

BEYOND: PROVING THE POWER OF GOD

Ephesians 3:20-21

*Impact of the Mission Georgia offering across Georgia
Because of your faithful gifts to the Mission Georgia offering, last year your
State Missionaries were able to fulfill the following ministries:*

REDUCING LOSTNESS IN GEORGIA

- The tent ministry of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board reported 703 salvations and 486 rededications among the 30,965 attendees last year.
- Over 1,000 decisions for Christ were made among the 10,500 attendees through the evangelism-focused youth events MOVE and SuperWow.
- 5,599 students were regularly involved in Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) on 53 campuses in Georgia, yielding 181 student salvations and 1,277 total conversions through this ministry last year. A total of 42,728 students were impacted by BCM ministries in 2015.
- Through Georgia Baptist Mission Board Associational Missions, an ongoing missional strategy is training churches in multiple associations to reduce lostness and to assist churches in revitalization ministries.

MISSIONS

- Through Associational Missions, Georgia Baptists have been engaged in “Christmas Backpacks for Appalachian Children.” In 2015, Georgia Baptists provided 31,396 backpacks for children in Appalachia, resulting in 1,317 professions of faith.
- Through Collegiate Missions, 153 BCM Summer Missionaries ministered to 47,562 people, resulting in 760 salvations and 93 calls to full-time missions and ministry.
- Through the 53 Georgia BCM’s, 790 collegians served in myriad summer ministries.
- Over 600 coats were collected by the Sons of Jubal choral group and taken to the Holy Land during its tour for distribution through Christian churches there.
- Student summer missionaries were also enlisted, trained, and sent out through local associations. In 2015, 32 students served in Georgia, resulting in 79 professions of faith.

- During the 2015 Georgia Baptist Mission Board youth MERGE missions camp, over 300 students spent over 7,000 hours in community projects given to the city of Toccoa. Students also came to know Christ and share Christ with others, often for the first time in their lives.
- Approximately 425 Disaster Response volunteers were trained to “Serve Christ in Crisis.”
- 1,377 Georgia Baptist Mission Board-trained literacy missions volunteers reached 4,157 students in six specific areas of literacy in 2015. Students in literacy and citizenship classes represented 100 nations, and 32 professions of faith and 20 baptisms took place through this ministry.
- The Baptist Mobile Health Ministry completed 20 years of service by providing 109 clinic days at 43 sites to over 3,000 people. Dental care and medical screening were offered, as well as Gospel presentations to all, resulting in 64 professions of faith.

GROUPS AND FAITH DEVELOPMENT/DISCIPLESHIP

- In 2015, state missionaries in this area conducted 481 state, regional, associational, and local church training events, with a combined attendance of 50,395.
- Through the FREE Growing Groups online/On-Demand training and gabaptistgroups.org, over 42,000 pastors, ministers, leaders, directors, teachers, and/or members were equipped in various topics to improve their skills to reduce lostness and make disciples.
- In 2015, a total of 2,640 VBS leaders were trained through the Groups and Faith area, who then impacted 1,813 churches resulting in 7,435 reported salvations.
- VBS Summer Missionaries assisted 10 churches and reached 1,564 people, 151 of whom made spiritual decisions.

DISCIPLESHIP

- 1,000 people gathered to pray and seek spiritual renewal at four Renew Georgia worship and prayer events.
- 594 children, youth, and high schoolers participated in Bible Drill discipleship events this year. 282 high scoring students, representing 55 churches in 33 associations, advanced to regional Bible Drill competition.
- PRAY GA prayer gatherings were held across the state in 2014, with 100 pastors and leaders gathered in five locations praying for God's light to penetrate the darkness in Georgia, to bring spiritual renewal in our churches and spiritual awakening in our state.

CHURCH REVITALIZATION

- Through this ministry's efforts, 52 pastor roundtables were held in 2015, with an average of 9 churches represented in each session.
- Over 500 pastors were encouraged through partnerships with associations and like-minded organizations such as RENOVATE, Timothy + Barnabas, and Southside Baptist Network.
- Numerous mentoring relationships have been formed and are active in churches throughout Georgia.

CHURCH PLANTING

- During 2015, 36 new churches were planted through the Georgia Baptist Mission Board Church Planting ministry, 19 of which are Anglo congregations and 17 are African-American.
- There were 22 new church starts reported through the Intercultural Church Planting ministry, including Burmese (Zomi), Brazilian, Korean, Ghanaian, Hispanic, Iranian, Multiethnic, and Vietnamese congregations.

TRAINING/LEADERSHIP

- State missionaries trained over 5,300 church financial leaders in church financial compliance matters through 150 workshops, seminars, and private appointments.
- Through BCM, 426 collegians are preparing for church vocations.
- Through Associational Missions, new Hispanic Bible institutes are providing training for Hispanic leaders in missions, evangelism and ministry. These institutes are equipping leaders to impact the Hispanic community with the Gospel of Christ.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRY

- Nearly 20,000 people attended Sons of Jubal and Jubalheirs concerts, each group of which has over 300 members from Georgia Baptist churches.
- The Sons of Jubal toured the Holy Land presenting concerts where many in attendance were Muslims and Jews and the Gospel was shared. These events were covered by many news outlets and streamed to churches in Georgia.
- Over 1,300 people, including 600 children and youth, participated in festivals for choirs, handbells, and keyboarding in several areas of the state.
- Training events were held in over a dozen associations in partnership with associational missionaries.

WMU/WEM

- 13 women travelled to Guatemala and ministered to women and girls during the first Hispanic WMU mission trip. Over 100 Bibles were distributed, resulting in 140 salvations. Over 3,000 toiletry bags were donated by Women on Mission groups, and 1,300 were distributed there. The remainder have been used in Nicaragua, Honduras, Dominican Republic, Mexico, homeless shelters and senior homes.
- Over 600 Hispanic, Korean, Vietnamese, Moldovan, Laotian, Cambodian, and Haitian women were equipped to help lead their churches in missions education and involvement.
- WMU leaders from 19 churches attended regional Connect events to network and share ministry ideas.

MEN'S MINISTRY

- Over 8,920 men and boys gathered in myriad conferences, training events, and retreats throughout the state in 2015 through Georgia Baptist Men's Ministry.
- Through the new movement, "Iron to Iron Men's Initiative" many associations are strengthening discipleship among men and helping them recognize their role in church renewal.
- Over 1,190 children and youth attended Camp Kaleo, conducted by Men's Ministry last year, and a total of 114 decisions for Christ were made.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIVING AND STEWARDSHIP

- 442 churches in Georgia requested State Missionaries to share God's Word and to inform their congregations about missions across Georgia and around the world.
- Two-day "Bridges to Missions Celebrations" were conducted last year in associations across Georgia, with 726 people in attendance.
- Free stewardship materials were delivered across the state to 1,592 churches to equip and inspire generosity toward Kingdom ministries.
- The Kingdom Generosity Collection is now available for viewing at the Georgia Baptist Missions and Ministry Center, displaying the world's largest collection of artifacts, resources and artistic stewardship renderings.
- 94 individuals in 5 churches took advantage of "Will and Estate Planning" initiatives as a ministry service of Cooperative Program Advancement.

ASSISTING OUR PARTNERS

In response to the downsizing of IMB missionary staff in the fall of 2015, a retreat was held in early 2016 for returning missionaries who had accepted voluntary retirement incentives. Georgia Baptist Mission Board staff offered encouragement, training, and networking for these heroes of the faith who are relocating to the States and beginning to serve in Georgia.

CONFERENCE CENTER MINISTRY

The Georgia Baptist Conference Center in Toccoa serves associations and churches by providing a retreat facility where people can "seek Jesus."

- In 2015, more than 25,107 guests were served and over 325 people received Christ at the center.