# **BAPTISTS ON MISSION**

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# BAPTISTS ON MISSION AREAS OF WORK

At Baptists on Mission, our Purpose is to Glorify God by involving churches and Christians in meeting human needs in Jesus' name. We do that by offering a wide variety of opportunities for volunteers to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Everything from aviation missions where we fly patients to much-needed medical care, partnership missions, prayer ministries, medical, dental, construction, disaster relief, disaster recovery, etc.

Baptists on Mission volunteers serve in 19 ministries that include the following:

### STATE/NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL MISSION PROJECTS

God is changing lives through mission trips sponsored by Baptists on Mission in North Carolina (mission camps, Impact NC, Disaster Rebuilds, etc.) and to places such as Pennsylvania, Hawaii, New England, Rocky Mountain Region, Appalachian Coalfields, Alaska, Guatemala, Kenya, Armenia, Romania, Hungary, Moldova, Cuba, South Africa and other places. Many hundreds of volunteers serve in these partnerships every year, with 173 teams and 2,395 volunteers participating in national partnerships and internationally we sent 84 teams and 702 volunteers to 10 difference countries.

**Lives are being changed...** The British missionary William Carey said, "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." Here are some of the things that we as NC Baptists have been doing to minister to people and to glorify God:

# **DISASTER RELIEF**

Baptists on Mission are exceptionally well-prepared for disaster relief, thanks to the dedication of our volunteers and the comprehensive equipment we've been blessed with. Our capabilities are extensive, featuring five large disaster feeding units, two of which can prepare and serve over 30,000 meals daily. Beyond feeding, we have a vast network of more than 250 disaster recovery trailers, owned by local churches and associations, specifically designed for clean-up and repair work after an event. Our support services are robust, including six large shower units, three laundry units, a childcare unit, several large recovery units, and numerous generator units, all provided to aid communities in need. The profound impact of our efforts was clearly demonstrated after Hurricane Helene, where we provided 500,000 hot meals, performed mud-outs, tear-outs, and chainsaw jobs on over 5,000 homes, completed over 9,000 loads of laundry, and facilitated over 18,000 showers. This massive undertaking was made possible by the incredible commitment of over 13,000 volunteers who mobilized within the first three months of the response.

# DISASTER REBUILD

North Carolina has been hit hard by several severe storms: Hurricane Florence in September 2018, Tropical Storm Fred in August 2021, and Hurricane Helene in 2024. These events affected thousands of families across our state. God has blessed us with six rebuild centers located in Black Mountain, Boone, Burnsville, East Flat Rock, and Spruce Pine. These centers are vital for housing, feeding, and coordinating the work of thousands of volunteers dedicated to rebuilding efforts. So far, we've helped over 2,000 families in eastern North Carolina and 330 families impacted by Helene in western North Carolina return home. However, many more families still need assistance to rebuild their lives years after these devastating storms. We will be rebuilding homes in western North Carolina for the next 5 years. Through our work, people in great need are experiencing the love of Christ, leading many to commit or recommit their lives to Jesus.

#### MEDICAL/DENTAL MISSIONS

Baptists on Mission offers the use of the mobile medical/dental units to Baptist and non-Baptist churches and service organizations within North Carolina who wish to reach out to people in need. More than 170 clinics are held each year on the 4 mobile units. Patients targeted through this ministry may include the impoverished, ethnic groups, farm workers, fair workers, the homeless, the elderly, and more.

# **HEALTH SCREENING MINISTRY**

Health disparities are prevalent in more impoverished neighborhoods. Our goal is to take healthcare to the most disadvantaged populations, thus improving community health navigation as we align local community health centers with patients seen at the mobile clinics. The unit's health screening tests include Hemoglobin A1C for diabetes screening, finger stick glucose, Cholestech LDX for total cholesterol and HDL results, body mass index calculation, depression screening, basic eye exams, and vital signs assessment. This ministry provides not only basic health screening clinics but spiritual assessments and counseling as well. Our hope is that by meeting a physical need, a spiritual door will be opened, and the love of Jesus can be shared.

#### STUDENT MISSIONS

Deep Impact helps North Carolina Baptist churches develop a comprehensive, coed youth missions strategy to produce committed followers of Christ. This strategy includes pre-packaged mission weeks, weekend mission retreats and much more.

#### DI KIDS

One of our newest efforts is DI Kids (Deep Impact Kids), a missions weekend/week for children and their leaders. DI Kids Missions Weeks, Mini-weeks, and Weekends are pre-packaged mission experiences sponsored by Baptists on Mission. They provide elementary-age students and their leaders/parents with the opportunity to share the love of God with people in NC. The children enjoy a great camp experience with a mission focus. Involving children in missions is an excellent beginning to develop disciple-making students and adults with love for missions.

#### **OTHER MINISTRIES**

In addition to the ministries described above, other ministries of Baptists on Mission designed to equip, motivate and mobilize volunteers to be involved in missions are Agriculture Missions, Aviation Ministry, Baptist Builders, Baptist Educators, Family Foundations, Compassion Ministry, Church Renewal, Prayer Support, Sports and Recreation, Men's Ministry, Student Missions and Children's Missions.

# MISSIONS CONFERENCE

The annual missions conference, sponsored by Baptists on Mission, includes music, testimonies, speakers, breakout sessions, mission fair exhibits, volunteer suppers, and much more. The desired end result is for participants to be spiritually renewed and inspired to become involved in missions locally and worldwide. Over 1,500 people attend this conference every year.

## **REGIONAL MISSIONS RALLIES**

Each spring and fall, Baptists on Mission sponsors regional rallies in all 10 regions of our state. These meetings are designed to challenge North Carolina Baptists across the state to greater mission involvement and to promote the September North Carolina Missions Offering. The rallies are open for all men, women, and youth interested in missions.

### **BAPTISTS ON MISSION MAGAZINE**

This publication is mailed twice each year to all church mission leaders, mission volunteers, BOM ministry groups, youth directors, ministers of education, and pastors. Information is provided through this magazine to promote upcoming mission projects/events and to report on recently completed projects.

# MISSION CAMPS AND REBUILD CENTERS

Every year an average of 8,000 volunteers respond to needs through the Mission Camps in Red Springs, Shelby, and Rose Hill (Charity) and Rebuild Centers in Lumberton, New Bern and Canton. These Mission Camps and Rebuild Centers are a great way to get your church involved in life-changing mission projects and Glorify God.

# **STAFF**

The Baptists on Mission Staff is committed to helping North Carolina Baptist churches involve their members in missions. Your Baptists on Mission staff are: Richard Brunson, Executive Director-Treasurer; Krissy Watson, Mobile Dental Ministry Coordinator; John Reese, Health Screening Ministry Coordinator; Mark Abernathy, Consultant for Partnerships; Tom Beam, Consultant for Disaster Relief and Mobilization; Brandon Powell, Consultant for Student Missions Mobilization; Dollie Noa, Consultant for Children and Family Missions; Paul Langston, Missions Mobilization Consultant; K Brown, Videographer and Communications Consultant; Robbie and Christie Alexander, Mission Camp Coordinators in Shelby; Larry and Teresa Osborne, Mission Camp Coordinators in Red Springs; Teresa Jones, Financial Administrator/Roma Partnership Coordinator, Tina Holder, Events and Partnerships Assistant; Tracey Ford, Disaster Relief Assistant; Dewey and Kathie Aiken, Appalachian Coalfield Field Coordinator; Lynn Tharrington, Board/Advisory Council Communications Coordinator contract worker.

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