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Mission Statement

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

"What matters is not the accomplishments
you achieve; what matters is the person you
become." -Dallas Willard

What Matters is the Person You Become

This Dallas Willard quote (from a John Ortberg book) is attached to the cabinet above
my desk:

**"WHAT MATTERS IS NOT THE
ACCOMPLISHMENTS YOU ACHIEVE;
WHAT MATTERS IS THE PERSON
YOU BECOME."**

All 18 different ministries of NCBM/Baptists on Mission have important things to
accomplish. There are hundreds of homes to rebuild after Hurricane Matthew; hundreds
of people who need to receive treatments on the health screening bus and on the
mobile dental units; thousands of students and adults to mobilize for state, national and
international mission projects; and hundreds of tasks to accomplish to help churches
involve their members in missions. All of those things are important, but they are not
nearly as important as the people we become.

Scripture describes the people that we are to become 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.**" Whatever ministry or mission project
in which you are involved, God cares more about the person you become than He does
about what you accomplish.

I told someone recently that two years from now, when we are finished with rebuilding
most Hurricane Matthew damaged homes, those we help will be impacted more by the
people we are than by the homes we rebuild.

Thank you for serving the Lord,



Richard Brunson
Director, NCBM/Baptists on Mission

"Go and Make Disciples"

In August 2010, Kathryn and I led our first international mission trip to Ukraine to work with the Roma People through NCBM/Baptists on Mission. I took along a book with me to use in devotions called *Go and Make Disciples!: An Introduction to Christian Missions* by Roger S. Greenway. It was a great source of encouragement to me as I read from it daily before our team began their day. One section of this book listed the right motives for people to go on mission and they are:

1. The desire that God be worshipped and His glory known among all the peoples of the earth.
2. The desire to obey God out of love and gratitude by carrying out Christ's commission to "go and make disciples of all nations."
3. A burning desire to use every legitimate means to save the lost and win unbelievers to faith in Christ.
4. Concern that churches grow and multiply, and that the kingdom of Christ be extended by words and deeds that proclaim the compassion and righteousness of Christ to a world of suffering and injustice.

Recently, Kathryn and I led a mission team to the Red Springs Mission Camp. (If you have not tried one of our two mission camps in Red Springs or Shelby, you are missing out. They are a great resource for NC Baptists.) Once again before going, I reminded myself why we go by reading the four points above. These four points are also nicely summarized in the vision statement of NCBM/Baptists on Mission: "Every Christian sharing God's love with hurting people through word and deed."

The NCBM/Baptists on Mission Statement of Our Beliefs is also a good reminder of the right motives for going on mission. I would encourage you to go to the www.baptistsonmission.org website and read that mission statement. It is good to keep "the main thing" the main thing as we go about our busy preparations and work of every mission endeavor.

I love what Roger Greenway says about the Final Goal of Missions. He refers to John's vision in Revelations 5:9 where a great multitude would someday be gathered before the throne of Jesus Christ. The multitude is made up of people bought by the blood of Christ from "...every tribe and language and people and nation. They never cease worshipping and praising the Lord." "Why do missions? With such a vision before us, how can we not do missions?"

Thank you for going, giving and praying!



Robert Simons

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2017

Volunteer COUPLE

of the Year

Tim and Vicki Etheridge

Every year during the Annual Baptist Missions Conference, an award is presented to the Volunteer Couple (or lay person) of the Year. There are so many outstanding volunteers that it is always difficult to decide who should be the recipient of this award.

In many ways, the person or couple who receives this award represents many other men and women who are also highly committed and involved volunteers. This year's Volunteer Couple of the Year award was presented to **Tim and Vicki Etheridge** from Greenville, NC, a deserving couple who have been involved in volunteer missions for almost 30 years!

Tim and Vicki have been on multiple international mission trips, beginning in the 1990's, to many places including Tobago, Mozambique, Honduras, Guatemala and other places. They also have been involved in multiple national mission projects including Wyoming, Montana and Hawaii.

The Etheridge's are intensely involved in disaster relief responding to the Durham ice storm; Hurricane Katrina; Hurricane Isabel; Hurricane Irene; Hurricane Sandy long-term coordinators in New Jersey and led feeding team to Queens, New York; Hurricane Irene, South Carolina Floods, Hurricane Matthew and other disasters. Tim also served on the Region 2 Disaster Relief Feeding Advisory Team.

Tim has served as a regional Ag Missions coordinator and is currently serving as the state Ag Missions coordinator. Vicki serves on the Guatemala Advisory Team.

Tim and Vicki are blessed with two children, their spouses, and one grandchild.

They have both been very involved volunteers and leaders in their local church (Riverview Baptist Church) and in the South Roanoke Baptist Association.

It is a great privilege to name Tim and Vicki Etheridge as the 2017 NCBM/Baptists on Mission Volunteer Couple of the Year!



2017 Heritage Award

2017 NCBM/Baptists on Mission Heritage Award Recipients

Billy and Ann Layton

What motivates a couple to give up the security of their home and jobs in order to help others?

Since 1992, Billy and Ann Layton have been involved in NCBM/Baptists on Mission because they wanted to help others and serve God. Up until 2006, Billy and Ann were raising a family and building a mobile home moving business in eastern North Carolina.

Beginning in February 2006, Billy and Ann helped with rebuilding efforts in Gulfport, Mississippi, as well as in New York and in Atlantic, NC.

In December 2011, Billy and Ann closed the business to do missions work. In a letter Billy wrote to his customers, he said, *"Please pray for us as we leave our paying jobs and enter into a life working for the Lord."*

For the past six years, the Layton's have been essentially full time volunteers—involved in many ministries that help hurting people. They have served as host/hostess on the dental bus and in Riegelwood, NC helping to rebuild homes affected by a deadly tornado. Involvement continued for the Layton's with service in Colorado, Montana, Hawaii, North Dakota.

Billy and Ann served as long-term onsite coordinators in:

Outer Banks, 2011-2012 after Hurricane Irene to help rebuild 30 homes.

New Jersey, 2012 - 2015 after Hurricane Sandy coordinating the repair/rebuild of 134 homes.

South Carolina, after the 2015 Floods coordinating the rebuilding of 130 homes.

Currently in Lumberton, NC working on rebuilding Hurricane Matthew flooded homes in the Lumberton area for the next two years.

What motivates a couple to give up their business and the security of a regular pay check, retirement and other benefits in order to help people affected by disasters? The love of Christ motivates them! Billy and Ann Layton are dedicated to helping others while trusting God with their future. We are very pleased to honor Billy and Ann Layton as our 2017 Heritage Award recipients.



Open Hands

2018 Missions
Conference

April 6-7,
2018

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Speakers



Bryan Loritts



Vicki Grossman



Kyle Idleman



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Tom Richter



Laura Story



Terry Rae

Music

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AUGUST 2017

- 7-11 Caraway for Children Camp (Coed) #4
 14 Region 2 Missions Rally, Southside Baptist, Elm City
 Region 8 Missions Rally, Mt Ruhama Baptist, Maiden
 Region 10 Missions Rally, Scotts Creek Baptist, Sylva
 15 Region 1 Missions Rally, Galatia Baptist, Seaboard
 Region 4 Missions Rally, New Hope Baptist, Raleigh
 Region 6 Missions Rally, Rockingham First Baptist
 Region 9 Missions Rally, Pole Creek Baptist, Candler
 17 Region 3 Missions Rally, Salemburg Baptist, Salemburg
 Region 5 Missions Rally, Stallings Memorial, Salisbury
 Region 7 Missions Rally, Midway Baptist, West Jefferson
 25 NCBM Board of Directors' Meeting, Caraway Conference Center
 26 NCBM Advisory Council & Board, Caraway Conference Center

SEPTEMBER 2017

- 1-30 **NC Missions Offering Month**
 8-10 Deep Impact KIDS Weekend, (Grades 1-5), Shelby Mission Camp
 9 Men's Ministry/Challenger/Royal Ambassador Leadership Training West, Lincolnton
 16 Men's Ministry/Challenger/Royal Ambassador Leadership Training East, Kenansville
 22-24 RA Camporee, Camp Durant, Carthage

OCTOBER 2017

- 6-7 Men's Work & Worship Weekend, Shelby Mission Camp
 20-22 Fall Father/Son Camp (Grades 1-5), Caraway

NOVEMBER 2017

- 9 Region 1 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
 13 Region 3 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
 16 Region 5 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
 20 Region 7 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
 27 Region 9 Men's Ministry Worship Rally

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, 8, 10 Missions Rally
 13 Region 1, 4, 6, 9 Missions Rally
 15 Region 3, 5, 7 Missions Rally

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

APRIL 2018

- 6-7 Baptist Missions Conference, Charlotte
 7 Student Missions Conference, Charlotte
 7-9 International Student & Scholar Conference, Caswell
 20-21 Region 6 Disaster Relief Training, Cabarrus County
 TBD Spring Father/Son (1-6 grade), Caraway

MAY 2018

- 4-5 Region 8 Disaster Relief Training, Iredell County
 4-5 Men's Outdoor Weekend, Caraway

MAY 2018 continued

- 5 NCBM Golf Tournament
- 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, Red Springs Mission Camp
- TBD Caraway Summer Father/Son Camp #1
- 16-23 Deep Impact Honduras
- 18-23 Deep Impact Boone
- TBD Caraway for Children Camp (Coed) #1
- 24-30 Deep Impact Week Philadelphia, PA
- TBD Caraway Summer Camp for boys - Week 1
- 25-30 Deep Impact Nags Head

JULY 2018

- 1-7 Deep Impact Caswell
- 2-7 World Missions Week, Caswell
- 7-14 Deep Impact Week Cuba
- 9-14 Deep Impact Shelby
- TBD Father/Daughter Camp, Caraway Conference Center
- TBD Mother/Son Camp, Caraway Conference Center
- TBD Caraway Summer Camp for boys - Week 2
- 15-18 Deep Impact KIDS, (Grades 1-5) Red Springs Mission Camp
- 16-21 Deep Impact Week Beulaville
- 19-22 Deep Impact KIDS, (Grades 1-5) Shelby Mission Camp
- TBD Caraway Summer Camp for boys - Week 3
- TBD Caraway Summer Camp Father/Son # 2
- TBD Caraway for Children Camp (Coed) #2
- 23-28 Deep Impact Week Red Springs
- 29-Aug 1 Deep Impact Mini Week Shelby

AUGUST 2018

- TBD Caraway for Children Camp (Coed) #3
- 13 Region 2, 8, & 10 Missions Rally
- 14 Region 1, 4, 6, & 9 Missions Rally
- 16 Region 3, 5 & 7 Missions Rally
- 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
- TBD Fall Father/Son Camp (Grades 1-5 & Leaders), Caraway
- TBD RA Camporee

NOVEMBER 2018

- 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

NC Missions Rally for Men, Women & Youth



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.

6:00 - 8:30 pm

Supper at 6:00 pm

Program at 6:50 pm

Mark your calendar now for this exciting event for men, women, and youth. <http://baptistsonmission.org/events/region-rallies>

Region 1	Tuesday, August 15	Galatia Baptist, Seaboard
Region 2	Monday, August 14	Southside Baptist, Elm City
Region 3	Thursday, August 17	Salemburg Baptist, Salemburg
Region 4	Tuesday, August 15	New Hope Baptist, Raleigh
Region 5	Thursday, August 17	Stallings Memorial Baptist, Salisbury
Region 6	Tuesday, August 15	First Baptist, Rockingham
Region 7	Thursday, August 17	Midway Baptist, West Jefferson
Region 8	Monday, August 14	Mount Ruhama Baptist, Maiden
Region 9	Tuesday, August 15	Pole Creek Baptist, Candler
Region 10	Monday, August 14	Scotts Creek Baptist, Sylva

Meal is free, but we need to have an accurate head count. Register by going to our website at www.baptistsonmission.org/events/region-rallies or by contacting our office: (800) 395-5102 ext. 5596; e-mail keskridge@ncbaptist.org. Registration is due one week prior to the rally date.

ACC WAKE FOREST vs FLORIDA STATE FOOTBALL Church Day SEPTEMBER 30, 2017



Church Day is sponsored by NCBM/Baptists on Mission and the Athletic Department of Wake Forest University. Tickets will be mailed to the name and address on the form below during the week of September 18. The deadline to receive ticket orders in the office is September 15. Tickets are available while supply last.



Photo: Paul Phillips/Competitive Image

Hunter Kemper

Where? BB&T Field in Winston-Salem

When? Saturday, September 30, 2017

Times? Program and game times are tentative and subject to change based on TV scheduling
PROGRAM begins at 1:00 pm in the Lawrence Joel Coliseum featuring Hunter Kemper, Triathlete from Charlotte, NC. Won Gold in Triathlon 2005 World Cup. Graduate of WFU.
GAME begins at 3:30 pm (should the game time change, the program will begin 2 1/2 hours before the game)

Cost? \$20 per person. Includes program fee, lunch, and game ticket

Who? Bring your entire church, RA/GA/Children's Missions groups, youth groups, Sunday School classes! All are welcome for the great day of inspiration, fun and football!

Church Day Reservation Form

Leader: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Day Phone: _____

Church: _____

Send payment by September 15 to:

NCBM, PO Box 1107,
Cary, NC 27512-1107

_____ tickets at \$20 + \$3 handling
fee per order.

\$_____ Amount enclosed

Register online at: <http://baptistsonmission.org/bom/royal-ambassadors/wake-forest-church-day/3093>

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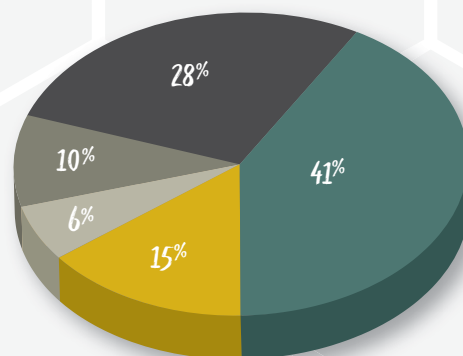
DO YOU HAVE EYES TO SEE?

The hungry. The sick. The hurting. The North Carolina Missions Offering takes the gospel to these and other individuals through a variety of ministries. Many have come to know Christ through your faithful prayers and financial gifts. Consider how you and your church can pray for the ministries supported through this offering.

PRAY FOR...

- Disaster relief volunteers with N.C. Baptist Men/Baptists on Mission.
- Church planting efforts across North Carolina.
- Physical and spiritual needs of those served through the medical, dental and health screening ministries.
- Mission camps in Red Springs and Shelby.
- Local Baptist associations across the state.
- More individuals and churches to become involved in missions.

Join in the week of prayer for the NCMO
from Aug. 27 to Sept. 3. More prayer points
are available at ncmissionsoffering.org/pray.



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

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Missions through Agriculture



Agricultural Missions in Cuba

You might wonder why agriculture would be a ministry of Baptists on Mission. Let's begin by looking to the *Holy Bible*. Agricultural references are found throughout the Bible. You will find references to plants and fruit trees as early as the third day of creation. In Genesis 3, you will also find where Adam was told there would be thorns and thistles and he must toil to produce his food. Jesus also used the parable of the sower to explain what can happen to new Christians. We, in Agricultural Missions, know that everyone has spiritual needs and physical needs. We want to share the love of Jesus by addressing poverty and hunger wherever it exists. A person's physical need of hunger must be met before their spiritual needs can be addressed.

We believe that gardening could be a ministry for youth groups, families, churches, and associations. Gardening does require suitable land, able bodies willing to work, and gardening resources! Assisting the needy with fresh vegetables can also provide the opportunity to deal with the individual's spiritual needs. We have provided "Hands On" Workshops to demonstrate making a raised bed, installing a drip irrigation system, straw-bale gardening, the basics of composting, and other methods of small scale gardening. We continue to explore sites where we can train others in this ministry.

The need for fresh food is a need in many international settings. We are blessed with stocked shelves in all of our grocery stores, but many in foreign countries are not so blessed. Even if food is plentiful, usually funds are not! You have probably heard that if you give a person vegetables, you feed them for a week. If you teach them how to garden, you feed them for a lifetime! We are open to assisting with agricultural opportunities wherever there is a need. We are currently working with projects in several foreign countries.

Acts 1:8 says, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Agricultural Missions is looking for others who have interests in addressing hunger and poverty, wherever it exists, through agriculture. If you feel led to assist with this effort, please see contact information on this page.

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Straw bale garden in NJ parking lot.

AVIATION

Gifts Given

Until a few years ago, I thought flying must be a gift from God. When people at church would hear of how my wife, Karen, and I used our airplane to fly those who needed medical treatment to different locations, they would say *"What a great gift it is that you have been given."* or *"What a great ministry to be able to use your gift."* So there you go. (Even the Apostle Paul said in Ephesians 4:8 "When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men.") All those folks cannot be wrong, can they? I guess Paul just did not have enough room in Ephesians Chapter 4 to include the gift of flight.

All joking aside, I am very humbled to have been given the opportunity to use the "gifts" that does come from The Holy Spirit when I am able to exercise the SKILL I have acquired. I admit flying is just a skill. Farm boys from Candler NC usually do not acquire this skill; however, it happened in God's perfect plan and perfect timing.

Also in God's plan was a trip that my son, Kevin, and I took to a small airport in Georgia over a decade ago. What I remember is what I found when I landed—a North Carolina Baptist Men Aviation Ministry brochure. I picked it up, put it in my pocket and flew back to Asheville. When I got home, I placed it in my Bible and we began praying. Shortly afterwards, and again in God's perfect timing, I completed the information requested on the brochure, mailed it to the Aviation Ministry State Coordinator and signed up for Angel Flight. This began a life-changing story with Karen that is still being written today.

After over 80 successful flights filled with hugs, prayers, tears, laughter and decisions to follow Christ, we continue to use our gifts along with our skills to serve Him. All our Aviation Ministry members use their gifts to serve whether it is participating in a Youth Flying Event coordinated by Dale Fuller, working with Lin Whichard on the Ground Angels Team or other opportunities that presents themselves. We will continue to share the never changing message of Christ and His love for others because in the end, *"Without the Message, it's just another good deed."*

So the next time someone compliments us on using our gift to serve Christ, I will thank them and then I will relate the difference between skills acquired and gifts given.



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Baptist Educators

English as a Second Language and Books on Mission

Fellowship of Baptist Educators is very happy to partner with English as a Second Language under the direction of Barbara Martin. We want to make you aware of two one-day Literacy Mission Conference opportunities. The first is Saturday August 26, at Calvary Baptist in Winston Salem; the second is October 21 at Forest Hills Baptist in Raleigh. Contact Barbara Martin if you are interested (martin.barbara.esl@gmail.com).

Fellowship of Baptist Educators (FBE) has been so excited about our shipment of books to the Seminary in Nagaland. We wanted to let you know a little about the area. Our Assistant State Director, Harriet Worsham, wrote this response to some recent questions:

It has been my pleasure to serve alongside Sandy Simpson as Assistant North Carolina Director of Baptist Educators for the past three years. During this time, I have had the privilege of teaching in a Hungarian public school and encouraging folks to donate books and materials from their libraries to FBE to for use in the mission field. Recently we shipped a container of 1,119 boxes of Bibles, study materials, concordances, dictionaries, and songbooks to Nagaland in northeastern India for use in a seminary.

As I gathered information about Nagaland, I found many interesting facts that makes supporting its people very important and timely.

- In 1967, the Nagaland Assembly proclaimed English as the official language of Nagaland and it is the medium for education in Nagaland. This fact makes our publications easily read and understood by the students in the seminary.
- The state's population is 1.9 million, out of which 88% are Christians and one of three Christian-majority states in India.
- The state has a very high-church attendance rate with huge churches present in the cities.
- Nagaland is known as "the only predominantly Baptist state in the world" and Baptists constitute more than 75% of the Christian population there. This is a larger percentage of Baptists than in the United States.

As I thought about this, I realized that our efforts to provide study materials to this Indian state was huge. What better way of spreading the gospel to India than by equipping the Indian preachers to reach their own fellow citizens and women by sending them our used books and materials.

God works in many different and unusual ways to perform His will. What a blessing it was to watch young and old men and women work very hard and tediously to pack the truck. What a blessing to realize that the driver of the truck was a believer. We do not know the rest of the story. We do not know who will read and study the books or who will come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as a result, but we do know that God will use and bless our efforts. To God Be the Glory!

We continue to collect books for another shipment but not yet sure of the location. Contact Sandy Simpson if you would like to send your Bibles, hymnals, commentaries, counseling and study books to the Shelby Mission Camp for packing. You may deliver them to Red Springs Missions Camp near Lumberton if that is more convenient for you.



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Open Hearts and Open Minds



Have you ever noticed that when people come with open hearts and minds to hear what God wants them to do for Him, that churches and families come back together again? There are five weekends that make up the *Church Renewal Journey (CRJ)*, and here is a description of what they mean to us.

Weekend One is the *"Awakening"* weekend. The church assesses where they are in their walk with the Lord—both as a body of believers, and individually. Friday evening begins with a fellowship meal including singing, praising, and hearing team member testimonies. Brief introductory small group sessions facilitated by CRJ team members encourage sharing and learning what God has planned for them over the Awakening weekend.

Saturday morning begins with coffee socials in church members' homes, where the CRJ team leaders stimulate church members to talk about how God is at work in their midst. The coffee groups meet back at the church for lunch and then breakout into a men's and women's fellowship hour, before dispersing. After an afternoon break, the team and church members gather again at the church for a fellowship supper followed by another time of worship, praise and sharing testimonies. The breakout sessions Saturday night challenge church members to share how they see God working in them personally, this weekend.

The *"Spiritual Gifts"* weekend consists of CRJ-led teaching sessions on the specific spiritual gifts God gives to each church member that empower them to do His work, in His way, for His purpose. It is exciting to see people acknowledging, perhaps for the first time, a spiritual gift they may not ever have realized they had before!

Next, comes the *"Marketplace"* weekend which helps each person to identify their own sphere of influence—their workplace, their community, their family—wherever their "marketplace" might be. We all learn how to identify practical ways we can share the love of Jesus with the people we come in contact every day.

During the *"Prayer"* teaching weekend, we study John 17: Jesus' Kingdom Prayer for His disciples—and for us. The focus of this weekend is on praying for the lost, as we become intentional about reaching out to a world in need of a personal relationship with Jesus. The small group meetings during the Prayer weekend are powerful practice for sharing the gospel.

The final weekend is the *"Acts 1:8"* weekend where there is an emphasis on how to "go, and make disciples" as Jesus commanded His disciples. As we learn to share our love for the Lord with others because of His great love for us, we remain thankful that God has grown and blessed us over the years through this ministry opportunity.

If you are interested in possibly scheduling a weekend for your church, please go to <http://baptistsonmission.org/missions/by-type/church-renewal> for an application and more detailed information.

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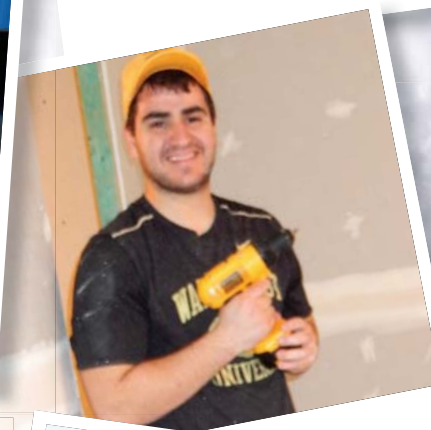
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Disaster Relief HURRICANE BY THE NUMBERS

FROM OCTOBER 8, 2016 UNTIL PRESENT:

31,284 Volunteer Days
4,218 Chaplaincy Visits
472,705 Meal Prepared
1,450 Assessments
1,550 Cleanup jobs completed
14,166 Showers
2,832 Laundry Loads
132 Children Days
62 Salvations

How can you help? Construction teams are needed! We will provide housing, food, building materials, and coordination. We are set up in five locations: Goldsboro, Pender County, Lumberton, Warsaw, and Windsor. Sign up at www.baptistsonmission.org/hurricanematthew



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OFFERING HOPE IN THE STORM

Navigating through the experiences of life can sometimes be a daunting task. So many questions come to mind. Where is God when you need Him? Why did God let this happen? If God is such a loving God, why do good things happen to good people? These and many more are questions that North Carolina Baptist Men/Baptists on Mission volunteers have heard from those we meet in our work in Disaster Relief. The truth is those are not the real questions being asked by survivors of disasters. They are just trying to make some sense out of the turmoil and trauma they have experienced.

The yellow shirts and hats worn by Baptists on Mission volunteers are a symbol of hope and inspiration to many who are affected by the disasters that unexpectedly strike across our land. NCBM DR volunteers respond with compassion and concern for those affected. We are a light in the darkness of despair to those struggling to know what the next step is in their road to rebuilding their lives and homes. We figuratively become the hands, feet and heart of Jesus to them.

As we wrap up the 2017 training cycle, I am pleased to report that we will have over 1,000 people who have joined the DR family or have updated their training this year. In a culture where many focus only on themselves, I am inspired by so many who understand the blessing of serving others in the call of God to "love their neighbor as they love themselves."

As you read through this magazine, my prayer for you is that you too will experience the wonderful call of God to be on Mission with Him. Prayerfully consider how you might join Him in sharing faith, hope and love with a world full of people who desperately need to have a personal encounter with the LIVING LORD.

I offer a GREAT BIG ATTA BOY to all those who have worn the yellow shirt of service to the Glory of God!! You are an INSPIRATION!



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2018 Disaster Relief Training Dates

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

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HERE I AM *Send Me!*

In this series of North Carolina Baptist Disaster Relief articles, we are covering the ministries in detail. Last time I said we would cover the ministries alphabetically. However, one of our Ministry Team Leaders is retiring so I wanted to publish his article about Drivers sooner rather than later.

After completing disaster relief training with North Carolina Baptist Disaster Relief in Elizabethtown, NC, Pat Flowers was asked to go on a mission trip to Sri Lanka. The 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami had devastated many areas in South Asia, and the NCBM were asked to help clean up, rebuild homes, and minister to the people of Sri Lanka. Pat had never traveled internationally and did not have the money needed for the trip. As he walked in his garden early one morning, Pat asked God to show Him how to decide. In less than two weeks, community friends had contributed enough money to pay Pat's travel expenses and Pat knew God had answered his request.

It was a life-changing trip for Pat as he worked alongside the people of Sri Lanka in 115-degree heat mixing cement, building homes, feeding those living in makeshift tents, hearing stories of unimaginable loss, and sharing God's love. The trip ignited a desire for Pat to live out the Great Commission. Pat had the opportunity to travel internationally again, when he accepted the call to Nairobi, Kenya to assist in building a dormitory for seminary students.

Pat Flowers went on to become our Driver Team Leader. His responsibilities include recruiting drivers, scheduling loads, and providing a safe environment. The team consists of retired professional drivers using their skills and training to drive cooking units, shower units, bunking units, a water tanker, and trailers for hauling and delivering supplies. Drivers are held to the same standards as those that work for companies or drive independently.

Drivers are usually one of the first to arrive and the last to leave a disaster. We have four Class 8 trucks that provide the backbone to our transportation plan. The trucks have caretakers for maintenance and general care of the unit. Volunteer drivers usually have to drive to the truck and then go pick up the load. It demands long hours at odd times of the day and week.

Pat and his team of drivers have served in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas after Hurricane Katrina, and in North Carolina, New York, and New Jersey after Hurricane Sandy, not to mention the most recent events in NC - Hurricane Matthew and the Western NC fires.

When asked why he is willing to work so hard volunteering instead of just enjoying retirement, Pat Flowers replied, "People are suffering all around us. If you saw what I saw, you would want to help out, too."

Pat Flowers encourages others to volunteer their time and talents to missions and says that if one feels a hesitancy to serve after being asked, to remember Isaiah 6:8, "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"

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Why Me?

*The question posed through countless ages
With never an answer from the sages.
Queried by those whose young had died
And those whose fall followed their pride.
Wondered by many through sleepless night
As they wrestled with their hopeless plight.*

*"Tis the stars" an astrologer would say,
While the weatherman, "tis nature's way.
"God's wakeup call," pulpiteers would preach,
"Man's burden on the planet," scientist will screech.
The debate will rage, no winner in sight
While those affected care not whose right.*

*Just ask those whose homes stood in Julia's path
Or those who experienced Matthew's wrath.
The dead, the wreckage, their mind in a daze
Worsened as they wander FEMA's alphabet maze.
So, bury the dead and count the damage
Ask not Why Me? It but adds guilt's baggage.*

*To ask by some though is a needful thing
Those whose lives merit a song to sing.
All's right at home, with no needs to speak
Maybe looking ahead to vacation week.
Yellow shirts folded in the drawer so neat
How sweet it is, my life complete.*

*Why pose the question of which we write?
I've nothing to mourn, the sun shines bright.
God's blessed me so, I must be right
HIS answer to me, "**Be The Light**"
Empty words and gestures are just a token.
As you've received give back to the broken.*

*The question I see more clearly now
As on my knees I bow.
Not Why Me? But Why Not Me?
Twas the path Christ chose at Gethsemane.
So give I must of talent, tithe and time
To hear "**Well Done O! Faithful Servant of Mine.**"*



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NCBM/Baptists on Mission

Dedicate Lumberton Rebuild Center

By Larry High

North Carolina Baptist Men/Baptists on Mission have dedicated a new base of operations for Hurricane Matthew disaster relief efforts in the Robeson County area. The Lumberton Rebuild Center will house and feed volunteers working in coming years to restore or rebuild storm-damaged homes. The 12,000-square-foot warehouse facility was purchased and renovated by NCBM/Baptists on Mission. Situated on a four-acre site, the Rebuild Center, at 141 Avent Rd, is near I-95, Exit 17. Previously, Hyde Park Baptist Church served as the area's response site.

The Lumberton Rebuild Center dedication was a ceremony of thanks and praise for the many ways God is allowing Baptists to respond in the hurricane's aftermath. Prayers were voiced for people affected by the hurricane, for volunteers who have and will respond, for the building facility and for the Lumberton/Robeson County area.

"Lumberton was really ground zero for Hurricane Matthew," said Richard Brunson, executive director of NCBM/Baptists on Mission. "The rebuilding stage is really what this building is about." Rebuild efforts also are being coordinated at four other Eastern North Carolina sites - Windsor, Goldsboro, Warsaw and Black River Pender County, added Brunson.

Site Coordinator Billy Layton said the facility can daily accommodate as many as 150 disaster relief volunteers. Multiple sleeping rooms, a kitchen, dining/fellowship area, tool and equipment room, restroom/showers, office and outdoor prayer garden are key features of the center.

"There are lots of people to thank for this building, and I especially want to thank Mayor (Bruce) Davis who connected us with Jim Driscoll," said Brunson. "I want to thank Jim Driscoll and his family for selling this building to us. And for the volunteers who did so much of the work on this building to renovate and set it up as a place to house, feed and coordinate the many rebuilding jobs that will be done through this place in the next few years. "Most importantly, we want to dedicate this building and these efforts to the Lord," concluded Brunson.

Lumberton's mayor remarked, "This is an awesome commitment that Baptist Men have made. I cannot say how much I appreciate Baptist Men; without groups like them we could not achieve the goal of putting our community back together." The mayor introduced several guests instrumental in recovery and relief efforts following the October 8, 2016 hurricane.

Mike Sprayberry, director, NC Emergency Management, told the gathering of Baptists and government officials, "Baptist Men and Women are the 'go-to' volunteer agency in NC. We are partners. We are blessed to have North Carolina Baptist Men and Women." He added, "I know that when Baptist men and women come into our EOC (Emergency Operations Center) we become a better EOC. We are so appreciative, humbled and inspired by what you do. It is such a great mission helping disaster survivors out there.

"Right now I can feel the Lord's presence in this room. We know that this mission is the Lord's mission. I just want to tell you how much you are appreciated and loved. God bless each and every one of you," said Sprayberry.

North Carolina Baptists offering dedicatory prayers and encouragement included: John Butler, executive leader, Business Services, Baptist State Convention of NC; Mike Cummings, director of missions, Burnt Swamp Baptist Association; Robert Simmons, NCBM/Baptists on Mission president; Alan Taylor, director of missions, Robeson Baptist Association; and Tammy Weeks, NCBM/Baptists on Mission prayer coordinator.

Mayor Davis read a proclamation of thanks declaring a North Carolina Baptist Men/Baptists on Mission Day just before the official ribbon cutting ceremony. Surrounded by program participants, Director Brunson wielded scissors cutting the ceremonial ribbon. Gaylon Moss, NCBM/Baptists on Mission disaster relief coordinator, offered the closing prayer of thanks and blessing. Tours of the Rebuild Center followed lunch that was prepared by disaster relief feeding volunteers.



Marriage Mentoring

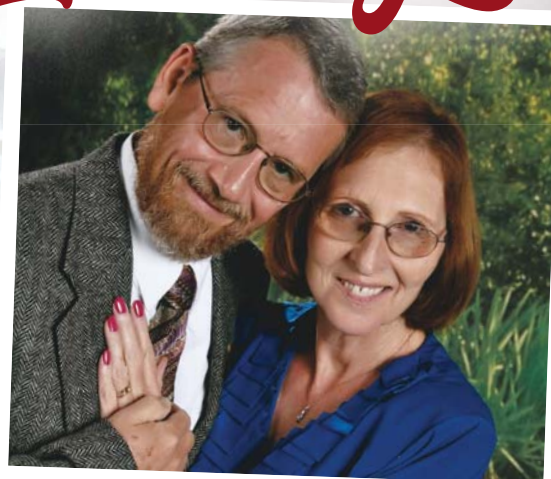
by Dr. Thomas & Linda Marshall

"**M**arriage is tough," says Linda Marshall. "We live in a throw-away society that has brought that mentality into marriage. If it does not seem to be working, just throw it away. Marriage takes work, but it is well worth it." With culture and the media giving us such poor role models, the church needs to develop husbands and wives who will be willing to partner with newly married couples that can develop a positive approach to marriage.

We are all aware of the many statistics that are out there about the issues that threaten and tear apart a marriage. As a local church, many want to know what can be done to turn the tide in our communities and society. There is research to demonstrate that a good premarital program can help a couple get their marriage off to a better start. The research indicates that a mentoring program offered six

months or more prior to the wedding date, and then continuing for six to 12 months after a marriage, are the most effective. This is a great opportunity for a local church to make an impact on their local community.

Dr. Thomas and Linda Marshall have been married for 46 years and have raised three daughters who are happily married. "As a part of Family Foundations, we can tell you that through the many on-going challenges over the years, we have had a determination to make our marriage work. Having a great role model in my (Tom's) parents, we were able to face and defeat the issues that would threaten to tear a marriage apart. I (Tom), an educator, minister, and writer have used what we have learned over the years to also advise and guide others."



Starting a Marriage Mentoring Ministry within your local church can be an exciting and powerful addition to the outreach of your church or community. This type of ministry often ensures that premarital couples get more preparation and get it earlier in their engagement, two of the factors that promote healthier relationships. Marriage Mentors can provide a helpful role during the premarital stage and first year of marriage. For the Marriage Mentors themselves there are great rewards; investing in other couples often is an enriching experience for their own marriages. For the Church, it expands the ministry possibilities, helps to reach young couples, and develops a more sharing and connected feeling among the members of the congregation.

"Just think," asks Tom, "if your church could salvage one marriage, could direct one young couple in the right direction, could change the culture in your community, wouldn't a ministry like this be worth the time and effort spent?" The church can make a difference, if we are willing to be what Jesus calls us to be.

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Marriage 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

November 10-11, 2017

Event Location: Caraway Conference Center
4756 Caraway Mountain Road
Sophia, NC 27350

Price: \$224.00/couple

How to Register: to sign up, visit
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IN THE BATTLE FOR LOST HEARTS, *we all play a crucial role*

This world has become global and it is where we live, where we raise our families, and where we play. It is a mostly post-Christian world. Approximately one third of the world professes to be Christian. Half of those are Catholic. Catholicism has now been replaced by Islam as the world's largest religious community. Eight of 10 people in the world do not know a Christian! One in five in the US do not know a Christian. There is much to be done.

A missionary friend, Brenda Crimm, in Alaska quotes, "We talk of the Second Coming. Half the world has not heard of the First."

"Look! A messenger is coming over the mountains with good news! He is bringing a message of peace." Nahum 1:15. You can play a role in delivering that **good news** of peace that comes from the **Good News of Jesus Christ**. We are all sent. We just go in different ways.

Grab your passport and your "prayer port" and let's visit 10 countries to see God's work and where you may fit into NCBM's International Missions Projects:

South Africa... The Village of Hope where our teams are beginning to build cottages for a new Children's Home.

Kenya... Our teams continue to build Houses of Hope.

Guatemala... Teams work on the Children's Home, in the Medical Center and in evangelism activities.

Honduras... Medical teams, Construction, Bible Clubs, Evangelism.

Haiti... Medical teams are going to work in our clinics, school sponsorships.

Cuba... work in Elder Home, Construction on Seminary, Evangelism.

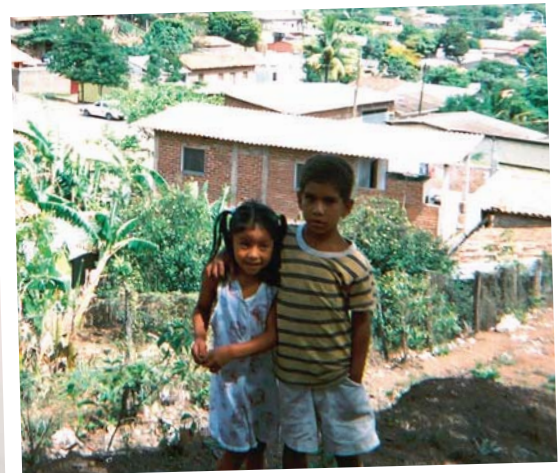
Roma... Teaching in English Bible Camps, working in medical clinics.

Armenia... Conducting medical clinics, church construction, supporting Church planters.

India... Building threshers in the Himalayas, sewing classes, well drilling, sponsor a child.

Gaza Strip... School Sponsorships for the Lighthouse School.

As always we ask that you **Pray, Give and Go**. We now also ask that you **Share**. Share with others what NCBM/Baptists on Mission is doing with our Lord's Blessing. Share the Good News.



On Annie Armstrong's tombstone the quote says, "She hath done all she could." I can only pray that mine would say the same.

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ARMENIA

Making an Eternal Impact

Situated in a part of the world that has been hostile to Christianity for many generations, Armenia is a mission field ripe for harvest. Pastors from restricted access countries often come to Armenia for training and then apply what they have learned when they return to their own countries. Armenian Baptists have been experiencing a great movement of God over the past twenty years. As part of the former Soviet Union with many restrictions on religious freedom and an atheistic government, Armenia had just one Baptist church when the Soviet Union collapsed in 1989. When Baptists on Mission began our Partnership with Armenian Baptists in 2003 there were 80 congregations with 8 building, 2000 total members, and 25 pastors. Now there are over 150 congregations with 30 church buildings, 6000 members, and 110 pastors. God is allowing us to join Armenian Baptists in making an eternal impact!

There are some great things in the works in 2017. A team from the Little River Baptist Association will be completing their fifth church this summer. The Atlantic Baptist Association will be assisting a church planter in the Nagorno-Karabakh region. Campbell University School of Medicine is sending a team of faculty and students to hold medical clinics and to make plans for a greatly expanded ministry in the future. A team from WMU NC will be leading conferences for women from Armenia and some restricted access countries. Light is shining in the darkness!

This is a great time to start planning teams for 2018! There is a wide variety of projects available and we will match your team's assignment to its calling and abilities. There are opportunities to assist in building a new church building for one of the 19 church plants, hold medical clinics, distribute eyeglasses, lead VBS or other community ministries, or teach at the seminary in Yerevan.



There is a place for you in Armenia! For more information on the Armenia Partnership and to schedule your team for 2018, contact Paul Langston. More information can be found at <http://baptistsonmission.org/Missions/Outside-US/Armenia>.

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Complicated Circumstances Inspiring Vision

Cuba

by Silas Gibbs

I first heard about an opportunity for a trip to Cuba when Pastor Brandon presented about the vision trip of which he was able to be a part last Fall. A construction trip promised to be a great deal of work but also an opportunity to be part of the beginning of an exciting new ministry in the Eastern Baptist Convention of Cuba. Though complications threatened to keep us from being part of the trip, on Saturday, April 1, 2017, my wife, Elka, and I joined seven others representing five different North Carolina churches in Santa Clara, Cuba.

Joined by Yadriel, our translator, we crowded into a tiny microbus to travel to Mi Campemento, a retreat center situated halfway between Placetras and Santa Clara. The Eastern Baptist Convention of Cuba now has a vision to convert the property to a seminary capable of serving 250 students to serve the growing Christian community in Cuba and reach the Western end of the island. We were warmly welcomed by Pastor Renee, who is the Convention representative; camp pastor, Gregorio, and his wife, Marlenis, who runs the camp; and the dedicated workers, Luis, Jose, and Bedia.

The team was able to be part of several worship services during the trip. On Sunday, Pastor Brandon preached at Fourth Baptist in Santa Clara, while Todd preached in Placetras. With the church packed with people of all ages filling plastic chairs in the aisle and even standing outside the windows, the atmosphere was exuberant as we joined in despite the language barrier. On Wednesday, one of the highlights of the week, we were able to join Jose at his house church near the camp for another packed, vibrant worship service.

As promised, the work was very difficult and further complicated by worn tools, sweltering humidity, and shortage of supplies. We had originally planned to lay block, but we ended up digging and pouring footers for the new dining hall building. After getting some new shovels, we were able to work more quickly and completed about half of the digging for the building. Unfortunately, we ran out of rocks for the concrete so had to leave some of the pouring for a later team but were glad of what we were able to get done.

Though there is much more work to be done, the excitement of the people that we worked with was evident, and we look forward to seeing how God uses this camp to continue His work in the country of Cuba.

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Group - (From left to right) Pastor Renee (camp pastor), Edith, Bedia (cook), Gary, (grandson), Melenis (wife of Gregorio), Yadriel (kneeling, our translator), Gregorio (camp manager), Pastor Brandon (behind, Iotla Baptist Church), other workers, Barry (seated, ?), Todd (kneeling), Pastor Tom (team leader, Longview Baptist Church), Courtney, Jose, Elka, Silas, Luis



Jose - This inspiring young man turned 18 just the week before we arrived and has already started a small mission house church in his village. Tom was able to arrange for us to attend their service on Wednesday night which ended up being one of the highlights of our week.



The digging was hard work, but we were able to get quite a bit done and were glad for the help provided by Elka to keep our aching and blistered bodies moving



After digging, we spent a morning mixing concrete and began pouring the footers



Construction Teams Needed to Build Children's Cottages in Guatemala

The ministry in Guatemala has been a blessing to many North Carolina Baptists since 2011. Hundreds of volunteers contributed to the construction of a beautiful ministry center in the mountains of Southwestern Guatemala. That facility now houses a community clinic and is the site for on-going leadership training among the Quiche people. Roger and Vicki Grossmann are the missionaries we work with in Guatemala. In 2014, the Grossmanns collaborated with the Baptist Children's Home of North Carolina to open a children's home in the same town as the ministry center. Now, those two ministries are coming together. Two cottages for older children are being built at the ministry center property. Construction teams are needed throughout the end of 2017 and all of 2018 to complete this task! Tim and Vicki Etheridge of Greenville, NC recently went with a team to get the building process started.

"In January, 2017, we were privileged to be part of a five-person adobe-making team in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. Having been on larger adobe-making teams before, we were greatly concerned that our team was only five. Tim and I could not image how five people were going to accomplish much. Ultimately, we trusted that these were the people the Lord had put together, and that He had a plan. Upon arrival in Quetzaltenango, we learned that a team of six Guatemalans would be working alongside us. Gestures, smiles, and laughter transcended the language barrier. We were able to make over 500 blocks for the children's cottage. Indeed, the Lord provided!"

After a long week of work, Sunday was our last full day in Quetzaltenango. We attended church with the children from the Children's Home. We then had lunch with them at Pizza Hut and frosties for dessert at Wendy's. Afterwards, we received a tour of the Children's Home. During all of these activities, it was obvious how well-cared-for the children are. They are extremely polite, and look after one another. It was also obvious how much they love Roger and Vicki - and how much Roger and Vicki love them. What a privilege to be part of a team to assist with the construction of cottages for these children!"

Construction of Two Children's Cottages

Many teams are needed to work at the Good Shepherd Center in 2018. Teams will work on two cottages for older at-risk children. A variety of construction skills will be needed. Teams will have supervision and will work with Guatemalans on-site. Flexibility is a must, as it will be impossible to know exactly what task teams will be doing until a week or two before arrival. There is plenty of work for everyone to do

- men and women. If teams have three construction-oriented people, who can then enlist 2-3 other team members - regardless of skill level - for particular jobs, much can be accomplished!

NOTE: Construction teams have the option of sending 2-3 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.

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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)



Footing are laid for two cottages that will house older children and house-parents in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. Construction teams are needed throughout 2017 and 2018.



An adobe-making team led by Tim and Vicki Etheridge got the construction process started for two children's cottages. The team served in January of 2017.



Team member Eddie Grimsley shares a moment with one of the girls from the Good Shepherd Children's Home (face altered to protect her identity).

An Unforgettable Experience in Honduras

Partnership
Honduras

by Payton Thompson, First Baptist Southern Pines

When my Youth Pastor, Bryan Moore, approached me about joining the college team to go to Honduras this past summer, I immediately knew it was something I should do. I had never been on an international mission trip but have always been interested in doing things out of my comfort zone.

While in Honduras, our team was assigned to build a house for an elderly woman who lived with four or five other family members in a 20' x 16' one-room house. We quickly settled into our work. I had never felt heat like this before, but the hard physical labor encouraged me to pray for strength over every block I helped lay.

When not working on the house, we were playing with the local Honduran children. I have always loved playing with kids, but this was something special. I speak very little Spanish and they spoke absolutely no English. However, the language barrier did not stop us from connecting. The kids were the absolute sweetest! They loved playing with my hair, hugging me, laughing at me when I tried to speak Spanish. Best of all, they loved playing sports! We brought baseballs and soccer balls to play with them. This helped break the language barrier.

One boy in particular made an impression on me. His name was Anthony and was only seven years old. Anthony had the prettiest brown eyes I have ever seen. He longed for our attention, and we gave it to him! His laugh, so contagious and adorable, was displayed any time we made a silly face at him. Anthony showed me the love of Jesus in ways that he will probably never know. Anthony loved the team and me unconditionally.

Like Anthony, a great number of Hondurans are in financial poverty, but a great number of Americans are impoverished when it comes to community. The Hondurans we met were so eager to spend quality time with us, as opposed to playing video games or watching Netflix like we Americans often do. This experience was one that I definitely will never forget and I cannot wait to go back soon!

NCBM/Baptists on Mission have sent teams to Honduras since 1998. As with Payton's 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!



Honduras is a place where most anyone can serve. A team may do construction, evangelism, and children's ministry. Come discover your life-changing experience in Honduras!



A group of young people from FBC Southern Pines build a house in Honduras. The church has a long history of involving its college and high school students in hands-on missions.



Relationships built during the course of the week are both eye opening and life changing. Bryan Moore, minister of youth and students, serves as team leader each year.

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The 2018 dates are available. Please call (919) 459-5607 or e-mail mabernathy@ncbaptist.org to secure a mission date for your church.

You can also visit our website at www.baptistsonmission.org (Mission Projects/Outside US/Honduras) for more information, including pictures of the ministry.

Partnership Kenya

God at Work in the Faraway Land of... kenya

by Charlene High, Unity Baptist Church, Gastonia

The melodic sound of children's voices filled the air as we looked out over a sea of beautiful smiling faces. Over six hundred primary school students, dressed in red, white, and green uniforms, were seated on the ground in front of Karanda School in Ahero. Their words, though heavily accented, were in English, so we knew they were singing about Jesus! Our seven-member team, along with the Kenyan pastors who interpreted for us, shared the love of Jesus through puppets, songs, and a simple Biblical message. When asked if anyone would like to have Jesus come into their heart, almost every hand was raised! While seeds had been planted previously, we were there to witness the harvest and to be reminded that accepting Christ with the simple faith of a child is all that is required to enter into Heaven.

That was just one part of our experience in Kenya as volunteers with the Houses of Hope Project. Working alongside local villagers and skilled laborers, we participated in the construction of four simple African village homes made of sticks, mud, and a corrugated metal roof. Whether it was digging a hole in the ground for poles, hammering sticks to the sides of the house, or simply carrying materials, there was something that each of us could do.

We were privileged to visit with the recipient of each new home. This included Dorothy, a young widow, and Eunice, another young widow with three children to support. Jennifer, age 73, has only 2 of her 11 children still living and yet somehow manages to care for her young grandson. Finally, we met Anna, age 56, whose home was literally falling down around her. Experiencing their desperation, their poverty, and their humility made a lasting impression upon each of us.

Our team was given the opportunity to share the Gospel by going door-to-door throughout each village. While their homes are simple by American standards, with dirt floors, no running water and no electricity, the people welcomed us inside and listened attentively as we told them about Jesus' love and His gift of eternal life. Over and over, people prayed to receive Christ. We invited them to join us for the House Dedication Service at the end of the day. These services were filled with singing, clapping, a Bible presentation, a brief message and an invitation. Hearing so many of these precious people pray to receive Christ reassured us that God is at work in a mighty way in this faraway land of Kenya!"

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!



Salem Fork team members stand with Kenyan family who received a new home.



Team member Charlene High and Kenyan school children with whom the team was able to share the Gospel.



Salem Fork Baptist team members at work building one of four houses for Kenyan widows.

CONTACT

A trip to Kenya and participation in the Houses of Hope ministry can be arranged almost any time during the year. Simply call the NCBM's office with a 13-day travel time frame in mind. Ideally, trips begin on a Tuesday and conclude on the following Friday. Cost of the trip includes approximately \$950 for ground costs (which includes a one-night stay in one of Kenya's world famous game parks), plus the cost of airfare, which runs from \$1,300-\$2,000, 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.

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Making an Eternal Impact by Meeting Physical Needs

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

You can make an eternal impact through a one-time donation or monthly support of projects in partnership with nationals we know and trust in a place where there is great physical and spiritual need. Each of these projects, in addition to meeting physical needs, offers hope through the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ.

South Africa

Give a chance at life to a child left to die in a field for \$20 a month. Help build a cottage that will house six children and a host couple at the Village of Hope. You can help offset the cost of building cottages (total cost for a cottage is \$30,000).

Cuba

Buy chickens and fruit trees to supplement the food supply of retired pastors and local believers by purchasing fruit trees for \$2, chickens for 50 cents, or goats for \$45. Assist with the cost of building a seminary in Santa Clara.

Haiti

Provide construction materials for a school, help fund the construction of a medical clinic, pay a teacher's salary (\$100/month), or sponsor a child for \$30/month. You can also send a team to help repair a hurricane-damaged roof or work in the medical clinic.

Armenia

Sponsor a church planter for \$150 per month so that they can penetrate the spiritual darkness. There are five church planters currently without assistance.

North India

Sponsor a child at a home for HIV positive children for \$67.47 per month.

Kenya

A donation of \$400 will build a House of Hope in which a Bible study will be started.

Africa

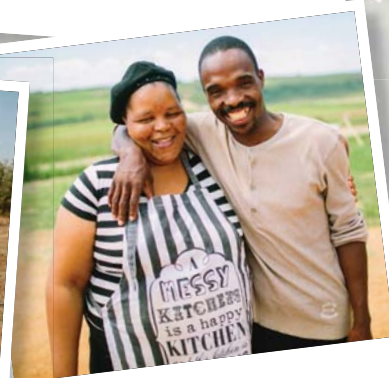
You help sponsor a church planter in one of seven African countries for \$400 per month, decreasing by \$75 per month each year over 5 years.

Gaza

Do you hear God calling you to help support a Christian school in their Muslim world at Lighthouse School for \$40 per month?

Guatemala

At Good Shepherd Medical Clinic, you can sponsor a patient for \$7 so that they can receive medical care.



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Partnership Roma Gypsies

Roma

Since 2014, NCBM/Baptists on Mission have been hosting English Bible Camps in the public schools in Hungary. Alicia Jones gives testimony below of the impact of the work in the schools as churches are being planted in these communities.

The Birth of a Church

by Alicia Jones, Baptists on Mission's on-site coordinator and missionary to the Roma

Since the Fall of 2014 I've lived in my current town, Nagyhalász. Together with my ministry partner, Tünde we moved here after a summer camp in the local school hosted by NC Baptists on Mission. At the closing program of the camp we saw God do an incredible work and we knew He was calling us here. The principal and his wife along with more than 200 others came forward at the invitation. This large movement of people showed us that God is drawing the people in this town and they are open to the gospel message. Since coming here, we have worked diligently to preach the gospel and live lives of faith before the interested crowds.

It's been almost three years since that first camp and two more camps have been held. The principal of the school, along with a few other followers have been baptized. Our dream day after day has been that we see a Baptist church planted in this community.

On Tuesday, April 4 that dream became reality in this small town in Hungary as by God's grace a new Baptist Church was founded! Later this year, the Baptist Union will vote to accept the church into the union at their annual convention. We established the church with 10 founding members who are baptized believers and one prospect member who hopes to be baptized within the year and join the church. The founding pastor, József, an ordained minister serving as pastor of another Baptist church, will continue to visit the church once a month. Our local leader, Barnabas, is a soon to be ordained pastor who is also serving as the School Chaplain. The church meets every Sunday in someone's home and once a month in a larger service in the school. At the larger service, many non-believers from our community come to see what's happening.

During our founding service on Tuesday afternoon, we sang together, heard the word together, broke bread together, prayed together and shared together. The most touching moment was hearing the principal share testimony to what God has done in his life and reflecting on just how special the moment was to him.

Praise God for this new church!



A New Church Begins



Roma Gypsy Children in Village



Roma Gypsy Kindergarten



Roma Medical Mission



Roma Woman

2018 team dates will be available in October. For more information for how your church can become involved in the work among the Roma in either Hungary, Romania or Ukraine, visit, <http://baptistsonmission.org/Missions/Outside-US/Roma-People>. Call or e-mail Teresa Jones, (800) 395-5102, ext. 5573 or tajones@ncbaptist.org.

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South Africa – Door of Hope Divine Intervention

New Partnership
South Africa
Door of Hope

Wrapped in a plastic bag, discarded in garbage cans, thrown in dumpsters, left in public toilets, thrown in rivers, or left in hospitals and parks, many children in Johannesburg, South Africa face certain death each day without immediate intervention. Since its beginning in 1999, Door of Hope has rescued over 1,500 infants and has provided temporary Christian homes for abandoned, aborted, abused, and orphaned babies and children. The Door of Hope operates a number of baby homes, not institutions, where babies enjoy the loving care of Christian caregivers and volunteers until arrangements can be made for their adoption.

Participants in this partnership will have the opportunity to build small cottages that will house six children along with a host couple. Cottages will be built of a lightweight interlocking cement blocks on site, cure for about three weeks, be dipped in a mortar mix, and then stacked to build the cottages. The process is quite simple and does not require skilled labor. Trip dates will be available for almost any time in 2018.

Length of Trip – The basic trip will include an 8-day stay in South Africa: departure from NC on a Friday evening; worship and orientation on Sunday; work at the Village of Hope near Johannesburg on Monday through Friday; a choice of optional activities on Saturday; worship and departure on Sunday, and arrival in NC on Monday morning. Extensions are available if a church would like to assist a church planter in Central Drakensburg, and/or visit a game park. The length of your trip will determine trip cost (see below).

Trip Cost – Total cost will be dependent on: 1) number of members on the team, and 2) the current cost of airfare. Cost per person will be the cost of airfare + \$55 per person per day for field costs. Field costs include lodging, most meals, in-country transportation, orientation, and insurance. Some personal spending money will be needed for a few meals and souvenirs.

Material Costs – Each team must provide the cost of materials for construction projects. Unless otherwise stated, the cost for most construction projects will be a minimum of \$5,000 per team, with a goal of \$10,000. Cost of each cottage will be \$30,000 and three teams should be able to build a cottage. The goal is to have three teams cover the cost of a cottage. This amount must be received in our office 30 days prior to your departure date so that job site preparation may begin and materials delivered on-site prior to your arrival.

Teams – Teams should be comprised of no less than five members and no more than 14. On-site coordinators will arrange logistics for teams. Housing and food logistics vary based on work location. Some teams may be asked to help with their food preparation. Applicants must be at least 16 years old to participate.

Living and Working Conditions – Those participating in this effort must be flexible and willing to work as a member of the team. Travel, living, and working conditions may be difficult at times. Once applications and deposits are received, team members will be given information that will answer many questions about the trip. An orientation provided for each team prior to departure.



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Health Screening Ministry

Identify Preventable Health Issues

The NCBM/Baptists on Mission Health Screening Ministry addresses the needs of patients who may not have access to adequate or affordable preventative health care. Many times these individuals do not know they are suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes, high cholesterol, obesity, and hypertension. These chronic health diseases will cause other major issues, such as heart disease, eye disease, and/or depression, if left untreated. The Health Screening Ministry is designed to identify these preventable health issues and address their underlying causes.

Within the first 2 years of this ministry, over 600 patients have been screened. One-third of these patients were identified with one or more of the following: pre-diabetes or new onset diabetes, hypertension, high risk for heart disease, and/or depression.

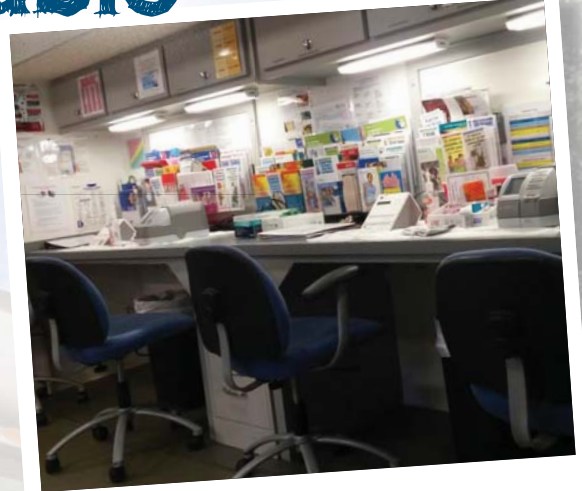
Currently, we are working with the North Carolina Community Health Center Association and Federally Qualified Health Centers to offer referral sources for each of the Health Screening Ministry mobile clinics. It is necessary that those diagnosed with chronic preventative illnesses can receive treatment and follow-up care at a local health facility after the initial screening at the mobile health clinic.

It is important to involve students and collegiate healthcare programs in the Health Screening Ministry as well. Utilized as a community health instructional setting, students are exposed to the needs of rural communities, homeless populations, and poverty-stricken areas of the state. Students are able to see how Christians care for the poor, and are exposed to the gospel themselves, as they hear the message of Christ presented to the patients through the volunteer staff.

We trust that these works bring honor to the name of Jesus in showing love for our neighbors. This ministry allows us to meet not only a physical need, but a spiritual need as well.

— Ron Halbrooks, MD

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Testimony

from Tysons Creek Baptist Church
Dental Clinic: March 11, 2017

What a wonderful weekend we had! Our dental bus ministry was certainly a success in every way this weekend. We saw 21 dental patients and 9 hygiene patients. A1c testing was performed for 24 patients. We had 2 people to accept Christ, and our Pastor even changed his sermon and his entire message was about witnessing for the dental bus! It was certainly a blessing.

We had a box of Super Large Print Bibles. We gave out every Bible we had and a lot of other literature – books and pamphlets. Those old people loved the "super large" print. I even got a hug from one gentleman when he got his Bible! He could not see his current Bible and with tears in his eyes, he told me he could not read the Bible any longer. He said, "I can see this Bible to read it"! Everyone also got a large bag of food items. Last year, we gave out hygiene kits. We had so many people ask for food last year so this year we gave out a bag full of food to everyone. It was a wonderful day. We both have said this was the best clinic so far for Tyson's Creek. We get just as much a blessing out of this as the people we serve do! — Terry and Julian Smith

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Ed Couch, Jerry and Cecilia Kuiper, Jack and Alice Johnson for their devoted years of service to the NC Baptist Mobile Dental Ministry. Ed, Jerry, Cecilia, Jack and Alice recently retired from this ministry as bus drivers and hosts.



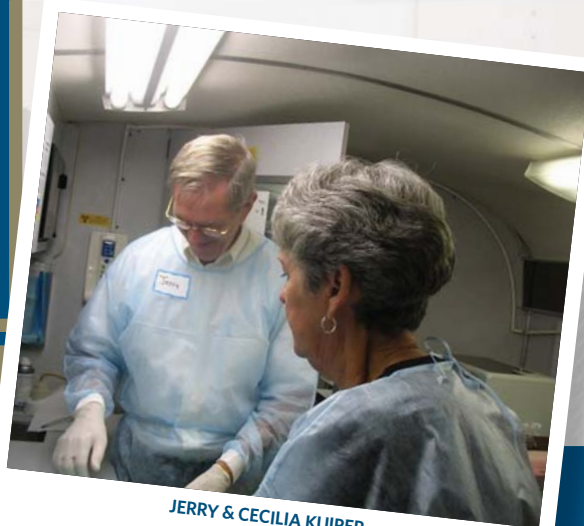
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JACK & ALICE JOHNSON

HELP WANTED: VOLUNTEERS with Class B CDL license to drive the mobile dental units. The Int'l truck and the Bluebird bus are housed in Cary. Volunteers need to live within an hour of Cary or have a means to stay overnight in the Cary area. Drivers work together with volunteer hosts to set up the dental unit and dental equipment. No dental experience is required. The requirements are: a current CDL Class B license, a clean driving record and a Christian desire to serve others.

HELP WANTED: VOLUNTEER DENTISTS, DENTAL ASSISTANTS AND HYGIENISTS to provide dental services at mobile dental clinics. The sponsoring church/organization relies on local dental professionals to volunteer their service on board the mobile dental unit. The mobile units are equipped for urgent care dental needs, i.e., fillings and extractions. Dental equipment, instruments, and supplies are provided on the units.



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First-Time Mission Trip Changes Church

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. Red Branch Baptist Church in Carthage, NC took their first mission trip to the Appalachian region in the summer of 2016. Here is an account of their experience, shared by team leader Phyllis Johnston:

"In April, 2016, several members of our church heard about the opportunity for mission trips, especially in the West Virginia area. Our group got excited, brought that excitement back to our church and the work began. After being partnered with an Appalachian congregation, we started collecting clothes, food and school supplies. Soon, a group of excited people from 9 to 78 years old, were ready to go to Mallory, West Virginia. For some this was their first mission trip. We didn't know exactly what to expect but did know that the Lord was in this endeavor!"

After a period of communication and preparation, our team arrived at the Big Springs Missionary Baptist Church in June. At the time our team served, the church had no pastor – only a few faithful members who seemed very happy to see us and to have us serve there within the church and community. After a brief tour and explanation of what was needed, everyone went to work. First, we unloaded our truck full of supplies and got to work on their clothes closet, which was in need of some tender-loving care. Some of the men began construction on the on-site apartment that the church owns. Others began cleaning yards, moving furniture, mopping floors or whatever else was needed.

On Saturday, we had an Open House, providing a hot dog lunch for all who could come. Flyers had been distributed throughout the community. Tables containing household items, bags of groceries, back-to-school backpacks were available to those who came. The newly cleaned and well-stocked clothes closet was opened, providing shoes and more household goods. On Saturday night, we invited all church members to come and join us for a spaghetti dinner and a time of fellowship.

Bonds were formed with these precious people. Our own hearts were changed as well. As we left, we felt we had made a real difference. Upon returning home, we began praying with them that God would send them an energetic, loving Pastor. We have stayed in touch through Facebook, phone calls, and texts. Recently, we rejoiced with them as they shared the news of their calling of a new pastor. We are excited about returning this summer to serve again with the church members and their new pastor. Thank God for this special blessing!"

The Appalachian Coalfields Ministry, sponsored by North Carolina Baptist Men, 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.



The team from Red Branch Baptist in Carthage plan to return to Mallory, WV this summer after a life-changing first mission trip in 2016.



Part of Red Branch's ministry involved cleaning, organizing, and running the clothes closet as part of a community outreach.



The Red Branch team also helped with renovation of an on-site apartment that the church owns.

HELP!

We need churches, Sunday School classes, families, and individuals to help with the collection and filling of backpacks for the 2017 Appalachian Christmas Outreach. Go to www.baptistsonmission.org/ac02017 to learn more!

CONTACT

Project requests for 2018 mission teams will be ready by late September.

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)

North Carolinians Serving in "Paradise"

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For the past several years, Jimmy and Ashley Tucker have served as camp directors at Pu'u Kahea Baptist Conference Center on the island of Oahu. Owned and operated by the Hawaii-Pacific Baptist Convention, the camp provides a place for people from all over the islands to come and enjoy a time of spiritual retreat. North Carolina teams and couples have provided valuable service in keeping the camp operational since 2004. Following are some thoughts from the Tuckers:

"Pu'u Kahea means 'hill of calling,' and several North Carolina couples have answered the call on their lives to serve at this beautiful facility located on the west shore of Oahu in a town called Waianae, Hawaii. Pu'u Kahea Conference Center is the state Baptist conference center of the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention. With only three full time staff, continued ministry is highly dependent upon our volunteers. North Carolina Baptists supply over half of our yearly volunteers.

Long time volunteers, Chuck and Mae Copper from Spruce Pine, North Carolina, are currently serving their fifth consecutive year at the center. They enjoy serving in areas such as landscaping, laundry and meal service for our guests. They have served several different types of group during their stay at Pu'u Kahea, such as youth groups, private school retreats, public school band camp, churches, and ministries on the island of Oahu. Each of these groups of guest are always very complimentary on their stay and often thank the volunteers through a written note or kind word. On Chuck and Mae's days off, they enjoy hiking and seeing sights around Oahu. Without volunteers, Pu'u Kahea would not be able to serve our guests with excellence in every aspect of their stay."

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

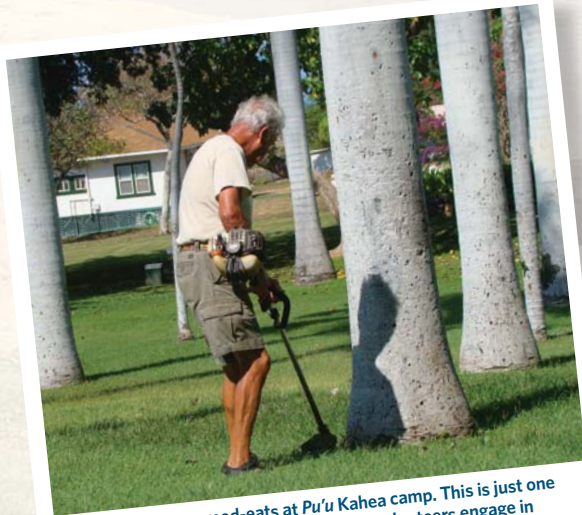
Pray about how you may become involved in assisting the Pu'u Kahea Baptist Conference Center in fulfilling their God-given task! Contact Mark Abernathy with NCBM/Baptists on Mission at (800) 395-5102, ext. 5607 or by e-mail at mabernathy@ncbaptist.org for more information.



Volunteer Mae Copper engages in a bit of camp beautification. She and husband Chuck have served at Pu'u Kahea for the past several years.



Reba Tucker prepares for the arrival of a group staying at Pu'u Kahea. She and husband Richard have served at the camp several times in past years.



Chuck Copper weed-eats at Pu'u Kahea camp. This is just one of many tasks that North Carolina volunteers engage in during their time of service.

CONTACT

Teams and couples will be 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).

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A "True Partnership" With Our Partners in new england

By Rev. Chris Autry, Lead Pastor, Faith Community Church, Barre, Vermont

Since 2005, North Carolina Baptists have assisted Vermont Baptists in sharing the gospel throughout every village, town and hamlet in the Green Mountain State. You have planted churches, held block parties, renovated buildings, built offices, nailed down roofs, encouraged our pastors their families, trained our leadership, and even sent pastors and families to serve among us. You have strengthened the gospel presence throughout the four corners of our state. Now it is our turn to "return the favor" by sending teams to work in various parts of North Carolina!

In October of 2016, many of us watched native Vermonter Jim Cantore of the Weather Channel wading through the "river" of I-95 in Lumberton, NC in the wake of Hurricane Matthew's devastation. Several of us were in contact with our friends who lived in the area and before the day was over, we knew that this was our chance to give back.

Beginning in February, the Green Mountain Baptist Association has sent two teams comprised of volunteers from six of our churches to serve alongside NCBM Disaster Relief and the Robeson Baptist Association. We assisted with the rebuild effort of five homes. We shared the gospel over dozens of times. We provided storm-affected families gift cards, box fans, Bibles and food to bless them in their recovery.

While in North Carolina, God impressed upon our hearts the need to have a better sense of unity among fellow believers here in Vermont. For the most part, we did not know each other until we boarded the van to make the 14-hour trip south. Many of our church members do not spend more than two hours a week (Sunday morning church time) with other believers. To experience a week on mission in sweet Christian fellowship left us wondering how we can better unite to serve together in our own state. Prayers and plans are made to create a stronger more united Green Mountain Baptist Association.

North Carolina, we came to bless you - but like you have done so well over the years - you blessed us! Thank you for your partnership with our state. We pray that we can continue to "return the favor" for years to come!"

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/Baptists on Mission 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].



The first team of Vermont volunteers came to serve in Lumberton in February 2017. Having seen the devastation of Hurricane Matthew on our state, they knew they had to come help.



The second team of Vermonters came in April. It was their desire to "give back" to their Partner state. North Carolina has been in partnership with Vermont since 2005.



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

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North Carolina Baptist volunteers are serving throughout the state of Pennsylvania this summer and reaching people for Christ in a variety of ways. Since 2008, North Carolina Baptists have made a big difference to the work of many church planters in the Keystone state. Because of the close proximity to our own state, some in our state express surprise that a gospel witness is needed in Pennsylvania.

Once a hotbed of Christian activity, the state of Pennsylvania, like many states in the Northeastern segment of our nation, has become less and less "churched" over the past several decades. It is estimated that more than 80% of Pennsylvania's 12 million inhabitants do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Barry Whitworth, Executive Director/Treasurer, and the staff at the Baptist Resource Network of Pennsylvania/South Jersey are working to change all that. The multiplication of healthy, growing churches is something that is near and dear to his heart. Pennsylvania utilizes eight Church Planting Catalysts who are committed to the furtherance of the Gospel through new church starts. Recruiting energetic, dedicated couples to serve throughout the state is the starting point. Getting them there is just the first step. Pennsylvania utilizes a system called Multiplying Church Centers. A Multiplying Church Center (MCC) consists of a pastor, with an established church, who either is an experienced church planter or has a heart for church planting, who is also competent of the ins and outs of church planting. These pastors are extremely knowledgeable in the area of church planting and have a heart for advancing the Kingdom and spreading the Gospel to everyone. Once a potential church planter successfully completes our assessment process, they are placed in an MCC for further hands on training.

Another key element that helps church planters succeed in Pennsylvania is the utilization of volunteer mission teams. Each year, North Carolina churches are making great contributions through sports outreach, Backyard Bible Clubs, construction assistance, music outreach, and more. Rev. Whitworth says about the ministry of NC volunteer teams, "It helps us have a presence in the community. The heart that you bring to Pennsylvania is the same heart our church planters have and that is to love people and to share the love of Jesus Christ. Any time you put those two together you have chemistry, and when you have chemistry, something explosive can happen. That explosion is people coming to faith in Christ!" He goes on to say that "you (NC Baptists)

become an extension of our church plants and we are seeing fruit from what is taking place in these projects."

There is much to be done. We need you and your church to serve in Pennsylvania in 2018. Many new requests will be submitted by September of this year. We will need teams to respond. These requests represent church planter couples and existing Pennsylvania congregations who need help in reaching their lost communities for Christ. Will you pray about responding to these needs? Find out more on our website www.baptistsonmission.org [Mission Projects/United States/Pennsylvania].

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Pennsylvania Partnership Requests for 2018 will be in by September. 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).



A mission team from Oakdale Baptist in Rocky Mount, NC helps FBC Altoona, PA with some construction needs.



A mission team from Mount Sinai in Shelby, NC conducts a "park party" in Central Pennsylvania.



A mission team from Kenly Missionary Baptist in Kenly, NC leads children in VBS activities in York, PA.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN

This summer, Director of Missions Richard Weeks will lead the eleventh team from the Eastern Baptist Association to the Rocky Mountain area to serve through NCBM's Rocky Mountain Work & Witness ministry. This year, the trip will lead them to Helena, Montana to assist in the construction of a worship center for Big Sky Fellowship. Rev. Darren Hales started and currently pastors the church. Darren and his wife Susan moved from North Carolina to Montana in 2006 and began the church in their home. God has blessed, and now they are ready to construct their first building. North Carolina Baptists are privileged to be able to help them in this way. In all, twenty mission teams are scheduled to serve. Many blessings come from serving on a team like this. Richard shares a special one that he as a Director of Missions has noticed

"The Rocky Mountain partnership has been extremely important to our association through the years. We have sent teams to New Mexico, Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming on church build projects. By partnering with the churches of our association on these mission trips, we have built relationships and created a culture of disciple-making."

Many memories have come out of our trips over the years, but one common denominator runs through each one - the leadership of Ed and Helen Helms. As I said earlier, it is our desire to build relationships and create a culture of disciple making when we take these mission trips. Ed and Helen have been the most important part of us being able to do this. Let me explain. Over the years, we have taken pastors on their first mission trip. Each time we have had at least one say that they did not have a clue as to why they would go on a construction mission. Because of this, they were hesitant about going. However, each time they shared that God would not rest until they said "yes" to His call. So reluctantly, they would give in, board a plane, and head out on the mission. This is where Ed Helms always steps in. He seems to have a sense for which team member needs a little extra attention and exactly how to interact with them. He always finds just the right project that he can coach them in, making them feel important. I feel that it is because of this attentiveness by Ed that year after year those pastors whom he has worked with are now the first ones to sign up for the next trip! In addition, they bring church members with them! We thank God for Ed and Helen Helms!"

Ed and Helen Helms are members of Reepsville Baptist in Lincolnton, North Carolina. This will be their seventh year coordinating teams for the Rocky Mountain Work & Witness ministry. Please pray for Ed and Helen and for the teams who will serve throughout the summer. Pray also for

Rev. Darren Hales and the Big Sky congregation, that their church will be a beacon of light to those around them. Pray also that God will reveal the next congregation that we as North Carolina Baptists can bless, and be blessed by, in 2018.



NCBM Project Coordinator Ed Helms consults with pastor Marty Rostad at Rocky Mountain Work & Witness project in Wyoming.



Director of Missions Richard Weeks works with Eastern Association team members in church construction through NCBM's Rocky Mountain Work & Witness ministry.



Rocky Mountain Work & Witness team members work on preparing dry wall for a new church building.

CONTACT

Cook teams of 8-10 will also be 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).

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NC Churches Assisting NC Churches

Fleeing your home country and having to endure the pain of walking away from your family, friends, and everything you own can be almost unbearable for an immigrant. Hope Valley Baptist Church has made that transition a little easier by turning the house that was formerly their church office into a residence for immigrants. Volunteers from Hope Valley Baptist Church, sister churches in the Yates Baptist Association, and other churches across the state have renovated Hope House in Durham to provide temporary refuge.

Several feet of water from Hurricane Matthew flowed through Goldsboro Korean Baptist Church. This small congregation was one of those NCBM/Baptists on Mission were able to assist with financial support and volunteer labor. When they returned to their newly renovated sanctuary on March 19, 2017, it was a day of great celebration. This is just one of 12 churches NCBM/Baptists on Mission were able to help through the generous support of churches and individuals. Teams are still working on Fair Bluff Baptist church and West Lumberton Baptist Church.

Can a volunteer team help your church or association renovate a building to start a Thrift Store, offer a sports camp, doing construction, reach out through an evangelistic event or emphasis, hold lead a block party, or reach your community in other ways? For more information, please contact Paul Langston or go to www.baptistsonmission.org/missions/north-carolina.



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

Missions Camps

Shelby Mission Camp



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

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

Plan a Trip

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

How Can I Help?

Current Needs: Construction is a big part of what we do as we help hurting people. We need skilled help with roofing, plumbing, HVAC and electrical. Help is also needed for building wheelchair ramps, floor replacement, painting or yardwork. Whatever your skill level we have a place for you.

For those that prefer other ministry opportunities, bible schools, sports camps, senior adult ministry of various kinds, the potato project, Books on Mission, and working with other helping ministries in our communities are also needs.

Location – GPS will not find our location at 302 Sharpton Drive in Shelby, NC; however, you can use 1327 S Lafayette Street, Shelby, NC 28152, which is located directly across the street. We do have a street sign for Sharpton Drive, which is off Hwy 18 (Lafayette Street). Our sign, **Baptists on Mission – NCBM**, is at the entrance of Sharpton Drive and we are at the end of the street.

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

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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. Oftentimes 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 North Carolina. We are assisting affected homeowners with various projects like roofing, floor repair, sheetrock installation and more. Sign up at www.baptistsonmission.org/hurricanemattthew

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: (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

Tabor City—Matthew 25 house provides temporary housing for families visiting loved ones in prison. If you would like to help with the framing and drying in of this facility, contact Greg Riggs at (919) 730-0920, griggs7013@gmail.com.



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SAVE THE DATE FOR April 28/May 5, **2018**

Statewide Inasmuch Day!



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FOCUSED THE KEY WORD

Churches throughout the state are beginning to see how focused prayer is a key component to revitalizing the church and the importance of unified prayer teams starting within their church. Many churches have requested a time of training for focused prayer and prayer walking with a desire to start or refocus prayer teams in the church. Those that have been a part of this are seeing the Power of an Almighty God through focused Prayer...key word is FOCUSED.

God is calling men into the ministry right out of our local congregations and placing them as shepherds' of the flocks He has chosen. Salvation reports are coming in as well as increased mission involvement. People's hearts and lives are changed. Barriers are torn down. People are more outwardly focused and less inwardly focused. In one association relationships are being built among the people as churches are uniting together to help each other with construction projects, bible studies, prayer and encouragement, prayer meetings becoming prayer walks, church parlors are now intercessory prayer rooms. Pastors are coming together in phenomenal numbers doing study groups, praying together for churches as they have committed to do whatever it takes to revitalize the church... not their church but **The Church**.

Encouragement received from NCBM/Baptist Convention staff about the monthly Baptist Building prayer walks:

There has been an increased openness among staff in sharing prayer requests and answers to prayer. Several significant prayers have been answered, i.e. a staff member's father surrendering to Christ, a staff member's son getting a long-awaited job, and a difficult pregnancy resulting in the birth of a healthy child. The NCBM staff, especially, is excited to see the team come the first Friday of each month and receives a breath of fresh air and encouragement. Another team in the building has repeatedly underscored how they are humbled to be included in prayers from servant-hearted prayer warriors. Overall, I feel that the prayer team has helped generate a greater sense of community among staff members whose assignments do not necessarily overlap on a regular basis.

Prayer walkers learn to pray beyond their own concerns and needs and intercede for the needs and concerns of others. Have you ever thought of how it would be to walk alongside Jesus like the Disciples did and witness His

Miracles first hand? Well let me say that prayer

walking is just that ... Walking with Jesus and experiencing His Miracles. Ephesians 6 tells us to pray for others with persistence and the power of the Holy Spirit. In Joshua 6 where God directed the Israelites to march around the city of Jericho a number of times and yield a loud shout, their obedience brought down the wall.

Intercessory prayer walks for the North Carolina Missions Conference and all ten Mission Rally sites from the coast to the mountains unleashed God's power through the presence of the Holy Spirit. Consider answering the call to prayer and join us... we need more Prayer Warriors!

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HOOSIER, SYCAMORE, COUGAR, WOLFPACKER

John Griggs is a native of Indianapolis, IN (therefore a Hoosier). He was Indiana State University's (the Sycamores) top passing quarterback during the 1973 and 1974 seasons. Moving to NC after two years teaching and coaching in his hometown, John coached football, basketball, and golf at Apex High School (Cougar country) for 12 years. After earning a master's degree in 1990, he accepted a position on the mathematics faculty at NCSU and spent the past 27 years as a Wolfpacker. And that's the "rest of the story."

But first, there is that significant event in 1981 that was, without doubt, a part of God's plan for this young man who had led his Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter in college. His marriage to lovely and talented Traci was a match made in Heaven. As a couple, they have chosen to honor God in every aspect of their lives. They are members of Fairview Baptist in Apex. Both of them have been on mission in Cuba twice, and Traci serves on NCBM/Baptists on Mission's Cuba Ministry Team. John serves on the Sports & Recreation Ministry Team.

Just after arriving on the NCSU campus in 1990, John approached the athletic department about volunteering his services. The men's basketball team was in need of a team statistician, so John began a six-year stint travelling with the Wolfpack. In 1996, the same year he became assistant math department head, the university asked him to become the head arena statistician for men and women's basketball. He earned his PhD in 2000. Today he leads a crew of 10 people who keep the official stats at PNC Arena and the beautifully remodeled Reynolds Coliseum, the arena that brought big-time college basketball to our state. When John teaches a statistics class in the math department, his students use a textbook he authored.

John's involvement with our Sports & Recreation Ministry Team and his position at the university have us excited about the potential to introduce children, youth, and adults in our churches to Christian role models in the university's athletic program. For example, NC State Athletic Director Debbie Yow is a committed believer. Keep your eyes and ears open for information about a possible NCM/Baptists on Mission event at a game in Raleigh during November/December 2017.



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2018 NCBM Fall Golf Tournament for Men, Women, and Youth - Keith Hills, Buies Creek, NC - May 5, 2018

You can register online at:

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

Cost - \$55 per person (includes dinner). Prizes awarded for First and Second Place Teams, closest to the pin, and longest drive. **Deadline for entry - April 27, 2018**

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

12:30 - 1:00 Tee Times (Times will be sent to the team captain one week prior)

5:30 - 6:00 Dinner and Awards

We would like to invite all men, women, and youth golfers to join us for a day of fun and fellowship. We encourage you to use this opportunity to strengthen relationships with people in your church and more importantly as an outreach to co-workers, neighbors, and others. For more information please contact Tom Beam or Johnny Childers (see *contact above*).

Church Revitalization through

MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT

Faith without works is dead! James 2:17

Johnson Baptist Church in Warsaw is a small congregation with a couple of dozen people in attendance on Sunday morning. You could presume that a church as small as that could not make a huge impact and was just surviving. When they collected 100 backpacks this past Christmas to take to West Virginia as part of the Appalachian Christmas Outreach things began to change. Enthusiasm spread throughout the church and people in the community began to talk, positively, about what the church had done. New people are beginning to visit to see what was going on, to meet Rev. Buck Grady who is leading his first church, and in 2017, they plan to deliver many more backpacks. It started small but it is getting very big!

The “average” church in NC is struggling, but your church does not have to be one of them. Your church’s revitalization could actually start with you! It is tempting for us to focus on whatever will satisfy our own wants or needs, but that brings stagnation

and eventually death to a church. An external focus breaks our cycle of self-centeredness and opens us to the movement of God in our midst compelling us to make disciples of all nations.

A comprehensive missions strategy can infuse new life into your church as you engage in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) and live by the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:34-40). You can impact your community through compassion ministries like handyman projects, ministries to refugees or the homeless, giving care and encouragement to nursing home or retirement home residents, or hosting one of Baptists on Mission’s Medical Health Screening Units. NC Projects Ministries can include serving at one of the mission camps in Shelby or Red Springs, sending your youth or children to Deep Impact or DI Kids, participating in an Impact NC Project to assist another NC church, or developing a Church-to-Church or Church-to-Family Partnership to assist in flood-ravaged eastern NC. National and International Partnerships offer the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of mission contexts across the United States and around the world.

**Revitalization can happen.
Let it begin with you!**

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MENS MINISTRY

Igniting the Hearts of Men for Christ

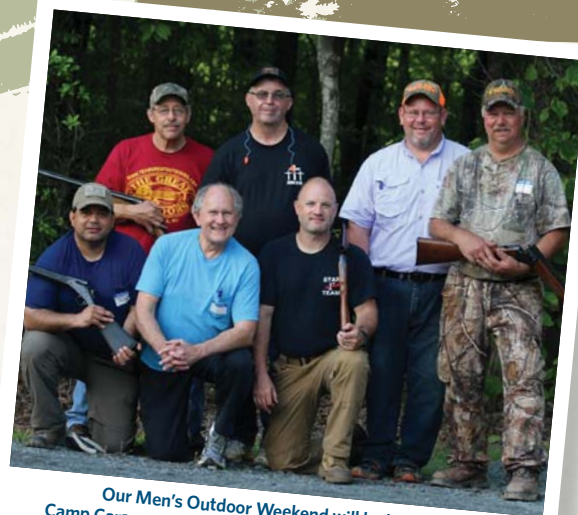
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2017 Men's Outdoor Weekend Report

Men from churches across the state gathered at Camp Caraway May 19-20 for the ninth annual Men's Ministry Outdoor Weekend. Sponsored by NCBM, the event provides a time of fellowship, spiritual challenge, and outdoor fun for men. Church leaders are also encouraged to investigate and consider establishment of some form of outdoor ministry in their own setting. The theme for the weekend was "Life More Abundantly," and keyed upon John 10:10. Patrick Tyndall, director of Ironman Outdoor Ministries, was keynote speaker for the event. Along with an inspiring message Friday night, Patrick shared some practical ideas on how to involve men in outdoor ministry on the local level. Narrow Way, led by Wes Sluder, provided music for our Friday night worship. On Saturday, the men enjoyed several demonstrations, including trapping, skeet, archery, pistol, and tomahawk throw. Saturday afternoon afforded opportunity for participation and competition in trap shooting, archery, pistol, tomahawk, and rifle.

Mark your calendar now for next year's event - May 18-19, 2018!



Our Men's Outdoor Weekend will be held at Camp Caraway May 18-19, 2018. Mark your calendars now and come join the fun!

WHY HAVE A MEN'S MINISTRY IN YOUR CHURCH?

Why should your church have a men's ministry? So guys can get together and talk about the game last night or tell their latest fishing stories? In a word, NO! Not that those things are bad, of course, but if that's all you do, the time could certainly be better spent elsewhere. As indicated in the resource booklet "Men's Ministries in the Local Church" (found on website at <http://baptistsonmission.org/church-programs/men-s-ministry>):

Men want their lives to be productive, to have real meaning and purpose. The benefits of an effective men's ministry include that it reaches unreached men, develops leaders, involves men in service, helps men grow in Christ, develops mentors and strengthens families.

Also, consider what surveys have shown. If the first person reached in an unchurched family is a child, the probability of reaching the rest of the family is three to four percent. If the first person is the mother, the probability increases to 17%. But if the first person is the father, the probability of reaching the rest of the family is 93%! Men are on average the most difficult to reach but also the most strategic.

One of the problems we face is that there is no man in so many households today. Does that make men's ministry less important? Of course not. In many cases, the man still has some contact with (and therefore some influence over) the children. And whether that is the case or not, those fathers need to be reached. Many of them need our love and support in helping them put their lives back together. They need Jesus! We know THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE and we need to share Him with those men who also need to know Him.

An effective men's ministry also helps to prevent the break-up of families that leads to single parent households. As men grow in the Lord,

as they are discipled, as they grow closer together, and as they learn how to be better husbands and fathers, they will be more likely to fulfill their commitments and keep their families together. Obviously, there is no guarantee with this, and most of us will almost certainly have some divorces in our groups, but every marriage and family that can be "saved" is worth the time and effort.

Not only will families be held together and strengthened, an effective men's ministry will strengthen your church. As men grow closer to the Lord and each other, they will have a passion for Christ, they will grow in their love for Him, and they will want to serve Him. An effective men's ministry will give the men opportunities to use their gifts, abilities and passions in serving God and others, and it will encourage them to be involved appropriately in the life of the church.

An effective men's ministry will help men recognize that they cannot "go it alone" through life, at least not effectively. We all need Jesus and we need each other. God made us that way and He designed the Body of Christ that way - to be interdependent and united. The love, support, acceptance and accountability demonstrated among Christian brothers is a beautiful thing to observe, a beautiful thing to experience, and essential to our spiritual journey.

There is not room in this space to also address HOW to start an effective men's ministry or to revitalize an existing one, but our men's ministry team would love to help you do exactly that. Please do not hesitate to contact us. No doubt, you want to see the hearts of your men ignited for Christ, and so do we!

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NCBM/Baptists on Mission will sponsor two one-day Men's Ministry Leadership Training sessions in 2017 - in Lincolnton September 9 and in Kenansville October 16. These sessions will be from 10am - 4pm. Cost is \$10 per person and includes lunch.

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)

2017 Men's Ministry Leadership Training (September 9 - Macedonia Baptist in Lincolnton, NC; September 16 - Dobson Chapel, Magnolia, NC)

NCBM/Baptists on Mission 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 reach and disciple men. Training

will focus on at least three key areas of ministry: 1) evangelistic outreach and fellowship; 2) spiritual growth and discipleship; and 3) missions and ministry involvement. Come enjoy 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. Cost of the training is \$10 per person, which includes lunch. Register through our Men's Ministry webpage or you can contact us at keskridge@baptistsonmission.org or by calling (919) 459-5596.

2017 Men's Work & Worship Weekend, Shelby Mission Camp (October 6-7)

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



A Men's Work and Worship Weekend will be held at Shelby Mission Camp October 6-7 2017. Come join us for a time of worship on Friday night, followed by a day of hands-on mission service on Saturday.

Men's Worship Rallies To Be Held Throughout State in November 2017

Men's Ministry Rallies will be held in five locations throughout the state in November. These rallies feature a good meal, great fellowship, worship, a spiritual challenge especially for men, and a prayer time. The purpose of the rallies are three-fold - 1) to worship and fellowship together as men 2) to share information on mission opportunities, and 3) to provide a model of how you might take this kind of worship model back to your own men's gatherings. All men and their pastors are invited to attend the rally closest to them. Rally dates are as follows: Region 1 Thursday, November 9; Region 3 Monday, November 13; Region 5 Thursday, November 16; Region 7 Monday, November 20; and Region 9 Monday, November 27. (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 in Regions 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9. This will be a great time of food, fellowship, and worship for men. See our website for specific dates and meeting sites.

MORE THAN JUST CAMP

Camp. It's one of the highlights of almost every youth group's summer. Students and leaders alike look forward to camp each year. So much preparation and planning goes into camp, and camp is often an incredible time for students to really learn how to grow in their relationships with God, or to start new ones. So, if camp is so important, shouldn't we make sure that students have a true opportunity to be changed? To see the world differently than they did before coming? We think so.

There are so many options for camp, and so many of them have an incredible gospel focus. That's something to be thankful for. At North Carolina Baptists on Mission, though, we do camp a little differently. NCBM offers Deep Impact for youth and their leaders, which combines the worship, recreation, relationship-building, and self-reflection of a traditional camp with a mission focus. Students not only get to spend time growing through worship, preaching, and small-group devotions, but also get to experience the joy of serving others in Jesus' name.

Deep Impact weeks are pre-packaged mission weeks, where churches, individuals, and associations can bring their students to serve in a variety of ministry areas. This year, Deep Impact hosted week-long camps in Shelby, Red Springs, Rockingham, Beulaville, Stokes and Forsyth Counties, Boone, Caswell, Honduras, Bahamas, and Philadelphia. There also were two half weeks in Shelby and Red Springs. To attend a Deep Impact camp, all you have to do is register your group, get the paperwork in order, and bring your group. All of the planning is done by the director and the Deep Impact coordinators and staff. This summer's theme was "Discovered," with a theme scripture from Galatians 2:20. Students were encouraged to discover who they are in Christ, and how they can share the life-changing message of Christ to those here and abroad.

If you're looking for a camp that not only helps your students grow, but also helps them discover their God-given purpose on Earth - to serve others and to glorify God - try a Deep Impact camp next summer.



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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

baptistsonmission.org/camps/DEEP-IMPACT

CHALLENGERS LEADERSHIP TRAINING

[Event includes training track for Men's Ministry and Royal Ambassador leaders as well]

Dates: September 9, 2017 – Macedonia Baptist, Lincoln
September 16, 2017 – Dobson Chapel, Magnolia

Cost: \$10 per person, includes program fee & lunch

Schedule: 9:00 Registration opens
10:00 Training begins
4:00 Training concludes

This one-day training conference includes five hours of instruction, and is designed for Challengers Directors and Leaders. Program will include a discussion on the "why" and "how" of Challengers and time for questions/wrap-up. The content will deal with how to have a vibrant, well-rounded Challengers program – one that leads boys to grow spiritually while involving them in mission and ministry. Come enjoy the fellowship and network with church mission leaders from across the state while you sharpen your mission leadership skills!

Reservation questions, please call (919) 459-5596

Training program questions, please call (919) 459-5626

Register online: <http://baptistsonmission.org/church-programs/royal-ambassadors>; e-mail list of names attending to keskridge@ncbaptist.org; mail check and list to NCBM/Baptists on Mission, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512.

Open Hands

April 7
2018

2018 Student Missions Conference

**Hickory Grove Baptist Church
Charlotte, NC
April 7, 2018
Registration Fee \$15/person**

The Student Missions Conference on is part of the larger Baptist Missions Conference on April 6-7, 2018. This event is open to ALL Students and their leaders. Keynote speakers for this year are Bryan Loritts, Kyle Idleman, Tom Richter and others. Laura Story will lead worship. Worship times will be combined with those attending the larger Missions Conference. Student Break-out sessions will be focused on youth and their leaders and how to be involved in Missions. Those traveling on an international Deep Impact trip for 2018 will have orientation options. Students and their leaders are welcomed and encouraged to be a part of the entire Friday evening/Saturday conference or just the Student Missions Conference on Saturday. For more information call or e-mail Tom Beam at (800) 395-5102, ext. 5626 or tbeam@ncbaptist.org.

Here & Now 2017

A Missions Experience for
College Students & Young Adults
December 14 – 16, 2017

The Here & Now Conference will be a three-day event for college students and young adults to share, learn, and grow in mission awareness and involvement. Mission projects will provide opportunities to serve and grow; small group discussion & activities will open our minds to service and mission.

Cost: \$59 – 2 nights lodging, 6 meals, Conference Registration

Site: Red Springs Missions Camp

Sponsored by: College Missions Team of the North Carolina Baptists on Mission (NCBM)



Following service in the US Army as a chaplain (1968–1995), Colonel Quincy Scott Jr., USA, Retired, was called by his alma mater, prestigious Shaw University in Raleigh, NC, where he served for 16 years as Dean of the Chapel and University Chaplain. The Rev. Dr. Scott attended Shaw University, Oberlin, and Vanderbilt University. His assignments during his

illustrious career as a US Army chaplain included tours in Vietnam, South Korea, Germany, and Italy. Since his retirement from Shaw University, Dr. Scott lives in Fuquay Varina, NC, with his wife, Colonel Constance Scott, USA, Retired, and enjoys their grandchildren and two puggles, Melana and Dexter.

HERE & NOW SCHEDULE DECEMBER 14 – 16, 2017

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

2:00 pm	Arrival & Registration
3:00 pm	Missions Breakout Sessions
4:30 pm	Group Mission Activity
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	Mission Stories
7:45 pm	Worship
9:00 pm	Small Group Bible Studies
10:30 pm	After-Hours Debriefing

FRIDAY DECEMBER 15

8:00 am	Breakfast
8:45 am	Missions Challenge
9:45 am	Leave for Mission Projects
4:30 pm	Group Mission Activity
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:15 pm	Worship
8:30 pm	Church/Campus Group Time
10:00 pm	After-Hours Debriefing

SATURDAY DECEMBER 16

8:00 am	Breakfast
8:45 am	Group Mission Activity
10:00 am	Worship Celebration
11:30 am	Group Picture
11:45 am	Lunch
12:30 am	Pack Up & Depart

STUDENT SUMMER MINISTRIES

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS

We need 2018 Summer Servants

Check out:

StudentSummerMinistries.org

Find information about:

BeDoTell, Camp Caraway, Camp Mundo Vista,
Deep Impact, DI Kids, and Fort Caswell

2018 Applications available online:
June 15 – December 31, 2017



ON THE GO WITH CHILDREN!

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

Children today have a plethora of options in which to involve themselves...sports, dance, cheer, scouts, and more. Too often, these activities prevent the families from being a part of the local church activities, including times of worship. What role does the church play in the development of our children and how can we as the church compete with these activities? Even more importantly, how can we encourage the parents to lead their children in the way of the Lord? Every children's leader struggles with these questions daily.

NC Baptists on Mission have several options focused on training children in the way of the Lord with education, fellowship, and hands-on activities. Leadership in the children's department of the churches have a responsibility to communicate what is available to parents and children's leaders and volunteers.

RA DAY: I had the privilege of attending a special event in our state on April 1, Race Day in Salisbury! Race Day 2017 was not only for RA's to compete in the derby car races, but included GA's, Acteens, children's mission groups, and adults from across the state. Each participant brought their car to race and shared a mission project they had been involved in during the course of the year. As the RA Race Coordinator, James Byerly (raracedaync@ncbaptist.org) did a wonderful job planning and organizing this event! Participants for the statewide race are determined on the local Baptist association level. More information can be found on the Baptists on mission website <http://baptistsonmission.org/events/children>. Make a point to learn what is available to help the local churches involve children in missions and ministry.



Additional information:

RA CAMPOREE

is scheduled for September 22-24, 2017 at Camp Durant in Carthage, NC.

This will be a great weekend of camping, helping your RA's learn camping skills and great fellowship around the campfire. Cost is \$20 per person. For more information contact Jeff Cornwall at racamporeenc@ncbaptist.org.



RA LEADERSHIP TRAINING

is available for RA leaders or anyone interested in learning more. Dates are September 9 in Lincolnton and September 16 in Kenansville. For more information, go to <http://baptistsonmission.org/training/royal-ambassadors-training> or e-mail Larry McGlothlin at ratrainingnc@ncbaptist.org.

DI KIDS 2018

is on page 54. This is a great pre-packaged mission opportunity for your children's leaders, parents, and kids 1st-5th grade (6th if in the children's department.) For more information, go to <http://baptistsonmission.org/camps/di-kids> or contact Dollie Noa at dikids@ncbaptist.org.

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NC STATEWIDE CHILDREN'S MISSIONS PROJECT

The NC Statewide Children's Missions project for 2017 will be to support the NCBM/Baptists on Mission partnership with Cuba by providing clean water to villages and towns throughout Eastern Cuba. After Hurricane Matthew hit the eastern side of Cuba in the fall of 2016, NC Baptists sent a large water purification unit to the town of Nibujón, Cuba to provide over 10,000 gallons of clean water per day. In the days after, it was realized that clean water is often not available (unless purchased) even when a hurricane has not hit. And



with the poverty of Cuba, purchasing water is not a viable option. Our plan is to provide water purification units that will purify up to 5,000 gallons per day to as many towns as possible. Churches in Cuba often serve as community centers for the towns in which they are located. If we can put a water purification unit in one church in a town then the community can have clean, safe water to drink. If we raise the same amount of money as 2016, we will be able to provide over 11 churches with purification units. Can you imagine, 11 churches and 11 towns being able to provide safe drinking water to their people? Can you imagine the impact that clean water will have for the gospel message? What would it be like if we could put water purification units in 20 or 25 churches and towns?

For questions and more information you can contact Tom Beam at NCBM/Baptists on Mission at tbeam@ncbaptist.org or (800) 395-5102, ext. 5626.

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

PRAY

- Pray that God will use these water purification units to reach people with the gospel
- Pray that God will allow us to meet physical and spiritual needs as people fill their water vessels with clean water.



WAYS TO RAISE MONEY (All state-wide RA events; RA race, Camporee, etc. will take up offerings for this)

- Conduct a yard sale, car wash, bike-a-thon, rock-a-thon, penny or coin drive, etc.
- Collect aluminum cans or scrap metal to sell
- Rent a Group—earn money as a group by cleaning yards or doing other jobs around your church and community
- Encourage your church at large or different Sunday school or church groups to give

GIVE

You have 2 options to give:

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

(All donations are tax-deductible)

GO

- Help spread the word about the water purification units going to Cuba and ask others to get involved



GOOD. RIGHT. TRUE.

DI KIDS 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 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 29-August 1	Mundo Vista	\$150

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CAMP CARAWAY SUMMER PROGRAMS

This past summer we went on an adventure together to DISCOVER who God is and who He created us to be. We can't wait for summer 2018. Visit www.campcaraway.org for summer camp dates and information or follow us on our facebook page: www.facebook.com/carawayconferencecenterandcamp.

STUDENT SUMMER MISSIONS AT CAMP CARAWAY

Do you know a mature High School upperclassman or college age student that loves Jesus and demonstrates that love through living for Him? Starting in the fall, Camp Caraway is seeking mature college students and high school upperclassmen to serve as summer camp ministry staff during June and July. We need people gifted in leading worship, musicians, drama, sports, media, outdoor skills, etc. For summer staff information contact Mark Moore.



FATHER SON CAMPS AT CARAWAY

Fathers, get away from the norm of your life and retreat to Camp Caraway with your son for a fun weekend at Camp Caraway. We use fun to share the love of Jesus, develop healthy relationships, create lasting teachable moments, and learn about the importance of missions. We offer father-son camps in the fall, spring and summer.

VOLUNTEER AT CAMP CARAWAY

Would your volunteer small group consider serving alongside us? We need people with all types of skill to help us improve and upkeep our building and grounds throughout the year. Day or overnight groups are welcome. Contact Mark Moore for details.



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April 6-7, 2018, Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC
Featuring: Bryan Loritts, Vicki Grossman, Kyle Idleman, Jennifer Rothschild,
Tom Richter, Terry Rae, Music: Laura Story
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The NCMO supports NCBM and their disaster relief, national and international partnerships, mission camps, medical/dental work and other life-changing ministries. The NCMO is the major funding source for the ministries of NCBM.
www.ncmissionsoffering.org



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Various dates 2018. To learn more about Deep Impact and student missions, contact Tom Beam (800) 395-5102, ext. 5626, tbeam@ncbaptist.org
www.baptistsonmission.org/camps/DEEP-IMPACT



Deep Impact Kids 2018 p.54

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December 14-16, 2017. Red Springs Missions Camp
Sponsored by College Missions Team NCBM
<http://baptistsonmission.org/Church-Programs/College-Missions>

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