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LOSTNESS IN OUR COMMUNITIES & TO THE
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Forerunner

“Church Awaken”

Joel 2:12-14



2024 Spring Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 23 – 6:00 pm
Carr's Hill Baptist Church

Dinner Included. All Pastors, Leaders, & Church Representatives
are encouraged to attend. Visitors are always welcome.



Pastors Fellowship
Monday, April 8
6:30 pm

Mowing teams are needed to maintain the
lawn at the Baptist Center throughout the
summer. Churches/individuals can volunteer
for one week per month. Contact the
Baptist Center or Jim Felty to
reserve your spot today.



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TERRY'S THOUGHTS



Dear Saints,

I wanted to drop you a line concerning our upcoming Pennsylvania Mission Trip set for August 12th through the 19th. As the details are coming clear and the cost has been noted, I wanted to reassure each of you that if God has placed this mission trip on your heart, then I would encourage you to step out in faith and commit.

Some have said, "I want to go, but I am not sure I can afford the cost." My response has been and will continue to be, "Share the need and trust the Lord!" Meaning tell others what God has convicted you to do and allow the Lord to work in their hearts about possibly assisting you in this matter. You see, I believe if He has led you to the decision to follow Him on this mission trip, then He has already provided a way for it to happen. All we have to do is to wait and watch how He brings it to pass.

To help facilitate the collection of funding for our mission trip the association has set up an account so that anyone within the association or outside the association can contribute to this cause. Again, meaning even if you haven't felt led to go on this trip but would like to contribute in order to scholarship those going, you may do so.

**God blessed
our trip and our
step of faith.**

There has been a deadline to register of May 15th with a deposit of \$200.00. This cost will help us make the needed reservations, especially for lodging. The remainder of the cost would need to be gathered prior to August 12th. As noted on our current advertising, we have estimated that if one wants to fly, the cost for the entire trip, including round trip plane tickets, lodging, food, fuel for the vans, and misc. expenses, would be approximately \$1,220.00 (the cost of the plane tickets would need to be available by May 15th – If you have additional questions about this aspect of the trip please call).

If, however, you would wish to drive or travel in the vans provided, the total cost, less the plane ticket, would be approximately \$750.00. Given the cost of everything these days, these prices are very reasonable and in God's economy very doable.

Finally, I wanted to leave you with a great testimony of how God provided for one of our churches who made this trip last year and how God provided: *"Last year Turkey Creek Baptist took a mission trip to Towanda, PA. We took 6 people and the initial cost was approximately \$750.00 each. Once the team members committed to take a step of faith, we began praying about the trip and the finances. God started supplying our needs from within the church and from outside sources. By the time we left for PA the cost for the trip, per person, was only \$28.00 each. God blessed our trip and our step of faith. I would encourage everyone to prayerfully consider taking a step of faith and move forward with the Lord. The Apostle Paul said, 'And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.' (Philippians 4:19)."* Pastor Shannon Owen – Turkey Creek Baptist Church.

Pray hard, listen to His call, and take a step of faith! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 252-241-5872 or transylvaniaaams@gmail.com. You can also contact our Mission Development Team leader Pastor Shannon Owen at 828-606-7034 or at shannonlowen69@yahoo.com.

Terry

You can be among the first 20 persons to participate in the mission efforts of the TBA partnership with the

Northern Tier Pennsylvania Churches August 12-19, 2024

- *Prayer Walking*
- *Meet Local Pastors & Church Planters*
- *Community Outreach*
- *Limited Light Construction Projects*

Mission activities to include the areas of Towanda, Milford, Honesdale, Carbondale, Tunkhannock, Factoryville, Wysox, Rome, Edinboro, Corry, Coudersport, Ulysses, Wellsboro, Mansfield, Troy, and Harrisburg.

Travel Options:

- ♦ **By Van** - approximate total cost \$750 (*commitment and non-refundable deposit of \$200 required by May 15*)
- ♦ **By Air** - approximate total cost \$1200 (*commitment and non-refundable deposit of \$475 airfare required by May 15*)

Please make checks payable to Transylvania Baptist Association, with Pennsylvania Partnership on the memo line. Total estimated cost includes travel, lodging, meals, local travel expenses, and incidentals. Space is limited to 20 persons, so make your



reservation today by:
calling 828-877-3203 or
emailing transylvaniabaptist@gmail.com.

News from the Mission Development Team

Pennsylvania Partnership - Sign up now to be among the first 20 persons to participate in the mission efforts of the TBA partnership with the Northern Tier Pennsylvania Churches. Commitments and deposits must be received by the Baptist Center by May 15.

DuPont State Park Outreach - Each TBA church is encouraged to sign up for some days throughout April to October to participate in this very important local outreach. On the days your church signs up for, you would be responsible for the distribution of bottled water, trail mix, fruit snacks, park maps, and dog treats, as well as engaging in conversations with visitors coming into two parking lots of the park. Our churches will work on Thursday afternoon and all day Saturday of each week of these months. Please contact Michael Childers (828-553-4988) or Alan Perry (828-712-0806) to reserve your days of service. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus in our Jerusalem!

Appalachian Christmas Outreach - It is time to begin thinking about how your church can prepare Christmas backpacks for children in Appalachia this year. With our goal of 500 backpacks for TBA, we urge each church to prepare as many quality backpacks as you can. You can collect items each month and then have a packing party to put them together in October. During your VBS, your children could bring items to go in the backpacks. Your church may purchase the backpacks and Bibles and have families take those backpacks to fill. Our collection day will be Saturday, November 2 from 9am to 12 noon at Calvary Baptist Church. This year we will also be collecting new sneakers for children and youth to be distributed at the Wise County Christmas Outreach on December 20-21. We pray you and your church will plan to participate in this wonderful outreach to families in Appalachia.

Prayer Points for our Pennsylvania Northern Tier Churches:

Southeast Region of Pennsylvania

- Find & develop potential pastors & church planters, especially needed in Lancaster, Hanover, Gettysburg, York, Bedford, & Dover
- Potential for 2 Haitian Churches in Reading & York
- Building for the Freedom Biker Church in Harrisburg
- Continued growth at Via Life Mission Church
- Fruitbelt Farmworkers Christian Ministry to migrant workers
- Potential for a Nepalese Church Plant in York
- Church Planter Seth in Lancaster



- Church Planters Brad & Angela at Freedom Biker Church of Harrisburg



- Church Planters Christian & Ximena at Via Life Mission Church of Harrisburg



5 Tips to Share the Gospel with Compassion

People should see our lives, be curious, and want to lean in and ask about the hope we have.

1. *Be Present* - simply be present and invite Jesus to use you.
2. *Share Stories* - sharing stories about your own life builds intimacy and trust. Help new friends experience the characteristics of Christ before they even hear His name.
3. *Learn About Other Cultures* - learn about other peoples' customs and beliefs, and be genuinely interested.
4. *Build Authentic Friendships* - be patient, pray for spiritual moments, and just be a real friend.
5. *Define Your Terms* - don't be afraid to share about your spiritual practices and listen to theirs with lots of curiosity. That will open the door to share the gospel.

Courtesy SendRelief.org.

**Association Financial Summary
February 2024**

	Current	Year-to-Date
Biltmore Brevard	\$ 0	\$ 0
Blantyre	\$ 125.00	\$ 250.00
Blue Ridge	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00
Boylston	\$ 387.84	\$ 852.06
Brevard First	\$ 1,766.19	\$ 3,023.94
Calvary	\$ 382.61	\$ 1,259.49
Carr's Hill	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Carson's Creek	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00
Cathey's Creek	\$ 197.00	\$ 369.00
Cedar Mountain	\$ 366.00	\$ 366.00
Cherryfield	\$ 576.98	\$ 890.06
Church at Sapphire	\$ 0	\$ 0
Cove Church	\$ 0	\$ 0
Dunn's Rock	\$ 0	\$ 2,299.30
East Fork	\$ 0	\$ 300.00
Enon	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Faith Missionary	\$ 0	\$ 0
Grace	\$ 0	\$ 480.36
Hope Church Brevard (See Off)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Lake Toxaway	\$ 331.00	\$ 331.00
La Primera Mission	\$ 0	\$ 0
Little River	\$ 0	\$ 0
Middle Fork	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
Morningside	\$ 0	\$ 485.97
Mt. Moriah-Calvert	\$ 0	\$ 0
New Hope	\$ 0	\$ 0
North Toxaway	\$ 100.00	\$ 250.00
Oak Grove	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Pisgah Forest	\$ 577.44	\$ 971.11
Rocky Hill	\$ 400.00	\$ 800.00
Temple	\$ 131.25	\$ 262.50
Turkey Creek	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
Zion	\$ 0	\$ 635.13
Checking Interest	\$ 2.56	\$ 5.35
Total Receipts	\$ 6,518.87	\$ 15,981.27
Total Expenses	\$ 11,415.69	\$ 22,447.12

2024 Budget \$149,879.00
 Needed Monthly to Meet Budget \$12,490.00

Church News

Churches please send in your dates and themes for VBS as soon as available.

Cedar Mountain - will host a Griefshare support group March 5 thru May 28 on Tuesdays at 6pm. Will have a Wild Game Dinner April 27 at 3pm.

Enon - is seeking a pianist/music leader fluent with all worship styles. For more information please contact the church at 828-877-4418 or praygoshare@gmail.com.

Little River - is seeking a part-time worship leader. For more info, please visit <https://lrbchurch.org/employment>.

New Hope - will have a Worship Night/Singing Service on Saturday, May 18 at 5pm, everyone is invited to join. Will have "Christmas in July" VBS July 11 & 12, 6-8pm and July 13, 10am-2pm.

Pisgah Forest - is seeking a part-time music director/leader, For more information, please contact Gene Parker at 828-508-9142.

Rocky Hill - is seeking a worship leader. For more information and to apply, please contact Pastor Leland Holland at 828-553-3308 or lelandholland@yahoo.com.

Etowah Baptist - is seeking a Student Pastor & Children's Pastor. For more information, please contact the church at 828-891-7153 or office@ebcetowah.org.

These 11 practices are essential for restoring health and vitality to churches in crises:

1. Dependent Prayer
2. Christ-Centered Worship
3. Text-Driven Preaching
4. Intentional Discipleship
5. Gospel-Centered Fellowship
6. Mission Engagement
7. Joyful Hospitality
8. Meaningful Membership
9. Hopeful Vision
10. Leadership Development
11. Humble Partnership



NCBAM has provided **smoke detectors** and **carbon monoxide detectors** for seniors free of charge. If your home needs one, or you have a friend in need of one, please contact the Baptist Center as soon as possible for free installation.





LIFT UP THE WORD
LIGHT UP THE WORLD

2 SAMUEL 22:29-31

THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024



Association-Wide Prayer Gathering
Thursday, May 2 - 12:00 noon
Courthouse Gazebo on Main Street, Brevard



What Happens When You Partner with IMB Teams?



One thing's for sure, you won't be a tourist! You will serve alongside IMB missionaries and be a vital part of the missionary task. Your time might look something like this:

Discipleship - Rubi Ortega used her passion for teaching with a college Bible study in Paris. She helped the students - both new and strong believers - dig deep into the Bible and apply it to their own lives. Discipleship is at the heart of the Great Commission and important for a healthy church.

Serve alongside one of our IMB teams working among unreached peoples and be an active part of the missionary task. Start your missionary journey today at <https://www.imb.org/2024/01/22/partnering-with-imb-teams/>

ONE DAY. ONE MESSAGE. ONE STAND.



FIELDS OF FAITH

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 15, 2024**

Brevard High School Baseball Field

5:30 PM

Fellowship • Food Trucks • Field Games

7:00 PM

Worship Service

Fields of Faith is a student-led event hosted by the FCA Leadership Team at Brevard High School. We would count it an honor if your church would move your Wednesday evening service to the baseball field on May 15. Bring a chair and/or blanket, and come prepared to worship with us at Fields of Faith!



April 2024

	1 <i>Craig McKinney Birthday (Morningside)</i>	2 Weekly Prayer North Toxaway 7am	3	4 Weekly Prayer Baptist Center 9am	5 Baptists Missions Conference Hickory Grove BC Charlotte April 5-6	6 <i>Alewine Anniversary (Dunn's Rock)</i>
7 "Fill the Tank" Baptism Sunday	8 Pastors Fellowship 6:30pm	9 Weekly Prayer North Toxaway 7am <i>Michele Turner Birthday (Oak Grove)</i>	10	11 Weekly Prayer Baptist Center 9am	12	13
14	15 <i>Patrick Anniversary (New Hope)</i> <i>Whited Anniversary (Zion)</i>	16 Weekly Prayer North Toxaway 7am	17 <i>Reese Anniversary (Faith)</i>	18 Weekly Prayer Baptist Center 9am TBA Leadership Meeting 10am	19	20 Disaster Relief Training Forest City <i>Lambert Anniversary (Cathey's Creek)</i>
21	22	23 Weekly Prayer North Toxaway 7am TBA Board Meeting Carr's Hill 6pm	24	25 Weekly Prayer Baptist Center 9am	26	27 Wild Game Dinner Cedar Mountain 3pm "Rampin' Up"
28	29	30 Weekly Prayer North Toxaway 7am				

Used Sunday School Literature & Bibles Still Providing Testimonies from Around the World

LOVE PACKAGES

Filling eager hands with God's Word

From Zimbabwe: Evangelist Ruth was up early and went to the shopping center to evangelize. The amazing thing is that each and every one she met - their hearts desire was to get a Bible for church, Bible school, and to own one for their family. This was a God moment. All of them asked for the name of your ministry and they said they will be praying for Love Packages every day. It's never been heard of in Zimbabwe, to get a Bible for Free, No! They were the happiest people. Some had been going to church but they did not own a Bible. There was one whole family going to church and they all got Bibles. They were like "What there is such a thing as a Children's Bible? Wow!" When they left, they were all singing, "What a friend we have in Jesus."

From South Africa: Yesterday was a very long day. I was awake from 3am and on my feet all morning sorting through, categorizing, and carrying tons of Bibles and books. My muscles were aching by the end of the day. Literature PT can give one a good all-over workout! The Bible can stretch our minds and muscles. Thank you to all those involved in providing this spiritual ammunition and for those volunteers who helped us offload and sort through these tons of treasures! The gate bell has been ringing all morning as pastors, policemen, teachers, evangelists, chaplains, and missionaries arrived to collect supplies for their ministries and outreaches.

From Kenya: The Sunday school materials have greatly improved our numbers in two ways. The little token/items in the packages given to the children have acted as a great motivation for the kids to come to church. The teaching materials given to the Sunday school teachers have given them things to teach in a systematic manner. Previously the teachers would teach them whatever was convenient to them and in a manner that is not consistent.

From Uganda: We have conducted community gospel outreaches around Kampala in the last couple of weeks and thousands of people have given their lives to Christ. I therefore kindly request that you include more than 200 boxes of John and Romans booklets because they are very instrumental in evangelism. I also request that you may include more NKJV Bibles in the next shipment. This is because that version is preferred more than others and it's user friendly to new converts. We are also reaching out to the refugee camps in northern and western Uganda. Uganda is known to be Africa's largest refugee hosting country with over 2 million refugees. Most of these refugees come from the war troubled surrounding countries like Somalia, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, etc. And most of these refugees are open to the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, we are working with a number of evangelical organizations to see that we reach them. And the best approach to leave an everlasting impact of the gospel of Jesus Christ in their lives is through Christian literature. This is one reason why the ministry of Love Packages is making a great impact here.

Wild Game Dinner



Community. Fellowship.

Awesome food!

Saturday, April 27th

3:00pm

7765 Greenville Hwy.

Brevard, NC 28712

Register online at
cedarmountainbaptist.com

or call 828-966-4812

Door prizes. Silent Auction. Guest speaker.

Isaac Homes is organizing a coed church softball league, and invites all churches to participate. Games are scheduled to begin April 30.

While the association encourages churches to be actively involved in local outreaches, Isaac Homes and the softball league are not affiliated with Transylvania Baptist Association. For more information and to join the league, please contact Micky Robinson at 828-421-1320.



Fruitland Baptist Bible College
 Gilliam Road, Hendersonville, NC
 Monday, May 6th, 2024
 2:00 - 7:45 pm

“Leading Through Preaching” is a one-day conference for pastors and church leaders to explore how the pulpit ministry leads, shepherds, and guides the local church. Register at <https://ncbaptist.org/events/leading-through-preaching-how-the-pulpit-shapes-ministry/>

Event Speakers:

Danny Akin
 President, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary



Scott Pace
 Provost, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Chuck Lawless
 Senior Professor of Evangelism and Missions,
 Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary



VBS Training Events to Overhaul Your VBS with Effective Mult-Theme Useful Training

Wide Selection of Breakouts

- ◇ VBS Director/Administration
- ◇ How to Lead a Child to Christ
- ◇ Music & Missions in VBS
- ◇ Crafts/Snacks/Recreation in VBA
- ◇ Backyard Bible Club & Multi-Age VBS
- ◇ Age-Focused Training
- ◇ VBS Volunteer Training
- ◇ Safety & Security in VBS
- ◇ VBS Decoration on a Budget



Saturday, April 1 - Gate City Baptist Church, Greensboro
Saturday, April 20 - Trinity of Fairview, Fletcher
Saturday, April 27 - Walnut Grove Baptist Church, Dallas

Lifeway statistics show that “for every 1 person trained in VBS results in 1.1 salvation decision made.” Gain Biblical training tips, learn decorating tips, make area connections, and experience the vision and excitement VBS brings. For more information and to register, please visit <https://ncbaptist.org/events/vbs-regional-training-2024/>



Truett
Conference Center & Camp
 177 Truett Lane, Hayesville, NC 28904
<https://truettcamp.org/upcoming-events/>



Let's Stop the Hurting: A Faith Response to Elder Abuse

We all deserve to live free from abuse. Yet older adults, especially those who are frail, are mistreated more often than we could imagine.

The National Center on Elder Abuse estimates that five million, or one in 10, older adults in America experience abuse, neglect, or exploitation. According to the US Department of Justice, only one in 20 cases of physical abuse and only one in 44 cases of financial abuse is ever reported. This means that in our congregations and communities, many elderly adults need out help.



Numbers are shocking, but actual suffering is worse.

Numbers are shocking, but actual suffering is worse. It may be hard to imagine: bruises, slap marks, or broken bones at the hands of a "loved" one; being raped with no one to protect; seeing a frail, elderly person living in filth with little to eat and no medical care; or having money stolen and wills changed by a family member. These victims of elder abuse often suffer alone and in silence.

But, together we can stop the hurting! To develop our response to elder abuse, NCBAM consulted with pastors, Department of Social Services' Adult Protective Services (APS) staff, and senior leaders across the state. We were encouraged to move forward with a ministry to help those suffering.

Note that while North Carolina mandates responsibility to its Department of Social Services to receive, screen, and evaluate reports of abuse, the State provides little or no money for prevention or protection services.

NCBAM's response, "Let's Stop the Hurting: A Faith Response to Elder Abuse," can make a difference in the lives of many! NCBAM's regional directors are available to present an informative workshop to your group or congregation. You'll learn the types and warning signs of elder abuse, the role of APS, and most importantly - meaningful ways your church can prevent abuse.

Anita Davie, Far West Regional Director
NC Baptist Aging Ministry



Elder Abuse Refers to Any Intentional or Negligent Act that Causes Harm or Risk of Harm to an Older Adult

**NCBAM can help your church prevent elder abuse in your community.
Call us today at 877-506-2226 to schedule a "Let's Stop the Hurting" workshop!**



Western Region
Thursday, April 18 - 10am-2pm
South Mountain Baptist Association
3639 NC 18Hwy., Vale, NC



- How to be Strong in the Lord
- Finding Strength to Overcome Your Circumstances
- Building Physical Strength to Prevent Falls

\$10 Registration includes lunch and program
Register today at ncbam.org/events

2024 BAPTIST MISSIONS CONFERENCE

LIVING SENT

EVERY CHRISTIAN IS A MISSIONARY



Speakers include Anne Graham Lotz, Quintell Hill, Mark Richt, Shauna Pilgreen, Todd Unzicker, Tom Richter, Jeff Iorg, Alicia Hones, Rebekah Naylor, & Worship Leader Laura Story. Special features include 100 different mission breakout sessions, mission testimonies, mission fair exhibits, and much more. Pre-registration is required by March 25.

April 5-6, 2024

Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte
<https://baptistsonmission.org/events/missions-conference>

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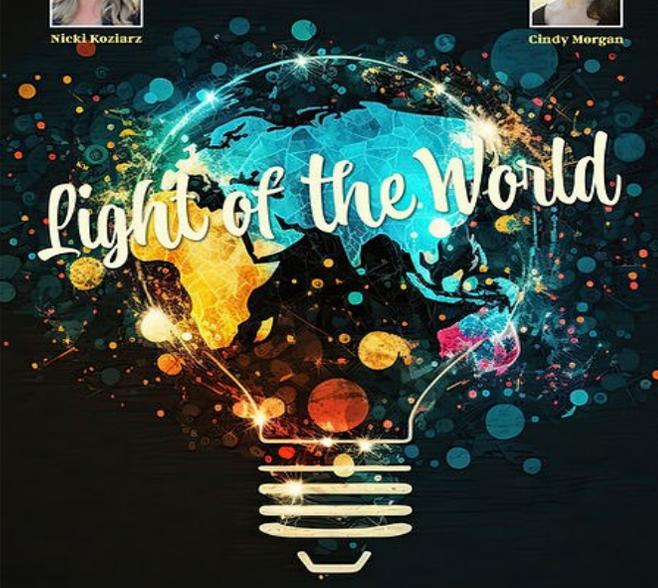
gathering
FROM HERE TO THERE

Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove
Wednesday, April 24th - Friday, April 26th, 2024

Introducing the first SendNC Gathering, "From Here to There." Whether you are a church-planting church or one that would like to be involved in church planting, the "From Here to There" conference is for you.

At the SendNC Gathering, you'll have the opportunity to learn from leading practitioners of church-planting churches who are helping churches move "from here to there." You'll also have the chance to network with other like-minded pastors from across North Carolina while staying at the magnificent Billy Graham Cove in beautiful Black Mountain. Let SendNC help you move your church "from here to there."

Please visit <https://ncbaptist.org/events/from-here-to-there/> to register.



IGNITE Missions Conference and the 133rd Annual Meeting

April 19-20, 2024
Parkwood Baptist Church
Concord, NC



Register at
<https://www.wmunc.org/missions-conference>



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AUGUST 3-10, 2024



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‘Gospel Hooks’ Turn Everyday Conversations Toward Jesus

Sharing the gospel in Central Asia is rarely easy, but daily conversations often hold possibilities for getting started. International Mission Board missionary Josh Oakes knows all about it because he is there, living and serving among the region’s lost. His calling includes taking advantage of each and every opportunity. He doesn’t want to miss a single one. The power of the gospel to transform lives is his motivation – even if it takes years.



So Josh looks for ways to bring that powerful message into daily encounters. He calls these “gospel hooks.” Small talk about the weather? Josh introduces God as the creator and sustainer of life. A comment about politics? Josh sees an open door to talk about the mistakes people make and our need for a Savior. Turning quickly to deeper topics, he listens to discern whether someone is searching for truth or closed and uninterested. In this way, he uses the gospel as a filter to determine where God is working in people’s hearts.

Gospel hooks vary depending on cultures. Missionaries you support live and serve among the lost. They learn the culture and develop long-term relationships with the people. This steadfast presence leads to an understanding of how the gospel can best be shared to a particular people group.

“Different people think about anthropology or factors like age or gender as whether or not this person is going to be interested in the gospel. What we have found is what Paul tells us in [2 Cor. 2:15-17](#) is the best approach,” Josh says. “We want to smell like God, be the aroma of Christ to everyone. For those we smell like life to, then they are going to want to be around us more. When we smell like death, they are going to distance themselves.”

Toward the end of the pandemic, Josh’s readiness to seize opportunities using gospel hooks started a spiritual conversation with a man named “Good News.” Names provide a great opportunity in Central Asia for launching into deeper topics, because they usually have special meaning. Josh began by telling the man “gospel” translates to good news — the term Christians use for salvation that Jesus offers through His death and resurrection. Meanwhile, two more men walked into the room. The first man’s name was Abraham, and the second man’s name meant “salvation.”

Yes, really. And Josh saw the divine humor in the meeting. “I laughed and told them that it seemed like God was wanting me to share something very important with all of them,” he says. The men seemed interested, so Josh explained the meaning of their names. Their names reminded him of this good news: A descendant of Abraham came to earth and provided salvation for the world by giving His life as a sacrifice for sin.

At just that moment, a man named Hussein walked in the door. “I froze and told the other men in the room that Hussein was an Arabic name, so I didn’t know what it meant. They laughed and said they didn’t know if it connected with the message I was sharing with them or not,” Josh remembers. Hussein looked confused, but then he turned to the man named Good News and said that he had come to this office because Isa (the Arabic rendering of “Jesus” and a common name in Central Asia) had sent him. “The men in the room then all looked at me surprised. Isa had told Hussein to go to the office of ‘Good News’ to ask a question while Abraham and ‘Salvation’ were there hearing the gospel!” Josh explains.

While none of the men immediately responded to the gospel message, Josh believes God orchestrated these events. He made a way for the gospel to be accessible and clear to people who are lost without Him.

“Five men heard the gospel that day, and one of them asked if we could exchange phone numbers. Praise the Lord!” Josh says. Leading a team in evangelism and church planting, Josh encourages his co-workers to be ready at any moment for opportunities to talk about Jesus. He says the more they speak of Him, the more readily they will be able to discern where to invest in deeper relationships.

“Time is our most valuable resource, so we want to be intentional to engage in these spiritual conversations.” Will you take the transforming power of the gospel to the world’s lost? Wherever you are in life, IMB has opportunities for you to serve.

Article courtesy International Mission Board
Stories of Transformation
www.imb.org





You provide NC children
food while pointing
them to Jesus.

HELP PROVIDE THREE MEALS EVERY DAY

Because too many have gone without.

When children come into Baptist Children's Homes' (BCH) care, it is obvious they have gone without: **without food, without love, without hope.** One of the first ways our children learn that they are loved is when their cottage parents serve them the regular meals they were unable to count on before arriving. This is because their families let them down. When a child can't depend on loved ones to meet his or her basic needs, trusting any adult becomes almost impossible.

How does the Food Roundup help?

When your church, along with NC Baptists across the state, collect food, supplies and gift cards through the Food Roundup, you ensure that we can provide three meals a day plus snacks to our boys and girls and everyone we serve. Children's trust is restored! **Boys and girls see that they are loved not only by churches and caregivers but by a Heavenly Father our efforts point them too.**

By filling their plates, you fill their hearts.



Baptist Children's Homes
of NORTH CAROLINA

April 2024

Slides, ads and other resources are at bchfoodroundup.org
For more information call 336-474-1277



SHARING HOPE...CHANGING LIVES

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

Food & Supplies Needs List 2024



**FOOD
ROUNDUP**
BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

MOST NEEDED: (in bold)

- __ Canned Fruits
- __ **Fruit Juice (Apple, Orange, Grape, Cranberry)**
- __ **Laundry Detergent**
- __ Paper Products (paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, Kleenex)
- __ Bottled Water
- __ Canned Vegetables (green beans, corn, etc.)
- __ Dry Cereal
- __ Baked Beans
- __ Spaghetti Sauce
- __ Pasta (Spaghetti, Lasagna, Macaroni)
- __ Canned Tomatoes (diced, sauce, paste)
- __ Pancake Mix and Syrup
- __ Soups (All types & condensed)
- __ Sugar: Granulated & Brown
- __ Flour
- __ Stevia and Splenda
- __ Popcorn, Kettle Corn
- __ Apple Sauce
- __ Fruit Pie Filling Cherry, Peach
- __ Beverage Mixes (Tea, Tang, Kool-Aid, Lemonade, Cider Mix - All Sugar Free)
- __ Vegetable Oil, Shortening, Olive Oil, Pam Cooking Spray, Bakers Choice
- __ Canned Sweet Potatoes, Canned Yams, Canned pumpkin
- __ Canned Meats (pink salmon, tuna, roast beef, chicken - packed in water)
- __ Stuffing Mix
- __ Gravy Mixes
- __ Hamburger, Chicken, Tuna Helper (all types)
- __ Pickles (Sweet & Dill)
- __ Refried Beans
- __ Hot Chocolate Mix
- __ Snack Foods with & without sugar (Fruit Rollups, Fruit Cups, Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, Pepperoni Sticks, Cheese Nips, Pretzels, etc.)
- __ Health Snacks (Dried Fruit, Nuts, Raisins, Cranraisins, Trail Mix)
- __ Individual Cookie Packs
- __ Jello
- __ PopTarts
- __ Rice
- __ Instant Potatoes (scalloped, au gratin, mashed, julienne)
- __ Muffin Mixes
- __ Bisquick Mix
- __ Kidney Beans
- __ Pickle Relish
- __ Cranberry Sauce
- __ Mac & Cheese
- __ Corn Meal
- __ Jiffy Mixes, Corn Muffin Mix
- __ Potatoes
- __ Hush Puppy Mix
- __ Peanut Butter
- __ Jelly, Jams, Preserves (Strawberry is a favorite)
- __ Pizza & Pizza Dough Mix
- __ Saltine Crackers, Ritz Crackers, Graham Crackers, Nabs
- __ Sauces (A-1, Steak, BBQ, Texas Pete, Cheese, Soy, Worcestershire, Teriyaki Sauce, Sweet and Sour)
- __ Spices and Seasonings (including Salt & Pepper)
- __ Dishwashing detergents
- __ Laundry pre-treating products (i.e. Shout, Spray and Wash)
- __ HE Laundry Detergent
- __ Brooms, Mops, Scrub Brushes, Dust Pans
- __ Foil and Plastic Wrap

- __ SOS Pads
- __ Fabric Softener (Dryer Sheets)
- __ Sanitary Pads & Tampons
- __ Hand Lotion
- __ Shampoo
- __ Body Wash
- __ Soap
- __ Household cleaning products (i.e. bleach, Comet, Lysol spray and wipes, Clorox spray, Windex, Pinesol, Pledge, Tilex, etc.)

OTHER NEEDED ITEMS:

- __ Brownie, Cookie, Cake Mixes & Icing
- __ Canned Vegetables (no corn or green beans)
- __ Individual Chef Boyardee cups
- __ Clif nutritional bars
- __ Hot Dog Chili
- __ Coffee (Regular & Decaf)
- __ Coffee Creamer
- __ Sweetened Condensed Milk
- __ Evaporated Milk
- __ Powdered Milk
- __ Flavorings (Vanilla, etc.)
- __ French Fried Onions
- __ Honey
- __ Ketchup
- __ Mustard
- __ Oatmeal
- __ Parmesan Cheese
- __ Puddings, Pudding Cups
- __ Salsa
- __ Vinegar
- __ Paper Products (Cups, Plates, Bowls, Plastic Ware, Dixie Cups)
- __ Copy/Printer Paper
- __ Trash Bags (large & small)
- __ Zip-Loc bags (Sandwich, Snack, Quart & Gallon Sizes)
- __ Band Aids
- __ Rubbing Alcohol/Peroxide
- __ Anti-bacterial ointment

- __ Razors
- __ Shaving Cream/Shaving Gel
- __ Dental Floss
- __ Hair brushes
- __ Deodorant
- __ Conditioner
- __ Tooth Paste
- __ Tooth Brushes
- __ Diapers (all sizes)
- __ Baby Wipes
- __ Bug Repellent
- __ Wasp/Hornet Spray
- __ Sunblock 30+
- __ Batteries (AA , AAA and D)
- __ Disposable Gloves (Non-Latex ONLY)
- __ Heavy Duty Soap (Fast Orange)

FINAL NOTES:

Gift Cards are appreciated for buying perishables and items not received. (i.e. Wal-Mart, Sams Clubs, Food Lion, Lowes, Ingles, Piggly Wiggly).

We can use all size cans. Some locations prefer #10 cans (family size).

IMPORTANT: Please check for expired dates on food – we cannot accept expired items.

Please help our volunteer truck drivers by packing your church's donations in small, sturdy boxes.

Pack like items together. Please do not pack chemicals with food.

Questions?

Contact Alan Williams at
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2024 Appalachian Christmas Outreach

The Appalachian Coalfields Ministry seeks to meet physical and spiritual needs of those living in Appalachia. One of the greatest needs in this area occurs at Christmastime. We are calling on churches statewide to respond to this need through **Appalachian Christmas Outreach**.



Share a gift of LOVE and the GOSPEL MESSAGE with a child in need this Christmas!

Our statewide goal is to collect 22,000 backpacks of items to be distributed to Appalachian children in December of 2024. Visit our website for all the details on how to put backpacks together!

Statewide Collection: November 2

Over thirty collection sites will be set up statewide for churches to bring their backpacks. Locations will be listed in September on the Baptists On Mission website: www.baptistsonmission.org/aco



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For more information contact Mark Abernathy, Baptists on Mission, at mabernathy@ncbaptist.org or 919-459-5607 or visit our website at www.baptistsonmission.org/aco

