



## Participant's Guide

**The Story:** Perched high on a ladder with a paintbrush in his hand, Kinley Blair explains why he and other members of the Reynolds Baptist Church, Asheville, youth group are spending their days painting houses, building wheelchair ramps, conducting sports camps, and performing servant evangelism in Greensboro. "It really feels good to help people in need, who can't do things for themselves," he said.

Blair, along with nearly 300 other youth from 15 different churches in North Carolina, spent a week last summer volunteering in the Triad area with Deep Impact. Deep Impact Missions Weeks, sponsored by North Carolina Baptist Men, are mission experiences that provide middle and high school students with the opportunity to share God's love with hurting people through word and deed. Youth participate in a variety of mission projects, including construction, Vacation Bible School, sports evangelism, servant evangelism, prayer walks, and more. Evening worship each night helps students reflect on their lives and commit themselves to serving others in Christ's name.

"Deep Impact gives youth avenues to serve Christ and share Christ," said Mitchell Warren, minister of youth at First Baptist Church, Spruce Pine. "They gain courage to spread the Gospel around the world." Youth learn a valuable missions lesson firsthand—that one of the best ways to share the love of Christ is to meet people's physical as well as spiritual needs.

"This week has really opened the eyes of our youth," said Claire McCoy, staff member at First Baptist Church Riegelwood. "It has awakened them that we can do the same types of ministry in our own community when we get back home. It has also made them more comfortable in sharing their faith."

### How You Can Pray:

- Pray for the youth in your church as they face many temptations in their lives.
- Pray that they will understand the need for Christ in their lives and that for their spiritual growth.
- Pray that the youth in our churches will develop a love for sharing Christ with others.

Tracey Ford, a staff member at Good News Baptist Church, Greensboro, which hosted a basketball camp through Deep Impact, saw their church members catch a fresh vision for reaching their community through the energy and excitement of the visiting youth groups.

"Deep Impact is one of the best ways to connect churches with their communities, to connect young people with missions, and to connect the staff in a church with the real meaning of ministering in Jerusalem and going to the uttermost parts of the world," said Larry Doyle, director of missions at Piedmont Baptist Association.

"If you want your students to learn how to serve the Lord, come to a Deep Impact Week," said Warren. "They're going to be doing some things they've never done before and they're going to learn more about Jesus Christ and sharing the Gospel."

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**How to Get Involved:** Deep Impact is a great way to involve young people in missions. There is a place for your young people as well. Contact Tom Beam at NC Baptist Men to express interest (1-800-395-5102 x 5624 or [tbeam@ncbaptist.org](mailto:tbeam@ncbaptist.org)) or go to our website at [www.ncmissions.org](http://www.ncmissions.org) for more information. [Camps/Deep Impact].