have picked up. Books may also be brought to the Red Springs Mission Camp in Red Springs (near Lumberton). We can transport them to Shelby from there.

This summer saw the retirement of Dr. Robert Lamb as our Executive Director. Dr. Lamb is our founder and has worked tirelessly to bring this organization to fruition. Several of us met at the Shelby Mission Camp to honor him and his lovely wife, Rhea, and to gift them with a piece of engraved pottery to honor their service. These two have worked tirelessly for FBE through the years and we will forever be in their debt.

This summer and early fall brought the Literacy Mission Conference for English as a Second Language. These conferences in Winston and Raleigh were attended by great people doing great works on a volunteer basis. Fellowship of Baptist Educators is proud to work side by side with this group of Christ followers who are helping

adult learners reach their full potential as they learn English, strive to join us in citizenship or learn to function verbally in a new place they call home.

We are continually in need of your prayers as we collect and pack books and as we teach literacy. You may also contribute to the Robert and Rhea Lamb Endowment fund and the North Carolina Literacy Mission Endowment fund. Both of these are through the Baptist State Convention and the Baptist Foundation.

God has blessed us in a mighty way. We look forward to what 2018 has to offer. Join us as we make the journey.



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Following in the Footsteps of Jesus

Compassion Ministries is the 18th ministry area for NCBM/Baptists on Mission. Dewey and Kathie Aiken shared the following several months ago in a proposal for consideration of this new ministry area: *"We see the potential of expanding the outreach of the present ministries to assist more churches to meet needs within their communities. This is the way Jesus reached people—meeting them where they are in life and offering the hope of salvation and abundant life."*

Among their extensive experiences in working throughout Appalachia, the Aikens are seeing communities transformed through a variety of ministries. Some provide training in life skills that address such issues as food insecurity, job insecurity, nutrition, exercise, and managing health issues. Individuals are led to understand that Compassion Ministries is following in the footsteps of Jesus. It is our love for Christ which compels us to action. As the Aikens have stated: *"The fact that knowing Jesus is the basis for right relationships, strong work ethic, desire for good health and provision for needs must be foundational. The importance of prayer and daily Bible study after a person has committed their life to Christ should be stressed to encourage balance in the lives of those with whom we minister."*

Many of our churches are often overwhelmed by the needs within their communities. There are already a variety of resources available to help churches receive training and ongoing encouragement for engaging in Compassion Ministries within their churches and neighborhoods through NCBM/Baptists on Mission. Connecting available resources with needs is a priority.

Several years ago NCBM had a vision for using volunteers to meet needs in eastern and western North Carolina by setting up Shelby Mission Camp and Red Springs Mission Camp in strategic locations for ministry within the state. The communities are very different so approaches to ministry reflect the needs being met in the local communities. There is much that can be learned from the experiences of those who are involved with these camps.

Perhaps Sarah is a member of your church. She is a single mom with two children. Her salary from a fast food restaurant supplies enough money for rent, utilities, and transportation. Her income level is such that she qualifies for \$13 each month in SNAP funds (commonly known as food stamps). Sometimes by the end of the month the only thing left in her cabinets is a box of macaroni and cheese.

Then there is Tom who is a carpenter. Six months of the year his income is enough to provide food, rent for his mobile home, and utilities for his family of four. In the winter months, utility bills are high and there is less work. His wife has several health issues and cannot work but does not qualify for disability. He needs more training so that he can get a year-round job.

Mary and Bob had good jobs and saved for their retirement. Medical bills during the last five years of Bob's life drained their savings. When he died, Mary's social security check is barely enough to cover basic household expenses. Their daughter was diagnosed with severe mental illness in her teens. Her husband recently left her. Now she and Mary's granddaughter are on the verge of being homeless. Mary needs help accessing resources available for a family member with mental illness.

These snapshots are meant to illustrate a small portion of issues that impact families in our communities. Dollie Noa, who recently joined the staff of NCBM as the Children/Family Ministries Mobilization Consultant, is working with Compassion Ministries and available to assist individuals and churches connect resources with needs. Pray about ways that you and your church can follow in the footsteps of Jesus to minister to people who are on the verge of losing hope.



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LOOKING TO THE FUTURE



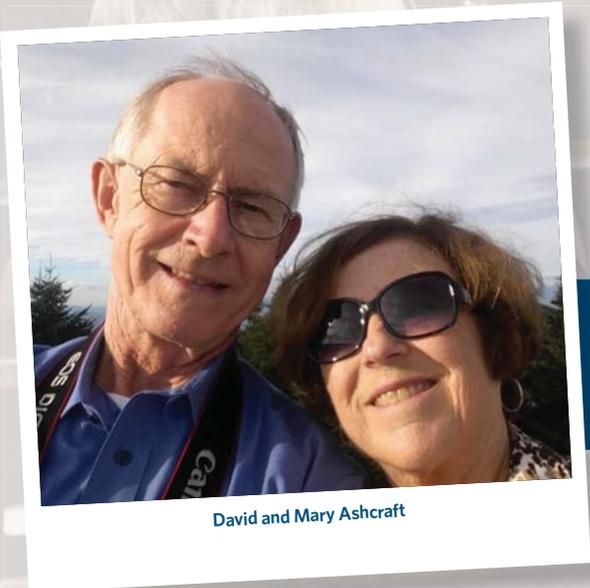
As I prepare this article for the *Baptists on Mission*, I would like to reflect on our term as State Coordinator for the past three years. We have gotten to meet with the NCBM on several occasions and shared what Church Renewal is and how this ministry can help churches come together, love each other more and grow closer to the Lord. We conducted several breakout sessions at Baptist Mission Conference meetings. We met with pastors, deacons and church members explaining what Church Renewal Journey (CRJ) is. It has helped us grow in our walk with the Lord. Meeting with these individual churches and going through the weekend has been such a blessing to us. Making new friends by staying in homes of church members is a special time. There is much more I could say about Church Renewal Journey but now I want to you to meet the new state coordinator and something about him.

David Ashcraft is the new incoming State Coordinator for North Carolina for Church Renewal Journey. He is a deacon at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Knightdale, and he and his wife, Mary, live in Raleigh.

David is a graduate of NC State College of Natural Resources and retired from Temple Inland, a forest products company in 2001. He moved to North Carolina as Executive in Residence at NC State University and recently retired from NC State as the Executive Director of the NC State Natural Resourced Foundation.

Since 2006, David has been involved in the Church Renewal Journey, serving as an adult facilitator as well as a teacher. We are so happy to have him as our new state coordinator.

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Hurricanes of 2017





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FROM HEART TO HEART

One of your Disaster Relief Teams arrived at my mothers house in Port Arthur, Texas on Tuesday morning. I'm told that each of them exhibited a joy and a willingness to assist in whatever way they could. The only unfortunately thing is that I wasn't there to help. I had an important VA appointment that I could not miss. My mother and sister were there in my stead, they were truly impressed. The love and support your team bestowed to my family is beyond words. They'll carry the memory of the day's events with them for the rest of their days. There is no way I can fully express my level of gratitude for what your disaster relief team did for us. The love of God is shared from heart to heart and I can truly say that we felt his love. I spoke with my mother and my sister and they raved about how you guys did such a great job. You went well beyond what we were expecting and it means the world to us. My mother didn't have flood insurance and at this point every penny counts. There is a road that we must travel, but God will see us through it.

You and your organization have shown the people in this community how great things can be done when people come together and set their sights on one common goal. Know that you all have impacted the lives of people during a time when they needed it the most, and I can say with certainty that we will never forget this act of love. May the Lord God Bless each and every one of you. Take care and God Speed.

Very Respectfully,
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US Navy (Ret., DAV.)

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A UNIQUE WAY TO RAISE MONEY FOR DISASTER RELIEF

Charlie and Betty Johnson of Cary have helped with disaster recovery from almost all the major hurricanes for the past 25 years. They recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary and they had a unique idea. When they sent out invitations, they requested no gifts but suggested that the guests could make a contribution to the NCBM Disaster Relief Fund. At the reception, which was held at Westwood Baptist Church, a basket was provided for guests to make their contribution. Amazingly, over \$3,500 was given. Congratulations to Charlie and Betty for such a thoughtful idea.

What Motivates a Disaster Relief Volunteer?

I am constantly inspired by the Disaster Relief volunteers I meet and observe while serving with NCBM/Baptists on Mission. They are among the most unselfish, committed and faithful folks I know.

The 2017 year has been one to see these awesome people going at it full bore. While continuing to respond to the needs of those of our own state of North Carolina affected by Hurricane Matthew, NCBM volunteers have also responded to the survivors of Hurricane Harvey in Texas, Hurricane Irma in Florida, Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico, and tornados and wind events in North Carolina.

NCBM volunteers responding to disasters work harder, longer and more passionately while serving strangers than they would ever work back home. They pay their own way to get to the disaster, sleep on a cot or air mattress or in a bunk trailer, shower in a mobile shower unit, and make personal sacrifices to be a blessing to others. I dare say that you couldn't pay them to do this work. No amount of money would motivate them to this high calling.

Why then do they do what they do? LOVE!! They are motivated by the love that God has

shown them in the gift of His Son. They are motivated by the life transformation that comes when one surrenders his will to the One who gives life abundantly. They are motivated to share that LOVE with others who are hurting and in need. They are motivated by the fulfillment that comes from being His hands and feet of compassion and service. There is nothing better than knowing your life matters for a higher purpose. Serving Jesus through Disaster Relief provides that blessing.

Thanks to all who have responded this year to His invitation to serve. Many of you have responded multiple times this year. Please know that you have made a difference and been an inspiration.

I invite those who have not had this blessing to join us for training in 2018 so you too, can become a part of a great fellowship of God's servants making a difference in the lives of others. Go to baptistsonmission.org to find out more about being involved in Disaster Relief.

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Assessment

One of the 21 Ministries in NCBM Disaster Relief

We continue our series on the various ministries of NCBM Disaster Relief. So far we have covered 2 of the 29 ministries—Administration and Drivers.

Next on our list is Assessment. As early as 1999 the term “Assessment” is mentioned in several NCBM Disaster Relief documents. However, the terminology at that time related more to the period of time between cleanup and rebuild than to how we use the term today.

Today “Assessment” for NCBM Disaster Relief is the term we use for the evaluation of work requested from survivor homeowners as the result of a disaster. Damage assessments give us the information we need in order to determine how (and if) we can be of assistance to a homeowner or resident that has suffered damage due to a disaster.

On April 24, 2004, Bill Martin introduced the current assessment concept to a meeting of Team Leaders (Blue Hats) at Camp Caraway at our annual Disaster Relief Roundtable. A formal Assessment Training was held for Team Leaders on April 23, 2005. In March 2006 the training was rolled out as an Advanced Course in Region 4.

Following are some of the reasons we see Assessment as an important ministry as outlined in the NCBM Disaster Relief Assessment Manual:



Save time

Survivors are anxious to get their lives back to normal and need the work completed as quickly as possible. Volunteers want to help as many people as possible in the short time they are available to serve.

Having the information we need helps achieve both of these goals.

Homeowner contact

Our desire as NCBM volunteers is to be a witness to the people we serve. Assessment teams have an opportunity to listen and witness to survivors, laying the ground work for additional ministry opportunities including the work that a recovery team will do based on the information obtained with the assessment.

Proper team assignment

Teams vary in skill level. Sending a team to a job with the wrong set of skills can mean the assigned team is unable to complete the job, ultimately causing delays.

Proper tools

The best scenario is to arrive at the job with all necessary equipment. A good assessment provides the crew chief with this information.

Reduce volunteer frustration

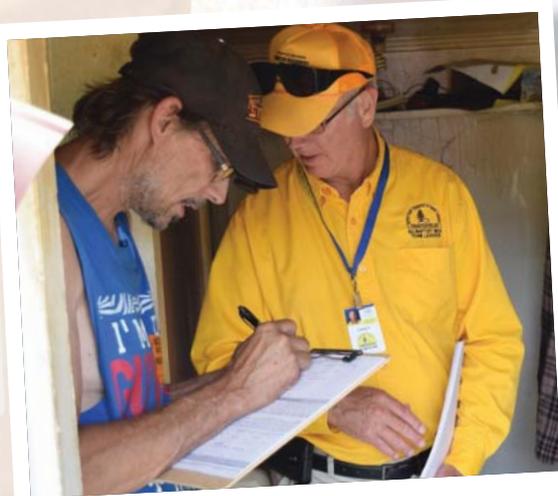
Recovery crews don't like wasted time, don't like avoidable surprises and benefit from the best information available. As an assessor put yourself in the position of the blue hat and crew chief, imagining what information you would want to have.

Over the past decade the Assessment Course has evolved and become more refined thanks to great volunteer leadership. Many key leaders have had a hand in ironing out the details. Lately, the team has been moving toward using a digital format for the information they gather. We will see more of the digital format in the future. I am sure it will take a pathway similar to the paper forms we've used by being refined in the years to come.

Assessment Training is open to those that have had the Recovery Basic Course. Look for it in 2018!

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Disaster Relief Donations

Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts. 20:35b NIV). The context of this quote is not in the Gospels where we expect to see "red letters" but instead the Apostle Paul is quoting Jesus' statement to the Ephesian elders. Paul was basically telling them that he personally worked very hard to help the weak. He used his own money, not theirs, to be a blessing to others.

Disasters tend to bring out in us this need to give in order to help the weak. Indeed, it is a biblical value to be givers. We fulfill Jesus' expectation that we be a people of giving not taking.

We have another example of giving in Acts. This time the believers in Antioch wanted to help out with a famine that affected the believers in Jerusalem.

The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brother and sisters living in Judea. This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul. Acts 11:29-30

This clear example of giving in a time of disaster illustrates that money was given to help with the famine. Without a long explanation of the wording, the original text for "as each one was able" is a word that refers to the disciples that were prosperous. It is the only use of this word in the New Testament. We see the prosperous disciples giving in a time of need.

To think that Barnabas and Saul hauled food from Antioch to Jerusalem is not reasonable. The only way for two men to carry gifts to Jerusalem is for them to carry the money, not the food itself.

Here in lies the point about donating to help in a disaster. Giving money is a better way to help the weak after a disaster.

I will outline 3 important facts to consider the next time you want to send something other than money:

- 1. Money is easier to move into a disaster zone than merchandise, water, ice, or general stuff.** The logistics of moving "stuff" to a disaster uses valuable resources that could be prioritized for better uses. The money it takes to hire a driver, rent a truck, buy the fuel, and return it to home base (empty of course) is money that could have been spent elsewhere.
- 2. Money buys what is needed, at the time it is needed, and where it is needed.** Anticipating what is needed in an area weeks or even months ahead of time is extremely risky. If a survivor needs a widget today, by the time we promote the need, collect the widget(s), transport it and deliver it the need has been met locally or it is no longer a need in many cases.
- 3. Money improves the local economy.** Case in point. "Juan" was a Honduran that assisted NCBM with translation after Hurricane Mitch in 1998. Juan used to be a shoe salesman until an organization distributed a large number of free shoes to the public. Because the laws of supply and demand are always at work, no one needed to buy shoes when they could get them for free. Juan was now unemployed because a donor did not consider the ramifications of donating shoes.

So, the next time you have the urge to help the weak, consider the great advantages of giving money rather than stuff.

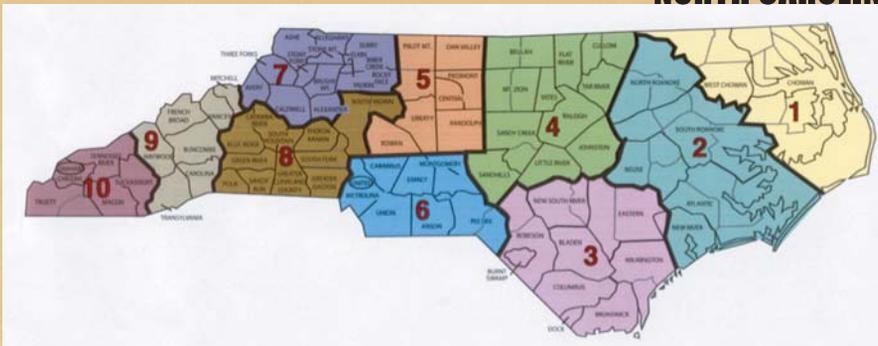
Disaster Relief Training 2018

NCBM Disaster Relief training will be provided in 5 locations across NC in 2018. Identify the date and location that best fits your schedule, and then go to www.baptistsonmission.org/disasterrelieftraining to find course descriptions and registration materials. You can participate in any of the regional trainings.

DR Training—Basic is an overnight event where participants sleep in a local church. You will learn policies, procedures, and safety and receive a notebook, yellow hat, yellow shirt, and a photo id. A background check is required. Additional training is available for current trained volunteers.

Please register at www.baptistsonmission.org/disasterrelieftraining.

Region 2	March 16-17, 2018	Nash County
Region 4	March 2-3, 2018	Durham County
Region 6	April 20-21, 2018	Cabarrus County
Region 8	May 4-5, 2018	Iredell County
Region 10	May 18-19, 2018	Jackson County



Remarkable Resilience

in Puerto Rico

by Larry High

Helping Puerto Rican survivors of Hurricane Maria, NCBM/Baptists on Mission discover blessings from the Father come even amid devastation.

The people of Puerto Rico—citizens of the United States—demonstrated their remarkable resilience in the face of overwhelming hardship. Almost all had no electricity, limited potable drinking water and virtually no telephone or internet means of communication. Yet, with smiling faces and gracious spirit their welcome was extended with open arms.

Ours was a team with a training background for one task but called to service in other ways. Originally enlisted to share the love of Jesus by serving in food preparation and distribution, the group learned its mission had shifted to encompass chainsaw work, debris removal, and water purification.

Upon arrival at San Juan's international airport, these Disaster Relief mass feeding-trained volunteers, led by White Hat Terry Hall of New Bern, were divided into two teams: water purification and chainsaw. Though neither team was doing what they originally expected, both teams were continually blessed through their service.

On one particularly hot and humid day, the water purification team set forth to locate a water source outside of town. Seeing a stream flowing next to a busy four-lane highway, the team stopped their van on the road's shoulder. There they set up their military-grade purifier to transform the bacteria-laden liquid into safe, potable drinking water. For the rest of that day, people in cars, vans, and trucks, carrying whatever containers they could find, lined up for the refreshing, clean, purified water.

Along came a mother and her young daughter. The precious child repeatedly brought empty milk jugs to purification team members. She patiently

waited as volunteers filled each container. Then with her little arms straining, she carried the purified water back to her mother's car.

Gospel words rang out the blessing to purification team members: "And whoever gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water..." (Matthew 10:42) Suddenly, the heat, the humidity, the exhaustion seemed to vanish in the light of teachings from the Master.

Abundant blessings came also to the chainsaw team. One day the group went to remove fallen trees at Norberto's house. As volunteers took brief respites from their labor, they chatted with the 85-year-old father of 11 children.

Discovering Norberto was not a Christian, volunteers shared the Gospel message of God's love for him. As the workday ended, the NCBM team gathered around Norberto praying for him, his family, and their desire that he know Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Before the team departed, Norberto voiced his profession of faith saying he repented of his sin and would follow Jesus. A great blessing had come not only to Norberto, but also to the chainsaw volunteers.

Puerto Ricans have a long and difficult journey ahead. Yet, what they are experiencing is temporary and will eventually come to an end. What Norberto found will last an eternity and will never end. What the little girl revealed about giving a cup of cold water in the name of Jesus will endure forever.

Jesus, thank you for little children who open our eyes to the Gospel message and for old men who receive that message promising everlasting life. Amen.



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Tebow Thanks NC Baptists for Disaster Relief

Seth Brown, BR Content Editor

Professional athlete and sports analyst Tim Tebow thanked North Carolina Baptist churches in a Facebook® video posted September 21 for their disaster relief efforts across Florida after Hurricane Irma.

"I just want to say, from the bottom of my heart, thank you so much for what you're doing," said Tebow, a two-time National Football League champion and Heisman trophy winner. "You've gone above and beyond, and we thank you so much."

Hurricane Irma slammed into Florida's southern tip September 10, cutting a northward path through the state with devastating winds of up to 142 miles per hour and record amounts of rain. The storm left millions of Floridians without power and caused billions of dollars in damage. More than 70 people have been killed by Irma in the US and Caribbean, according to the latest news reports.

North Carolina Baptist Men (NCBM, also known as Baptists on Mission) began transporting equipment and volunteer teams to Florida September 13 at the request of Florida Baptist Disaster Relief leaders.

NCBM's volunteer teams have prepared more than 57,000 meals for South Florida residents and completed 35 cleanup projects, logging nearly 6,000 volunteer hours in total.

Tebow visited NCBM's site in Big Pine Key, where a feeding unit is currently serving approximately 9,000 meals per day, to express gratitude for the way NC Baptist volunteers represent the Christian faith.

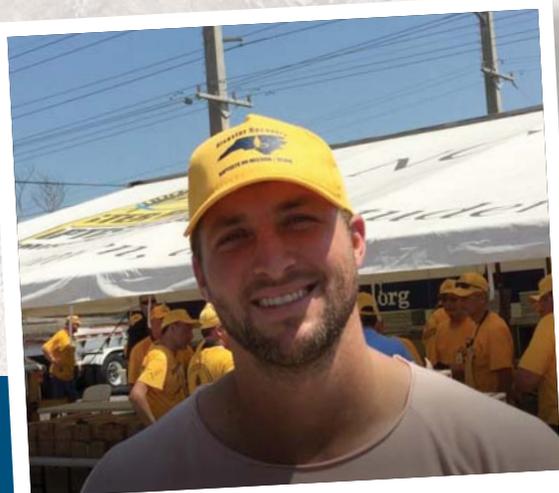
"In a time like this, when storms hit and disaster comes ... you can really show what you're all about, and what Jesus is all about," he said. "I continue to ask that you support, and care and come because there are so many people that need your help."

Gaylon Moss, NCBM disaster relief director, said the video was encouraging.

"We are very thankful for Mr. Tebow coming by to greet the volunteers and disaster survivors," Moss told the *Biblical Recorder*. "We appreciate his support."

Moss also praised the work of Florida Baptist Disaster Relief and said he was thankful they invited NCBM to help.

"Florida Baptists have moved very quickly," he said. "We appreciate the relationship we have with them as we are meeting needs in South Florida."



Tim Tebow

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Disaster Relief is

Sharing the Good News

NCBM/ Baptists on Mission Disaster Relief is more—much more—than feeding storm survivors or helping repair their houses. “Sharing the love of Jesus and telling the Good News is paramount,” says Volunteer Mike Griffin of Monroe.

Mike was among the first feeding team to make the journey to Nederland, TX, in Hurricane Harvey’s wake. But when the cooking is finished he heads over to the drive-thru food pick-up line to greet survivors and ask about their well-being—both physical and spiritual.

It was in the line that he met a gentleman in his early 50’s driving a pickup truck that, well, to put it kindly, had seen better days. What unfolded is best told in Mike’s own words:

“I got a call before we left to come to Texas from one of the men in Union West Rotary Club who asked me if I would consider taking money that could be used to directly help people in need. The Rotary Board voted to make a \$1,000 contribution to purchase \$25 gift cards going directly to the front line. The treasurer picked up the cards and told me to use my discretion about how to best use them.

When we got to Nederland I gave out several cards the first night as I talked with people. Later, on Wednesday at lunch a gentleman who really touched my heart come through the line.

I asked him how he was doing and he said, ‘Well, we lost everything in the house. My truck was flooded but we were able to get it running again, so we’re doing OK.’

I asked him then how many meals he wanted and he said, ‘I’ll take two—we can get by on two.’ I asked him what he meant by ‘We can get by on two?’ He said, ‘My daughter can eat off my plate.’ I said, No sir, if you have a daughter who needs food we’ll give you all the plates you need. So, we hooked him up with three meals.

I asked him if he had just a minute or two I could talk with him. He pulled over to the side and I started talking with the gentleman.

He told me his family lost everything. Then he said, ‘When we got out of the house me, my wife, and my daughter, none of the three of us, had shoes. I went to the Goodwill to look for shoes and they didn’t have any that fit my wife and my daughter. When the man found out what I was looking for he gave me a brand new pair of boots.’

He pulled up his shoe so I could see his new boots. Then he told me, ‘We’re running a generator trying to keep our freezer going so that we don’t lose the food that we have frozen. I stopped by the gas station and I had \$2.37. A man came up talking to me while I was pumping my gas and I wasn’t paying attention and I went past the \$2.37. I told him I had to go because I had to dig through my truck to see if I could find some more change. The man asked, ‘Why?’ I said this is all the money I have. The man reached down and took the gas nozzle and filled my gas tank full and said, ‘This is on me.’

Next the gentleman said, ‘I was going to another Goodwill store to see if I could find shoes for my wife and daughter when I saw the NC Baptists on Mission sign that said, ‘Free Meals.’ So, I pulled in to get a meal and I’m headed now to see if I can find shoes for my wife and daughter.’”

Mike told the gentleman, “I’d like to help you with that. I reached into my pocket and pulled out two \$25 gift cards. If you will accept it, I would like to give you two cards to help you get shoes for your wife and daughter.

Tears started rolling down the man’s face and of course, they started rolling down my face too. He took the two gift cards and shook my hand and reached out the window to put his hand around my neck to hug me. I asked him if he would pray with me. He said, ‘Please do.’

He was a pretty good size fellow and he grabbed both my hands. He was squeezing so hard I thought he’d break my hands. By the time we finished praying he was crying crocodile tears and so was I. He reached out and hugged my neck again and said, ‘Thank you so much. You’re a God-send.’

I said, God sent you here because He knew where I was at and He knew I was here to help you.”

Mike explains what motivates the hundreds of Baptists on Mission volunteers, “We’re here to share His love with all those we encounter.”

It’s more than cooking food and fixing houses.



When he’s not cooking in Manna One’s kitchen, Mike Griffin of Monroe is likely to be on the serving line sharing the Good News of Jesus.

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Marriage 2:24

The Family Foundations Team is focusing on marriage enrichment to help strengthen marriages, to strengthen families, in an effort to then strengthen our churches, and strengthen our missions. Our vision is to work with one couple from each church, from each association, to equip these couples to work within their church to be a champion for marriage.

Marriage was first instituted by God in Genesis. The Bible states in Genesis 2:24, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." Genesis 2:24 is the key verse behind our "Marriage 2:24" theme, along with the idea that marriage is two people, twenty-four hours a day.

We are excited to share we have hosted two marriage retreats in 2017, one at Laurel Ridge Conference Center in March and the other at Caraway Conference Center in November. Both retreats focused on strengthening marriages based on God's design for marriage using the "Art of Marriage" curriculum. The overnight retreats included six group sessions that covered many topics related to strengthening marriage as well as fellowship time and alone for couples to connect together.

As we begin a new year, we continue to focus on reaching couples within churches that we can equip to strengthen marriages within our churches and in turn strengthen marriages in our communities.

If you are interested in working to enrich marriages within your church, consider reaching out to a Family Foundations Team member and attend a Family Foundations event.



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WHY

A complex three letter word that is often difficult to answer!

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hy do rich American men and women (yes we are all rich), pay thousands of dollars to fly to hot, dusty, wet, muddy places to work in the hot sun or in an airless church or under a tent in a camp? Why do they tote heavy blocks, sift sand and swat mosquitoes and flies all day? Why would they see endless patients and hold feverish babies and play with children rashly with scabies? Why would they sleep on hard bunks with no AC, eat strange foods and take cold showers? Why would they work with people they don't even know yet? We know the answer to this **Why?**"

Because He said so. He said so in His Word in many, many places.

"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 all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." — Acts 1:8

Because He said so 100 teams of 994 Baptist men and women ministered to men, women and children in 12 countries in His name this year. They have worked in construction in Kenya and Honduras, Guatemala, South Africa and Cuba building homes seminaries, and children's cottages, and churches. They have:

- held VBS and Bible camps, men's and women's ministries in Hungary, Honduras, Guatemala, Kenya, Armenia, Cuba, Romania and the Ukraine.
- served on medical teams seeing patients in Romania, Haiti, Ukraine, Guatemala,
- dug wells in Cuba and India
- held sewing classes in India
- sponsored children for school in Gaza and Haiti
- supported church planters in Armenia and South Africa.

Thousands of Lives and Hearts and Souls have been touched in His name. Because He said so ...Pray, Give, Go and also Share what the Lord is doing through the wonderful volunteers of Baptists on Mission.



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Bonding Together in Christ

ARMENIA



³I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now — Philippians 1:3-5

Even though it was the first “Christian” nation, Armenia and the surrounding countries have men and women who need to know Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. Atheism imposed by the Soviet regime from 1921-1991 took a tremendous toll on several generations of Armenians. Armenia has with Kurds, Syrians, Assyrians, and Yezidi refugees. Many young churches are looking already to branch out into their regions by starting multiple Bible studies or churches and discipling a new generation of leaders. The harvest is waiting!

In 2010, Rev. Danny Anderson announced that the Atlantic Baptist Association was planning to send a team to Armenia. Sam Taylor, now a member of a small Missionary Baptist Church in Sea Level, NC, had been retired from the US Government for six years and considered this a great opportunity to help people in the former Soviet Union. “I was not sure how doing Vacation Bible School for several hundred children would work out, but after the first time I was hooked,” Sam said. Each year for the next five years he volunteered to return. David Phelps, Director of Missions of Atlantic Baptist Association, led those teams. After their 2014 mission trip, David Phelps informed them that he would not be able to lead the team in 2015 due to his wife’s health. With the Lord’s help, Sam has led the Atlantic team for the last three years and is looking forward to December 3 when his team will begin planning their 2018 trip to build a church in the Karabakh region of southern Armenia.

A team of five ladies from WMU NC served the Lord in Armenia by leading retreats centered around the Book of Philippians using Bible study, worship, crafts, and prayer experiences. They experienced the Lord working in a mighty way and relationships were built that the team would never have dreamed possible. Team leader Barbara Hill said, “This is a special time for the American women and the Armenian women. It is a time that all the ladies bond together in Christ. We continue to communicate after the retreats are over. We have seen prayers answered and relationships formed. Equipping ladies to share the gospel and to grow spiritually is our mission.” Team member Leslie Dawson said, “Since it was my first trip to Armenia, I think I was in awe of how well everything came together! I would love to be able to return to Armenia in the future.”

We need teams to lead conferences for men or women, encourage and teach pastors at the seminary in Yerevan, help churches disciple the many children and youth who come to VBS, lead sports camps, assist in construction of churches, and help financially support church planters. Join us to make an eternal impact that will be felt for generations to come in Armenia.

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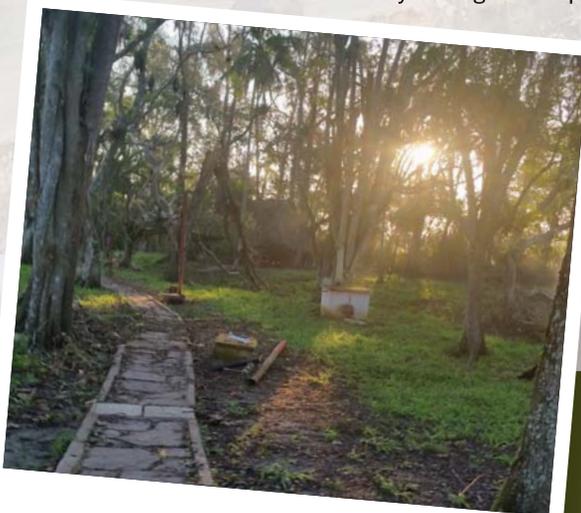
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Peace in the Middle
of the Storm



²⁴And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. ²⁵And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. ²⁶And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. — Matthew 8:24-26

September, 2017, three interminable days for the Cubans when Hurricane Irma started beating its powerful winds at not less than 200 mph all along the island, mainly in the north-center. The mighty category five hit with no mercy to houses, crop fields, towns and cities. Many people lost their dwellings, roofs, and all their belongings. The scene was no different for Christians or non-Christians. We suffered damage in many of our church buildings, missionary points, pastor's houses, and many houses from our church members were partially or totally lost. The total damage is countless. As it says in Matthew 8:25, we did the same. We wanted Jesus to descend from the heavens and help us. We wanted to shake Him and awake Him as if He was asleep. Just like what happened in verse 25 of this passage with Jesus's disciples, we forget He would never abandon or forsake us. It is normal to be afraid or to doubt. It is in our human nature. Right after the hurricane, we started seeing a horrible scene. We found many people hopeless and they were crying out for help because they had very many losses. Immediately, as Christians, we started meeting in our churches to find out how to help our brethren, but what we experienced is that we did not make any difference at all at the time to help our neighbors. Our churches started like lighthouses; repairing roofs, walls, giving some food, cooking meals not only for our church members but also for the communities where our churches are. Non-believers asked us not to stop what we had started. This has been a great opportunity to share with them the true light. We proclaim "THE LIGHT OF JESUS." Few other nations began helping us and especially some churches from the United States that have always being at our side in good times and in bad times too. They have always brought us hope, joy, love and help through



many years. Of course, we would like to emphasize the great help that NCBM/Baptists on Mission have always given to us. Not only economically, but they have also put their hands and shoulders with us in many projects and now they are involved in such a beautiful project with us to build a seminary and retreat place in the center of the island. We had severe damage by Irma at the new seminary site and we have counted with their wonderful help once more. The Lord Jesus is like an almighty and unlimited category Hurricane of blessings and love to us all. We must have faith and hope so he will lead and command the winds and seas from our lives. We will be calmed in the same way verse 26 ends; "and he arose...and there was great calm."

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Translator at My Camp
(New Seminary Project)

Westmoreland Cottage Takes Shape in Guatemala

Partnership
Guatemala

North Carolina 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). Mission teams this year have helped in the construction of the Westmoreland Cottage, located on the same property as the Good Shepherd Center, which volunteers built from 2011-2015. The cottage, when finished, will house older children whom the courts have assigned to the Good Shepherd Children's Home, a separate facility located in the same city. These children will live in a family group with house parents. There they will learn living skills that will help prepare them for the rest of their lives. They will also learn about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Recently, a team from Cool Springs Baptist Church in Sanford, NC worked on the cottages. Team leader Steve Bristow was making his third trip to Guatemala. The team was able to plane, stain, and varnish dozens of boards that will be used for the ceilings of the facility. They also built several sets of rafters that were installed while the team was in country. Each member was able to contribute a great amount of work to the project. The team enjoyed the convenience of working at the site, while being within a short walk of meals, hot showers, and a warm bed just down the hill at the Good Shepherd Center. Several teams will be needed in 2018 to complete the project.

Other tasks for which teams are needed in 2018 include: Children's Home Maintenance - 3; Public School Evangelistic Camp - 2; Medical/Dental - any number; Youth Congress teams - 3; Pastors' Training - 2; Children's Home Staff-Relief - 2; and a number of 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.

Teams are well taken care of while in Guatemala, most staying at the Good Shepherd Center. NCBM arranges airfare, background checks, & insurance for all teams. Lodging, in-country transportation, and ministry-related needs will be arranged by field personnel. The project is at approximately 8,200 feet in elevation, so there are cool working conditions for most of the year. Please pray about being a part of this meaningful ministry!

NOTE: Construction teams have the option of sending two to three team members to live and serve for 48-hour shifts at the Good Shepherd Children's Home in order to give our Guatemalan

children's home workers some much-appreciated time off. Team leaders should discuss this with field personnel prior to team's service in order to best prepare for this.



Cool Springs Baptist team members along with the Guatemalan workers with whom they worked and built relationships with during the week.



Team members David Ward and Michelle Crowson stain two of dozens of boards that were planed, stained, and varnished during the week to be used in the Westmoreland Cottage.



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

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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 mabernathy@ncbaptist.org or (919) 459-5607. You can also visit our website, which has project description, pictures, video and other details, at www.baptistsonmission.org.
[Mission Projects/Outside US/Guatemala]

**Partnership
Honduras**

A House for Mercedes in Honduras

by Mark Abernathy,
Partnership Consultant,
NCBM

I recently joined a team from Longview Baptist Church in Raleigh for a week in Honduras. We were met by NCBM On-Site Coordinators, Mike and Ginger Greene, and began the three and a half hour journey from the airport to the small village of Pavana. Our team stayed at NCBM's Mission Camp in Honduras, known as Mount Hore, a beautiful 36-acre plot of land that sits just below some low mountains. In early October, the property was green and vibrant. We settled into the comfortable, air-conditioned bunkhouse and enjoyed good meals and fellowship in the dining hall throughout the week.

Each workday we traveled forty minutes to the small village of El Limonal, a very poor area, even for Honduran standards. On the first day we met Mercedes, an older woman for whom we were to build a house. The house where she lived with several children and grandchildren, was very small, with mud walls. The pastor of the nearby church had worked with Mike in identifying the need. We prayed with Mercedes and her family, and then began the task of constructing her new house.

The first day on any worksite is always a bit of a challenge. Mission team members work to find their "niche." However, there is no shortage of work to be done. Blocks need to be carried, laid, and spaces between block filled in with "mescala" (mortar). Each day the tasks become more familiar and volunteers become more confident in them. Under the direction of Pastor Carlos, our faithful and knowledgeable Honduran foreman, the house went up beautifully.

The real work, however, came in getting to know Mercedes, her family members, and her neighbors. Building the house is important, but building relationships and sharing the love of Christ is why we had come! Team members were constantly engaging the children in games, gadgets, and other modes of "cultural exchange." The ladies of the team conducted VBS which the kids loved. At other times, we ventured into a nearby house to learn how the Honduran women made tortillas and other fare and we got to know the several Honduran men who worked at the site with us.

Too soon the week was over and we found ourselves dedicating the new house. Mercedes was overjoyed to have a new, clean, safe house in which to live. Her smile said it all. She shook every volunteer's hand and thanked us over and over for what we had done. We told Mercedes that it was the Lord who had done this! Indeed, the Lord

NCBM have sent teams to Honduras since 1998. As with the Longview team, 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 do evangelism, consisting of door-to-door witnessing in the morning and VBS in the afternoon. A few

teams a year conduct medical or dental clinics, each seeing hundreds of patients in a week's time. Teams stay comfortably at NCBM's Ministry Center. Cost is \$1,200 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 2018!



Longview team members Rebecca Martin, Brenda House, and Dalton Byrd "work on the wall." The team enjoyed working together in building a house for Mercedes.



Longview team member Danielle Hinnant leads neighborhood children in the singing of songs and other fun games. Building relationships with Mercedes, her family, and her neighbors was a highlight for the team.



Longview pastor Randy McKinney leads in the dedication of the house for Mercedes' (purple blouse). She was overjoyed to have a new, clean, safe place to live.

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2018 dates are available. Please e-mail mabernathy@ncbaptist.org or call (919) 459-5607 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 and pictures of the ministry.

Remembering the Faces of kenya

NCBM sends mission teams to the country of Kenya each year. Teams 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, playing with the children, visiting house to house, and getting to know the people. Following are the reflections of Pam Hall of University Hills Baptist in Charlotte. Pam served recently with the Houses of Hope project:

As I think about the highlights of our trip to Kenya, the pictures that come most quickly to mind are the faces of the people I encountered and came to love:

The Team - A friend and I joined a team from another church and did not know any of them until we met to prepare for the trip. But after MANY hours of travel (in the air and in a van) and then working alongside them, I came to know their hearts for missions. We truly blended into a team.

Kenyan Pastors - These men are true servants of the Lord who worked alongside us each day. Peter and Sam taught me so much...and they are so patient!

Our Helpers - Nancy, who had breakfast and dinner ready for us each day at the guesthouse. Her sweet smile and gentle, quiet spirit ministered to me morning and evening. Gilbert, our driver, maneuvered the van through traffic, down bumpy roads, around animals, and always made this back-seat driver feel safe.

The Widows - We helped build four houses for women in great need. These women were so gracious as we built simple homes for their families. Velma, Jen, Caroline, and Consolata agreed to host Bible studies in their new homes.

The Children - In each village, the children were so curious and many were eager to try out the English they are learning in school. We overcame the language barrier and played games, sang songs (Jesus Loves Me is universal!) and jumped rope together. I'll never forget those faces!

The highlight of the trip for me was going to schools and sharing the Gospel with so many students. As a retired kindergarten teacher, I was struck by how attentive the students were. They listened carefully as we introduced ourselves, shared testimonies and Scripture. Our Kenyan pastors presented the Gospel and many children professed faith in Jesus. It was so sweet to see the precious faith of a child! We're praying for the pastors as they follow up to help these children grow in Christ. Someday all will see the fruits of their labor!

The Houses of Hope project is part of a church planting effort by the Kenya Baptist Convention. Our NC mission teams contribute a great deal by building a house in the village for a widow or family in need. They also witness door to door, minister with children and students, and lead in a village-wide house dedication at the end of the day. Then, after the team departs, Kenyan pastors come back to the new houses to lead twelve-week Bible studies in the hopes of starting a new church in the area. There is a place for you and your church to serve in Kenya!

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A trip to Kenya and participation in the Houses of Hope ministry can be arranged at almost any time during the year. Simply call the NCBM's office with a 13-day travel timeframe 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 Kenya's world famous game parks), plus the cost of airfare, which usually runs from \$1,300 - \$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.



Partnership
Kenya



Pam Hall (right) joined a team from High Bridge Baptist in Candler, NC to serve in Honduras in June of 2017.



The team built four houses in four days for widows who were in great need. Bible studies were led by Kenyan pastors in these houses for 12 weeks after the team left.



The team engaged local children in Bible story, singing, and games.

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Lighthouse School

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40

Testimony by John Carl:

Turning down a narrow dirt road on the outer edges of the Zeitun neighborhood in Gaza City, the area is familiar. On my first visit in 2005 I remember seeing Tala (not her real name) barefoot and quietly standing in the corner while we visited with the mother of one of our third grade students. Home visits provide opportunities to minister to families in need and to find children who are not in school.

Tala registered for school that week and received sponsorship over the next seven years. Later her younger siblings, Mahmoud and Aya, would also enjoy the same benefits of the sponsorship program: tuition assistance, transportation, uniforms and a free lunch each school day.

The socio-economic situation for so many children in Gaza presents many challenges. Tala's father dropped out of school after sixth grade and her mother after eighth grade. As a tailor, the father is able to provide some income, but a family of eight requires more than his earnings can provide.

Tala did well in her studies and worked hard but socially she struggled to fit in as the hardships at home and the violence of life in Gaza had its effect. The Lighthouse provided an oasis of love and security for Tala until she graduated from sixth grade and went on to middle school. Her family arranged her marriage at the age of 15 and so against her wishes she left school and became a housewife. The marriage lasted only four months and Tala returned home abused and heartbroken. She was able to return to school the next year and applied herself diligently to her studies.

This summer at ESL summer camp Tala heard again about the love of God and the power of Jesus Christ. She heard about the prodigal son and the Father's open arms of compassion and forgiveness. Next year will be her final year in high school and after graduating she hopes to go on to university to become a doctor. She's come a long way from the barefoot little girl quietly standing in the corner, and she's thankful today for the help she received from her sponsor and the Lighthouse School.

Gaza - Sponsor a child, like Tala, for \$40 per month

South Africa - Sponsor a child left to die in a field for \$20 a month

Cuba - Purchase animals or fruit trees for just a few dollars a month

Haiti - Sponsor a child in elementary school for \$30 a month

Armenia - Sponsor a church planter for \$100- \$150 a month to penetrate the darkness

Kenya - Build a House of Hope in which a Bible study will be started for \$400

Africa - Sponsor a church planter for \$400 a month decreasing annually by \$75/ month

Guatemala - Sponsor a patient at Good Shepherd Medical Clinic for \$7



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Roma

Since 2008, NCBM/Baptists on Mission medical teams have served the Roma in Ukraine and Romania. Crystal Horton, a nurse who serves as NCBM's Health Screening Ministry Coordinator shares her story from a recent trip to Ukraine.

He was slumped over in his chair, gasping for air as I approached him. The translator helped me walk him back to the assessment area. Once seated, I noticed him holding tightly to a pack of matches. His fingers were stained yellow, and he had the signature smell of a long time smoker. We listened to his lungs, evaluated his symptoms, and diagnosed him with lung cancer. I ran back to the pharmacy area and grabbed one of the four inhalers we had brought with us to the Ukraine. We had been saving them for really sick patients, and this man certainly fell into that category. We discussed his medications, which were not going to heal him, but would hopefully reduce his symptoms and his pain. As we talked, he began to cry. I asked the translator if we had hurt him while we were doing our assessment. She said no, he was crying because his wife had recently died. I asked him if we could pray with him, and he obliged our request. As we prayed, I asked God to give him physical comfort from his pain, emotional comfort for the loss of his wife, and spiritual comfort that only Jesus can give. This patient sat with us for half an hour, talking about his family, his garden, and his life.

I can't tell you exactly what happened that day, but that gentleman left there a different person. I believe he met Jesus at that medical clinic. A missionary working in this village came to me and said this man used to sit in front of his house, cursing people and shouting at them as they passed by. He had been very angry and bitter for years. One day after that clinic, he was walking up and down the street, talking to his neighbors. God had transformed his heart.

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Church teams of 10-12 people can be involved in three types of projects through the Roma Partnership. The 10-day trip is \$1,975 per person with an additional \$2,000 needed for team funds. Visit our website, <http://baptistsonmission.org/Missions/Outside-US/Roma-People>. Or call Teresa Jones, (800) 395-5102, ext. 5573 or tajones@ncbaptist.org.

New Partnership
South Africa
Door of Hope

A Different World View

South Africa Door of Hope

By Elaine Haber, Volunteer Coordinator for Door of Hope

Toddler E was abandoned in a field as an HIV-exposed newborn. The woman who found him took him to a hospital that contacted Door of Hope. He was only three weeks old when he arrived at our baby house.

When volunteer teams serve at Door of Hope Village, the benefits for both them and the ministry are long-lasting and numerous. The eyes of the volunteers are opened to needs of many as they experience the dedication of those whose great efforts make the work of this non-profit organization possible. Volunteers are exposed to a worldview that is different than the one they primarily experience in their home country, as they spend time diligently working in service to those that are less fortunate. Their work with Door of Hope may be the spark for a long-term love for our community, possibly drawing these workers to longer-term or regular service. Often their excitement and passion for Door of Hope also leads them to become advocates for Door of Hope in their respective home countries; this advocacy can lead to increased levels of adoption, donations, prayer support and more volunteers.

Volunteers working at the Door of Hope Village also greatly encourage the permanent staff. Jeff, the Property Development Manager recently stated, "I have been truly humbled by the generosity and self-sacrifice shown by the volunteer teams. Their impact will be felt for lifetimes and stretch into eternity." As a result of hosting volunteer workers, Door of Hope will be able to fulfill the dream of Door of Hope Village and continue its dedication to God's work of saving abandoned babies.

With the Lord's perfect timing and the providence of the right medications, Toddler E is safe, loved and HIV negative. Two years after his arrival at Door of Hope, this happy, intelligent boy is waiting to join a forever family, which is the goal. In the meantime, he will be moving to the Door of Hope Village later this year.

Team dates are available now for 2018. Your team can also choose to extend your trip to work with a group of church planters in the Winterton area several hours from Johannesburg.

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NC Baptists on Mission Dental Ministry

Campaign to Replace the Bluebird Bus with a Lifeline Truck

The 2001 Mobile Dental Unit is in need of replacement. This Bluebird Bus has been driven over 200,000 miles and is experiencing mechanical issues. NC Baptists on Mission plans to purchase a Lifeline Mobile Dental Unit, similar to our 2011 truck. An anonymous foundation has pledged up to \$225,000 in matching funds. We need to raise \$225,000 in order to receive the matched amount.

There are three ways to give:

1. **DONATE** on our website: www.baptistsonmission/donate
2. Mail checks to NCBM, PO Box 1107 Cary NC 27512
(Note: Lifeline Mobile Dental Unit)
3. Call to donate by credit card: (800) 395-5102, ext. 5613



2017 Statistics:

3443 Patients Treated
 324 Volunteer Dentists
 2250 Other volunteers
 170 Clinic days
 21 Professions of faith



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Health Screening Ministry

Feel the Touch of Christ

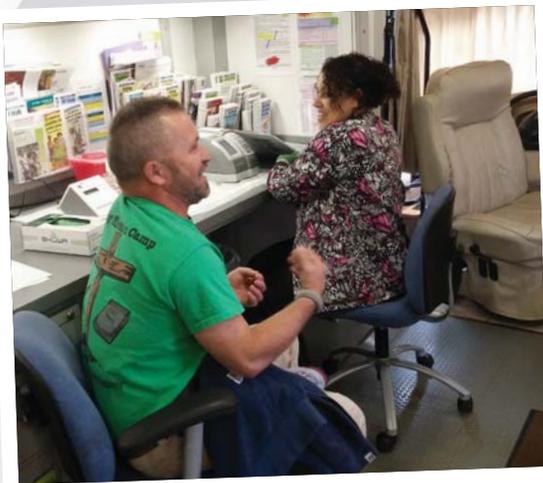


The long awaited day has finally arrived! The cord for the shore power has been stored, and the generator is started. You climb into the driver's seat, start the engine, and pray for God's blessings on the day and for safe travels. You are a driver host for the Health Screening Ministry.

As you pull onto Interstate 40, you set the course for the destination. You might be headed to Roxboro for a clinic being held at a housing project. You could be headed to Franklin to do a clinic for carnival workers at a local fair in the mountains. Your travels could take you to Wilson for a community health fair, or Fayetteville to participate in Senior Day at the Cumberland County Fair. No matter where you may be going, you know deep in your heart, that you have been called by God to do this, and you will go where He sends. You are driver host for the Health Screening Ministry.

You arrive at the clinic location, check in with the event host, lower the leveling jacks, level the unit, and extend the slide out. As you begin setting up the testing equipment, you wonder to yourself how many patients will be seen today, how many healthcare volunteers will be there to test the patients. You ask God's blessings on both the patients and the healthcare volunteers. That's what you do, you are a driver host for the Health Screening Ministry.

After some final instructions to the healthcare volunteers, the patients begin to arrive to be tested. Most do not have a set appointment time, but for many it is a divine appointment. One that God Himself has ordained. For you see, many of these people do not have access to regular healthcare. Many do not realize that today they will find out that their A1C levels are dangerously high, and they might be a diabetic. Some may find that their cholesterol levels are high, or their blood pressure is high. There may be even that one that is on the verge of having a heart attack and doesn't even realize it. Some come and are depressed, and need someone to talk to. Some come, and are as healthy as can be physically, but are spiritually sick and dying from sin. They need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. That's what you do. You are a driver host for the Health Screening Ministry.



As you pack up and start back for Cary, you think back on the day, and what God has done for the people that day. He has met a need in their life that possibly couldn't have been met if you hadn't have been willing to serve. Thank God that you are a driver host for the Health Screening Ministry, and that God could use you in this ministry.

— Richard Robbins

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International Medical/Dental Mission Trips

Have you ever wanted to use your skills as a healthcare or dental professional in an international setting? Baptists on Mission seeks to share Christ not only in word, but also in deed. Caring for basic physical needs will many times lead to an opportunity to share the love of Christ. Please consider joining one of our international medical/dental mission teams.



Countries Involved:

- Armenia
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Guatemala
- Kenya
- Romania/Ukraine/Hungary



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Pharmacists, Nurse
Practitioners,
Physician Assistants,
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CNAs, Lay Workers



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Learning to Love Those You've Just Met

Appalachian Coalfields Ministry

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., which can be done in the course of a few days or over a weekend. Following is one volunteer's impressions of serving in Appalachia:

All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children. — Isaiah 54:13

"I was buzzing with excitement to be able to go with my church on a mission trip in the flat woods of West Virginia. It was my first time teaching a Vacation Bible School class on my own. Lesson one was on Adam and Eve and the picture that went with the lesson showed them in the Garden of Eden after they had sinned. I pointed at the picture on the wall and asked, "Now, does anyone know who these two people are?" One dark-haired little boy sprang up, excited that he knew the answer, and yelled out "NAKED AND AFRAID"! The small room busted out with giggles as I realized how little these boys and girls actually knew about the Bible! The story of creation that we take so much for granted is an unknown wonder to these children. Some of these kids have probably never been inside of a church before. It became my church's mission to try and instill God's love into these children in the short time that we have available with them.

Each day I was excited to see "my" kids bounce through with their bright smiles and mismatched shoes. Throughout the week we learned more than just about Adam and Eve. We discovered the indestructibility of God's promises, and about God's greatest promise to send Jesus, his son. Even though the children were still learning how to behave in a church setting, they were so loving and so much fun to spend time with. As they were learning about the word of the Lord, I was learning how to love those you have just met.

The touching effect of Vacation Bible School was not limited just to the children. Most parents of the children stayed every evening and joined us for a meal and fellowship. The members of my church learned so much from spending time with the parents in West Virginia and hearing their stories. Our West Virginia Mission Trip was a great experience that affected the lives of all those around me. I will forever be grateful of my time spent helping the children of Sutton explore the galaxy that God made and I can't wait for my next mission trip with the Baptist on Mission."

— Anna Auman, Calvary Baptist Church, Hamlet, NC

The Appalachian Coalfields Ministry, sponsored by North Carolina Baptists on Mission, 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.



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



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



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

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Project requests for 2018 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 2018 Appalachian Christmas Outreach. Go to www.baptistsonmission.org/aco2018 to learn more!

Never Too Late to Serve in Missions

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For the past few years, couples and individuals have come to know the joys of serving as “camp assistants” at Puu Kahea, the Hawaii-Pacific Baptist Convention’s Conference Center and Camp. Camp director’s Jimmy and Ashley Tucker are delighted to have these couples and individuals serve. One such volunteer is Dexter Greene of Pleasant Hill Baptist in Charlotte. Here is his story:

“I seem to have come late to a lot of things in life; age 38 when called to my first pastorate and first mission trip in 1980 which was to Belize. Since then, I have been privileged to serve as a volunteer in a variety of locations.

Working at the Puu Kahea Conference Center in Waianae, Hawaii has been one of the most enjoyable ministries I’ve encountered. The work can be challenging to say the least and there is no shortage of it. Since Hawaii is in perpetual summer, plants, shrubs and grass grow all twelve months of the year.

Puu Kahea is a facility the Pacific/Hawaiian Baptist Association purchased in 1949. The main house is the former residence of the owner of a large sugar plantation. That business no longer exists, but the grounds are still intact. There are seven to eight acres to be mowed; 11 buildings to be maintained and cleaned; and, when campers are on the property, meals to be served buffet style and the ensuing clean-up. No two days are ever exactly alike and the people who run the facility, Jimmy and Ashley Tucker—camp directors, Mike McGowan—head chef, and Lindsey Lai—office manager, are all a delight to work with and very dedicated to their calling.

Volunteers who come to Puu Kahea are asked to commit to a month. There are a lot of things to learn and also many blessings that come with the job, one of those being the opportunity to work with Christians who are very committed to missions. There are no gender-related tasks at the center, only an attitude of doing what needs to be done. Being “worthy” of the calling as Paul puts it so succinctly is an everyday challenge for Christians. One of my favorite passages of scripture is Psalm 37:4, “Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.” This passage is being fleshed out in my life, and He did in “paradise.” My regret is that I didn’t start doing mission trips sooner!”

Couples serving at Puu 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 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.

If you are interested in serving in this position, please contact Mark Abernathy, NCBM, at (919) 459-5607 or by e-mail at mabernathy@ncbaptist.org.



Camp assistant Dexter Greene engages a young camper in conversation while serving at Puu Kahea Baptist Conference Center in October of 2017.



Volunteer Dexter Greene trims part of the ever-growing vegetation at Puu Kahea Conference Center. This is just one of a variety of daily tasks that volunteers do.



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

CONTACT

Couples and teams are needed to serve in Hawaii in 2018. Please call (800) 395-5102, ext. 5607 or e-mail mabernathy@ncbaptist.org to receive a projects list or secure a project. You can also go to our website at www.baptistsonmission.org [Mission Projects/United States/Hawaii].

Partnership
New England

Being God's Hands and Feet in

NEW ENGLAND

Mission volunteers from North Carolina are serving in Vermont and Maine, 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 NC volunteers are playing a part! Here's an example:

This summer our church had the privilege of going on a mission trip to Pownal, Vermont. Even though it was a long trip, we had a great group of people who were excited to go and be the hands and feet of our Lord. Our primary mission was to offer support and encouragement for the missionary, his family, and the Vermont church where we served. Because the pastor and his family do much of the church upkeep themselves, we went in with the resolution of meeting their immediate needs and giving aide to their ministry. Throughout the week, one crew painted the exterior of the church, one crew split and stacked wood for the upcoming winter, one crew cleaned the inside of the church, and yet another crew conducted backyard Bible clubs with neighboring families.

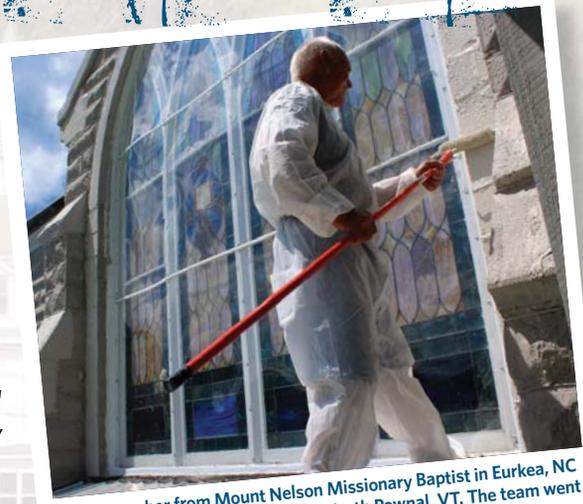
The Bible Club crew took our church bus into the surrounding neighborhoods and walked the streets, praying for the community and inviting people to the backyard events that we were hosting. Through this, we met a wide variety of people during the week. Most importantly, we were able to establish relationships with several children staying in the neighborhood right by the church. Every day these kids would come and join us, even when we were not doing "fun" things. These kids had huge hearts, but it became evident that they lacked any knowledge of Christ or the Gospel. Fortunately, we were able to present the Gospel to them almost every day that we were there. We were able to reach many of the kids and their families and heighten their interest in the church.

We would not have been able to communicate with the people in this small northern community without the introduction from and guidance of the pastor and his family. They were such a blessing to us and greatly enhanced our team's efforts and effectiveness. It was an awesome experience that we were happy to be a part of for the second summer in a row! — Teresa Dale, Mount Nelson Missionary Baptist Church, Eureka, NC

North Carolina mission teams have seen God do incredible things in Vermont since 2005. Baptist congregations there are growing

and becoming more missions-minded. Thank you to those North Carolina churches who have contributed to Kingdom work in

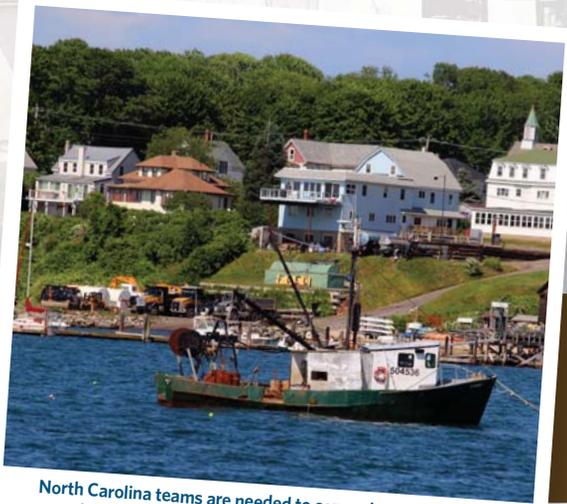
Vermont! We need you and your church to serve here, and in Maine in 2018! Contact NCBM at (919) 459-5607 or at mabernathy@ncbaptist.org or find out more on our website www.baptistsonmission.org [Mission Projects/United States/New England].



Team member from Mount Nelson Missionary Baptist in Eureka, NC paints the exterior of the church in North Pownal, VT. The team went in with a goal of helping the congregation with the physical things that would allow them to more effectively minister.



Mount Nelson Missionary Baptist team members lead in one of several Backyard Bible Clubs the team led in surrounding communities during their week of serve in Southern Vermont.



North Carolina teams are needed to serve alongside church planters in our new partner state of Maine in 2018! Please pray about how you can help.

CONTACT

We have just begun new opportunities with Baptists in MAINE! We need teams to serve here, as well as in VERMONT in 2018. Please call (800) 395-5102, ext. 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].

Partners for the Kingdom in

Pennsylvania

Partnership
Pennsylvania

missions ministries

Since 2008, North Carolina Baptist volunteers have been serving throughout the state of Pennsylvania, 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. Here is an example of how one NC congregation has made a difference:

The goal of our mission trip to Sunbury, PA this summer was simple—share the love of Christ, serve the people of Sunbury, encourage the members of our host congregation and bless the pastor and his family. Fulfilling our goal would prove to be a wonderful blessing for each of our team members.

The week that we were in Sunbury we helped the faculty and staff of a local elementary school as they prepared for a new school year; went door to door surveying a neighborhood; and assisted with a local talent show and annual town festival. Derek, our host pastor, arranged these opportunities for us and joined us each day as we sought to build relationships and to be a blessing to everyone we encountered. I pray we blessed others as much as we were blessed to serve alongside Derek, his family and members of the church.

Jesus said in Luke 6:38, "Give and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over." It's true, the more we sought to bless others the more God blessed us with opportunities to share the gospel and glorify Him. Time after time God reassured us of His presence as we encountered people with ties to our own home state. While surveying, one homeowner answered the door wearing a NC State tee shirt. At the festival, there was another man selling eastern style North Carolina Bar-B-Q and sweet tea! These connections helped ease fears. Conversation and sharing flowed more easily.

God continued to bless us and provided many opportunities to be disciples that make disciples. While on mission in Sunbury, we learned what it means to use "the everyday rhythms of life to live out the truths of the Gospel, both with those who are part of the family of Jesus Christ and those who do not yet believe in Jesus Christ." These experiences and lessons, we have brought back to North Carolina and carry with us as we continue to be on mission every day! — Rev. Steve Stephenson, New Hope Missionary Baptist, Wilson, NC

Many project requests have been received. You and your church are needed to serve in Pennsylvania in 2018. Each of these requests represent church planter couples and existing Pennsylvania congregations who need 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].



Team members from New Hope Missionary Baptist in Wilson, NC help teachers at Beck Elementary School in a "teacher appreciation" effort by the host church.



New Hope Missionary Baptist team members "man" a booth for the host church at the Sunbury River Festival.



Team members prepare for a prayer walk of a Sunbury neighborhood.

CONTACT

Pennsylvania Partnership Requests for 2018 are in. 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].

Partnership
Rocky Mountain

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

NC Teams Serve in Big Sky Country

Over the past several years, God has opened the door for NC churches to send teams to the Rocky Mountain area to assist a growing, missions-minded church in the building of worship center or educational space. In the summer of 2017, we were in Helena, Montana to assist in the construction of a worship center for Big Sky Fellowship. The church was started and currently pastored by Rev. Darren Hales. Darren and his wife, Susan, moved from NC to Montana in 2006 and began the church in their home. God blessed, and the congregation had outgrown their current meeting space. NC Baptists were privileged to be able to help them get started on a beautiful new facility. As usual, Ed and Helen Helms coordinate the efforts of our mission teams. This year, however, they had help! Dane and Sandra Horrell, from Selma NC—and from the church that the Hales came out of—were also on-site to oversee the construction process. Teams enjoyed working with and getting to know the Horrell's. Following is Dane's report:

IN THE VALLEY YET IN HIS WILL...

Helena Valley that is, and four months in God's will. What a summer! What an honor! What an experience with the Lord! This summer my wife, Sandra, and I experienced the opportunity of a lifetime when Pastor Darren Hales of Big Sky Fellowship asked if I would consider managing the building of their new facility in Helena, Montana. Little did I know that God would introduce us to some of the most dedicated people we have ever met. I had no idea when accepting the task that NC Baptists on Mission would take on this project.

Imagine building a 15,000 sq ft facility with volunteers from all over the US. That was of great concern until I met NCBM on-site coordinators Ed & Helen Helms. This couple sets the standard for dedication to God's work. For approximately 40 years Ed & Helen have traveled all over the world on mission, building for God. What an honor to team with this couple to facilitate the construction of Big Sky Fellowship. It was amazing to realize that they had worked with most of the hundreds of volunteers we had this summer on other projects.

Satan attacked our project with high winds and even a micro burst that destroyed 2/3 of the 68' long trusses that had been erected by a group of local volunteers the week before. Within two weeks, a local truss builder rebuilt the trusses and the same group of men erected them once again. How wonderful it is to see God at work prevailing over Satan by exercising His will thru His people.

In closing let me say that to be in God's will is our only "Safe Place." Every day for four months my wife and I knew we were in God's will. What a blessing!

NC Baptists on Mission wishes to express our heartfelt thanks to Dane and Sandra for their excellent guidance of our mission teams this summer. As always, we thank God for Ed and Helen Helms as well. Finally, many thanks to pastor Darren Hales and the Big Sky Community congregation, who were so welcoming of our teams. Our prayers are for you all as God continues to use you as a beacon of light in Western Montana! We are waiting God's guidance in the revealing of 2018's project. Stay tuned!

CONTACT

Cook teams of 8-10 volunteers are needed to serve at our partner Baptist Camps in **Wyoming and New Mexico** in 2018! Please call (800) 395-5102, ext. 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].



Dane and Sandra Horrell (left) of Selma NC joined Ed and Helen Helms of Lincolnton NC, in coordinating the construction project in Helena, Montana in 2017.



Twenty church or associational teams served at the project over the course of 15 weeks. Thanks to all who served!



Teams enjoyed worshipping with the Big Sky Community Fellowship congregation on Sunday mornings. Pastor Darren Hales and his folk were great hosts to our teams.

Background photo courtesy of pxhere.com

PRAYER WARRIORS CALLED



Prayer is something that the average Christian takes for granted. I know, because up until a few years ago, I was one of them. I was asked to help teach the young adult class. Attendance was around 5-7 on a regular basis. It was during this time that the prayer team prayer-walked our church. They took extra time that day to pray and even visited our classroom and prayed intentionally. I can still feel the power of unity and of the Holy Spirit as I recall the team asking for God's will to be done but, most of all, that we develop a new desire in our hearts to grow closer to one another and to Christ. Within the next year and with continued prayers from this team, our class grew to around 25-27 each Sunday. We grew closer to each other. The class eventually split to become two classes. My prayer life was changed, and will be forever changed. I am now the pastor of Johnson Baptist Church, and I believe with all my heart that the prayers of this team have had a great influence on my ministry, and my blessings as I strive to do God's will in leading his people. — Rev. David "Buck" Grady

I have always believed that prayer is the beginning and end to everything. However, the prayers of the team that particular day changed the life of not only my church, but my own personal family. God called my husband into the ministry from those prayers and laid on my own heart a call to the Prayer Team. As a pastor's wife, God called me to begin a ladies' prayer group for the church and the community. — Shelia Grady

Who knew God had plans for me to be part of a Prayer Walking Team. I didn't even know there was such a thing as prayer walking! But, praise the Lord, my name was on that list to be a part of something so special! God has been busy healing the sick, comforting those in pain, blessing our churches and the list goes on! But one of the biggest things God has done is blessed me beyond measure! He has given me boldness which I and others prayed for me to have and that, in turn, has given me confidence to speak out to Christ in prayer. I don't get nervous when I pray out loud because I am talking to my dearest friend! What a humbling experience to think that God called me just like He called the disciples to listen to the needs of others and to lift them in prayer. I sometimes selfishly think that God put this team together just because He loves me so much and He wanted me to grow in my knowledge of Him and in my prayer life and that is just what has happened!

— Sharon Sinclair

Prayer warriors are the most frightening, powerful, demon-chasing, world moving beings on earth. Prayer Warriors are positioned by God to stand in faith for their families and churches and cities. Prayer is stronger than kings and mightier than armies. Prayer is the most powerful force on earth.

— Francis Frangipane



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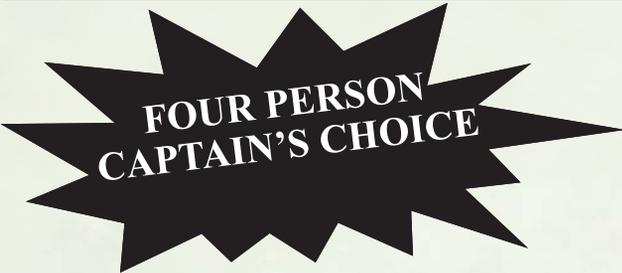
Baptists On Mission 2018 Spring GOLF TOURNAMENT

Keith Hills Golf Club, Lillington, NC May 5, 2018



You can register online at: (or complete form below)

<http://baptistsonmission.org/bom/sports-and-recreation/baptists-on-mission-spring-golf-tournament-2018/3092>



Cost - \$55 per player
(includes dinner)

Deadline for Entry
April 27, 2018

Prizes Awarded for
-First and Second Place Teams
-Closest to the pin
-Longest Drive

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 (800) 395-5102, ext. 5626

Schedule for the Tournament

12:00-12:30pm	Practice and Warm-up
12:30-1:00	*Tee Times
5:30-6:00pm	Dinner and Awards

*Tee times will be sent to the team captain one week prior to the tournament

BAPTISTS ON MISSION GOLF TOURNAMENT RESERVATION FORM

Please return and make checks payable to:

NCBM
PO Box 1107
Cary, NC 27512-1107

Please register ___ x \$55 =
\$ ___ enclosed

Deadline - April 27, 2018

For more information, contact
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**GOOD.
RIGHT. TRUE.**

DEEP IMPACT 2018
Ephesians 5:8-10



“for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.”

EPHESIANS 5:8-10



DEEP IMPACT MISSION WEEKS

NORTH CAROLINA

June 18-23	Boone	\$220
June 25-30	Nags Head	\$220
July 1-7	Caswell	\$325+
July 9-14	Shelby	\$235
July 16-21	Beulaville	\$220
July 23-28	Red Springs	\$235

OUTSIDE NORTH CAROLINA

June 16-23	Honduras	\$1,725
June 24-30	Philadelphia	\$365
July 7-14	Cuba	\$1,600

NORTH CAROLINA MINI-WEEKS

June 14-17	Shelby	\$120
July 29-August 1	Red Springs	\$120

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Stronger Together

International Student & Scholar Conference April 13-15, 2018

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

Register Online: <http://www.cbfnc.org/events/upcoming-events-/international-student-retreat>

Are there International Students or Scholars attending a college or university near you? You can bet there are. Help them experience the rich cultures of the world in one place: Fort Caswell, on the eastern tip of Oak Island. We invite you to come and join together as a team: a team that seeks to bridge geographical, racial, cultural and language barriers by offering hospitality, friendship, and relationship.

We will gather to enrich our social relationships with conversation and a new shared experience. In doing so, we find spiritual strength. As we discuss our differences and similarities we can learn how to be friends and colleagues on local campuses, in communities in North Carolina, as well as in our home countries.

Join this community and let's experience strength in our togetherness. We will share unique experiences, great fun and wonderful fellowship along the way. Come learn, listen, share, build lasting relationships and gain new appreciation for different cultures as we enjoy the beauty of North Carolina's coast.

International Student & Scholar Conference Tentative Conference Schedule "Stronger Together"

FRIDAY, April 13, 2018

7:00 pm	Registration & Check-In
9:00	Meet & Greet
10:00	Conference Overview
10:15	Snack Break
10:30	National & Regional Meetings

SATURDAY, April 14, 2018

8:00 am	Breakfast
8:45	Personal Meditation
9:15	Roll Call of Nations
10:00	Stronger Together
11:00	Activity Time
12:00 noon	Lunch
1:00	Free Afternoon <i>(Various Optional Activities)</i>
5:30 pm	Dinner
7:00	Stronger Together
8:15	Culture Hour & Picture Session
10:15	Snacks, Games, Dance

SUNDAY, April 15, 2018

8:00 am	Breakfast
8:45	Load Vehicles
9:15	Optional Worship Service
10:30	Gather for Boat Cruise
12:30 pm	Group Photo & Box Lunch
1:00	Head Home

Spring Break Missions for College Students

What: Hurricane Disaster Relief with NCBM

Where: Lumberton, NC or Texas
(possibly by Special Arrangement - Puerto Rico)

When: Spring Break or after Spring Exams,
Summer or Fall Break - 2018

Cost: Travel to and from service area

Contact: Rick Trexler - (919) 917-4419
RickTrex@gmail.com



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

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

Missions Camps

Red Springs Mission Camp



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

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

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

Plan a Trip

Here are some things to know before you go!

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

How Can I Help?

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

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

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

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

April 28/May 5, 2018
One Day... what difference can one day make?



It made a difference the morning a group of men from Kenansville spent a day building a small landing and wheelchair ramp.

Our team leader, Bert Alabaster, had spent time the week before measuring, designing the ramp, and ordering materials. We worked in the shade under the carport while Sam, the young man who would use the ramp, watched us through his glass storm door. The six of us who were working laughed, worked, ridiculed each other for every small mixup, and quickly turned a pile of lumber into a 5' by 5' landing with a 16' wheelchair ramp. Sam didn't say very much, but the closer we came to completing the ramp the more intently he stared at us through the door.

Once we completed the ramp and packed up our tools, we went inside to spend time with our new friend. Sharing Christ in word and deed is why we participate in Operation Inasmuch. We spent time sharing testimonies, praying, and encouraging the family. Sam and his family were very appreciative and thanked us many times.

As the last of us were walking down the ramp to our trucks, we heard the sound of rubber wheels rolling down the brand new ramp... quickly. I spun around to see Sam barreling wide open down the ramp with his eyes gleaming, a smile on his face from ear to ear, and his hands in the air. Scared and a little stunned, I stopped the wheelchair near the bottom of the ramp put my hand on Sam's shoulder and said in a firm voice, "Sam, you don't understand. This ramp can be dangerous and you have to be careful going down it. Take it easy and make sure you keep your hands on the wheels or brake so that you can control your speed." Sam looked up at me and with a joyful expression said words that I will never forget, **"You are the one who doesn't understand. I am 23 years old and this is the first time in my life I have ever left the house without someone's help."**

You can make a difference in one day! It may be by making cookies for service providers in your community, doing landscaping at a nearby school, visiting in a retirement center, washing cars, landscaping yards, changing the oil in cars of single parents, providing quarters to wash clothes, or cooking meals for shut ins. Not only will you make an impact on your community... you will have a blast!

Choose any date that suits your church, but we are suggesting that NC churches conduct an Operation Inasmuch One Day Missions Blitz on April 28 or May 5. Involve your entire church: men, women, and students. Choose projects that you enjoy doing and that meet needs in your community. Use Operation Inasmuch as a platform to share Christ in word and deed.



2018 Operation InasMuch Training

January 27	Region 5	Penn Memorial Baptist Church, Reidsville
	Region 8	Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association
February 3	Region 2	South Roanoke Baptist Association
February 10	Region 9	Buncombe Baptist Association
February 17	Region 6	Union Baptist Association
	Region 1	West Chowan Baptist Association
February 24	Region 10	Truett Baptist Association
	Region 4	Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Pittsboro
March 3	Region 7	Lenoir (Should have church name tomorrow)
	Region 3	Garland Baptist Church, Garland

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IMPACT NC

NC Churches Assisting NC Churches

Sometimes we need help from our neighbors, even if those neighbors live on the other side of the state and don't know you all that well! Impact NC offers the opportunity to do just that.

On October 8, 2016 West Lumberton Baptist Church was flooded with several feet of water from Hurricane Matthew. There was significant damage to their sanctuary and their fellowship hall. Their educational building and parsonage, which the pastor had just vacated a month earlier, were so damaged that they had to be demolished. They still had a debt on their ten-year-old sanctuary and now they were looking at \$1,000,000 of damage. Where do you even start?

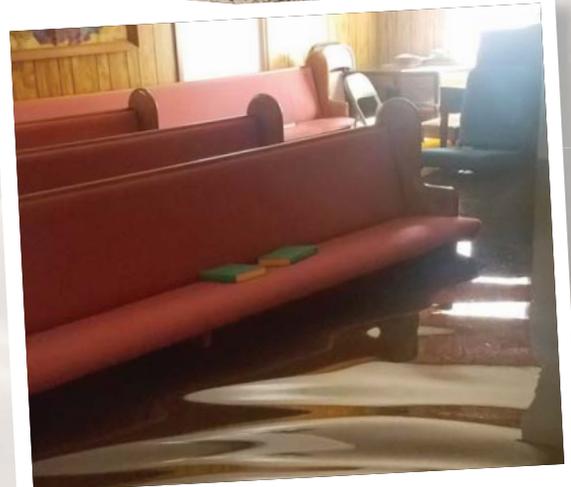
It helped that their pastor, Rev. Rick Foreman, had construction experience and could oversee the rebuilding process. NCBM helped with financial support thanks to the generosity of churches, individuals, and businesses. Through Church to Church Partnerships we asked for volunteers to help. Churches from across NC and beyond stepped up. Donations came at just the right time as God showed that He turns disaster into opportunity. The NC Baptist Foundation provided a church loan at just the right moment. Slowly but steadily, day by day, things took shape again.

July 30 was a day of celebration as over 100 people gathered in the freshly repaved parking lot (even the parking lot had been destroyed) to praise the Lord for the many ways He had provided for and encouraged the church. A new day, a new vision, and a new relationship with the community.

Every situation was different, but Impact NC and Church to Church Disaster Recovery Partnerships also assisted Fair Bluff Baptist Church, Goldsboro Korean Baptist Church, Wakelon Baptist Church, Peace Baptist Church, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Center Baptist Church, and New Hope Baptist Church.

In 2018 we will have a variety of Impact NC Projects. The first is to assist Eastern Baptist Association in setting up and opening a new Compassion Outreach Center and Thrift Store in Warsaw, NC. They need teams to help clean the old building, build shelves and racks, set up merchandise, and do evangelism in the community. Housing and meals are available.

Contact Paul Langston to request an Impact NC team if your church could use help in evangelism, sports camps, VBS, construction, or many other ways.



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BAPTIST BUILDERS

Year-round opportunities exist for volunteers to participate in construction projects in NC and other states. Many need help with "simple" repairs while others need "major" work completed. Often the work only requires one qualified carpenter and several helpers. The following are projects "under construction:"

Hurricane Matthew—historic flooding brought devastating floods to Eastern NC. We are assisting affected homeowners with various projects like roofing, floor repair, sheetrock installation and more. Sign up at www.baptistsonmission.org/hurricanematthew

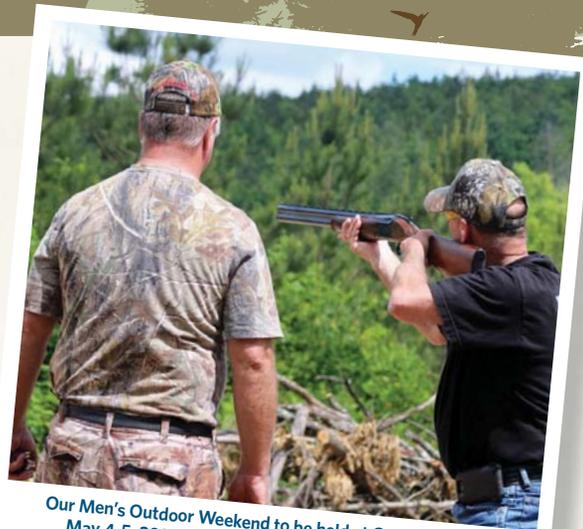
Handyman—we receive regular handyman requests in the NCBM office. Let us know if you have a handyman group looking for projects in your local area. Contact (800) 395-5102, ext. 5605, gross@ncbaptist.org

Caraway (Asheboro) and Caswell (Oak Island) are two NC Baptist retreat locations that are in need of maintenance volunteers for various projects. Caraway - (336) 629-2374, Caswell - (910) 278-9501

Igniting the Hearts of Men for Christ

2018 Men's Outdoor Weekend

Plan to join us May 4-5, 2018 for our tenth 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!



Our Men's Outdoor Weekend to be held at Camp Caraway May 4-5, 2018. Register early and come join the fun!

A SAFE PLACE

There are many aspects to men's ministry but, when it comes down to it, men's ministry is about discipleship. Of course, there are many aspects to discipleship! Discipling men involves:

- Helping men grow in their relationship with Jesus and helping them grow in spiritual maturity.
- Helping men in their human relationships—marriage, family, co-workers, and with each other.
- Providing the support, encouragement and accountability men need in order to grow and become the men God wants them to be.

Men need a "safe place" and the men's ministries in our churches need to provide that. We can provide safe places in monthly gatherings, small groups, mentoring relationships, and a variety of other ways.

Sometimes in our desire to see men grow, our efforts can have unintended negative consequences. This issue is addressed very well in the book "How to Disciple Men" (specifically Chapter 33 "Displaced Discipleship" written by Scott Caesar). He makes the following points (most of the wording below is quoted verbatim or close from the book):

- We too often displace the "gospel of grace" with the "gospel of good," which defines biblical manhood as a quest for virtues and moral purity rather than freedom in Christ.

- We too often push aside the cross and think we can meet God's standards of goodness by heaping on guilt, working harder, and saving ourselves.
- Discipleship must start with the cross and its essential power. Moral muscle will not win the good fight. Only the forgiveness and love of our almighty God can melt away a man's insecurity and inadequacies while overwhelming his intellect with such acceptance that he is left with a desire to obey.

Caesar described himself as a "self-proclaimed moralist" who viewed the virtues of Christian manhood as a prize to be won instead of a fruit of obedience to a Savior and His amazing love.

I am afraid that I may have been guilty of displacing the gospel of grace with the gospel of good. I am afraid that I have caused men to feel guilty about what they are doing or not doing rather than guiding them to appreciate the bountiful grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps you have too. Let's provide a safe place for our men where they can experience His love and grace, and where they can experience the support and encouragement (and yes gracious accountability) of their brothers in Christ.

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NCBM will sponsor two one-day Men's Ministry Leadership Training sessions in 2018—one in East and one in the West from 10 am - 4 pm.

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 8 - West; September 15 - East

This year 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 10 am and conclude by 4 pm. Training sites will be announced on our website early in 2018.



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 6-7.

2018 Men's Weekend at Red Springs Mission Camp October 12-13

Come join us for a time of worship and hands-on missions at the Red Springs Mission Camp (near Lumberton). 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 Larry Osborne. 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 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.

Men's Worship Rallies Held Throughout State in November 2018

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 2 Thursday, November 8; Region 4 Monday, November 12; Region 6 Thursday, November 15; Region 8 Monday, November 19; and Region 10 Thursday, November 29. (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 2018 in Regions 2, 4, 6, 8, & 10. This will be a time of food, fellowship, and worship for men. See our website for specific dates and meeting sites.

children's events

HOW DO YOU MEASURE SUCCESS IN DI KIDS?

Deep Impact (DI) Kids 2016 was a great success! But you may ask, how should we measure success? If we look at numbers, there was a significant increase over the 2015 attendance. However, numbers do not tell the real stories of success. Testimonies of lives changed by God are the real evidence of success!



Stevie Hylar, Crossroads

Baptist Church, Asheboro, shared his experiences

from DI Kids in Shelby. Stevie knows construction and assumed this would be his assignment. Stevie states in reference to his first year at DI Kids, "Well I didn't know it at the time but God had other plans. I got chosen to go to a local elderly care home and play bingo and paint fingernails. When I was in middle school my brother and myself lived directly across the street from a rest home. I did not like it. The old people were hateful and nasty to us and it smelled. So needless to say I've avoided those places." This past summer with DI Kids Stevie says, "When Jacob (Stevie's son) and I got to Shelby mission camp and the duty roster came around, guess where my name was...rest home again. While on the site, I met a resident in a wheelchair that looked very sad. While painting her nails she became so relaxed she drifted off to sleep. I realized that she just needed to feel loved and valued. Through this experience, God changed my whole outlook. My mission trip not only changed my life and my son's but it showed me how simple things we do affect people's lives."



Pat Millwood, Bethany Baptist Church

- "I thought, Why do you need a 72-year old lady to go to camp? What can I do or can I keep up with them? She (Susan Johnson, Children's Minister, Bethany Baptist) told me she had prayed for the Lord to pick out her helpers. I was blessed when I saw what Deep Impact Kids and the Shelby Mission Camp were about. Our group built a ramp for a man that was coming home from the nursing home. Those kids worked hard and it was hot. They were eager to learn how to do this hard work using the tape measure, saws, drills, and unloading the trailer or supplies. What a way to teach kids the skills of life and doing God's work for the less fortunate than us. I received the blessing!"

Dave & Susan Johnson, Bethany Baptist

- "A Shelby police officer stopped by a construction site where a ramp was being built. We spent about 30 minutes sharing about the Lord and His work in the city. He shared his testimony with us and about his fellow officer who had been shot this past year. We were building the ramp for Ms. Lola, who has experienced a great deal of loss and sadness in her life. Ms. Lola shared that the day before was her birthday but no one had told her happy birthday. Food, a cake, and a mum for her porch were bought. When we surprised Ms. Lola and sang *Happy Birthday* to her, she cried, then she immediately prayed the most beautiful prayer to the Lord. This beautiful lady blessed our entire group!"

So, how do we measure success in DI Kids? By lives being changed by those serving and those being served in the name of Jesus. Bring your children's group and see for yourself!

DEEP IMPACT KIDS 2018

WEEKENDS

May 18-20	Red Springs Weekend	\$90
September 7-9	Shelby Weekend	\$90

MISSION WEEKS

July 15-18	Red Springs	\$120
July 19-22	Shelby	\$120
July 23-27	Blowing Rock	\$170
July 29-August 1	Mundo Vista	\$150

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children's missions

STATEWIDE CHILDREN'S MISSIONS PROJECT

The NC Statewide Children's Mission project for 2018 will be to support the NCBM Dental Ministry by providing funds to purchase a new dental unit. The 2001 Mobile Dental Unit is in need of replacement. This Bluebird Bus has over 200,000 miles on it and is experiencing mechanical issues. NC Baptists on Mission plan to purchase a Lifeline Mobile Dental Unit, similar to our 2011 truck. An anonymous foundation has pledged a \$225,000 matching grant. Please help us raise the \$225K in matching funds. Just think...if we collect \$10,000 in our children's mission offering it becomes \$20,000 with the matching fund. How exciting!!

The NCBM Dental Ministry is an active ministry in our state, having served 3,500 patients in 2016 in several locations throughout the state. The mobile dental units were used 168 days in 128 locations throughout the state, traveling a total of 25,209 miles. The mobile dental units are meeting a need in our state that opens the door for them to meet the greatest need, hope in Jesus Christ. There were 26 professions of faith and 18 other decisions as a direct result of our dental ministry.

THANK YOU for considering how you and your church and children's groups (RA's, GA's, Children in Action, Mission Friends, DI Kids, AWANAS, VBS, etc.) can get involved by praying, encouraging and **giving!**

For questions and more information you can contact Dollie Noa at NCBM/ Baptists on Mission at dnoa@ncbaptist.org or (800) 395-5102, ext. 5598.

You have 2 options to give:

- Make your check payable to NCBM and mail to PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512; Memo line: New Dental Bus
- Contact Kecia Morgan at (800) 395-5102, ext. 5613 to make a donation by credit card.

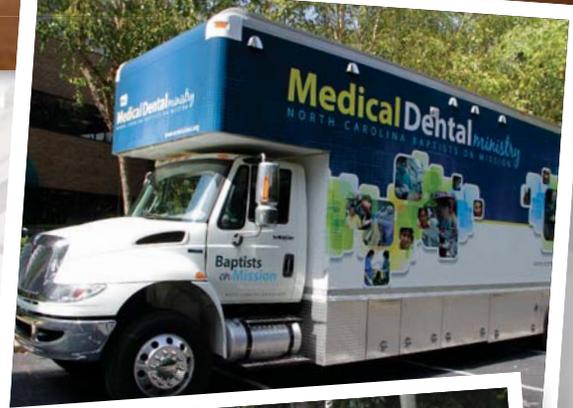
(All donations are tax-deductible)

RA Race - Saturday, March 17, 2018 at First Baptist Church Salisbury, NC. For more information contact James Byerly, RA Race Coordinator at racedaync@ncbaptist.org or see the website <http://baptistonmission.org/events/children>

RA Leadership Training is available for RA leaders or anyone interested in learning more. Contact Larry McGlothlin at ratrainingnc@ncbaptist.org or go to <http://baptistonmission.org/training/royal-ambassadors-training>

RA Camporee - For information contact Jeff Cornwall at racamporeenc@ncbaptist.org

DI Kids 2018 - This is a great pre-packaged mission opportunity for your children's leaders, parents, and kids 1st-6th grade. For more information, go to <http://baptistonmission.org/camps/di-kids> or contact Dollie Noa at dnoa@ncbaptist.org.



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Camp Caraway is located in the beautiful Uwharrie Mountains near Asheboro, NC. During our programs we challenge campers and guests in growing in their faith in Jesus Christ, Developing relationships, Building skills, and Serving others.

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For more information or to register online go to

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2018 NC Baptist Mission Conference p.8-9

April 6-7, 2018, Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC
Featuring: Bryan Loritts, Vicki Grossman, Kyle Idleman, Jennifer Rothschild, Tom Richter, Terry Rae and Annie Moses Band
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Deep Impact 2018 p.45

Various dates 2018. To learn more about Deep Impact and student missions, contact Tom Beam (800) 395-5102, ext. 5626, tbeam@ncbaptist.org.
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Deep Impact Kids 2018 p.53

Various dates 2018. 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

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