



# FAQ

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Why did the name change to Backpacks of Hope?**

A: This project is expanding to include other areas in addition to Appalachia. In 2017, the project expanded to include the children and youth in the most poverty stricken counties in Southwest Georgia.

**Q: What's our goal for 2017?**

A: **35,000!** We encourage you to set a goal for your church and/or association.

**Q: What is my first step to participate in Backpacks of Hope?**

A: Review all the guidelines and basic information on each tab of the Backpacks of Hope found on [missiongeorgia.org](http://missiongeorgia.org). Then register your participation through the online registration found on the *About* tab.

**Q: If I am already partnering with a ministry site, do I still need to register?**

A: Yes. This will help us ensure all sites requests are being met and will prompt the mailing of the required printed materials to you that go in each backpack.

**Q: Who do I contact if I need more of the "Christmas Story," "A.R.M. Mailbox Bible Club" postcard, or backpack tags?**

A: Email your request to [backpacks@gabaptist.org](mailto:backpacks@gabaptist.org).

**Q: Can we help with the distribution of backpacks at the ministry site?**

A: Yes. One of the options is for you to adopt a site for personal involvement.

**Q: What areas are Georgia Baptists focusing on?**

A: In Appalachia: Georgia, Kentucky, New York, Tennessee, West Virginia. In Southwest Georgia: Bethel Baptist Association (Baker, Calhoun, Clay, Early, Quitman, and Randolph Counties), Summerhill Baptist Association (Stewart, Terrell, and Webster Counties)

**Q: I'd like to adopt a site but don't think I can handle transportation of the backpacks that far. What do I do?**

A: Since one of the criteria of adopting a site is to deliver the backpacks to the site, your best option would be to either bring your backpacks to one of the collection sites in Georgia or contact Stuart Lang ([backpacks@gabaptist.org](mailto:backpacks@gabaptist.org)) to arrange pick up for the backpacks. Keep in mind all backpacks that come through the Georgia Baptist Mission Board collection sites will be used to fill the gaps. If you bring your backpacks to one of our collection sites, we cannot guarantee which ministry site they will go to. **(For logistical scheduling, all requests must be received by October 26, for pick up the week of November 6.)**

**Q: I can't find anyone in my association to take the backpacks to one of the collection sites.**

A: Contact Stuart Lang ([backpacks@gabaptist.org](mailto:backpacks@gabaptist.org)) for all logistical questions in getting backpacks to the annual meeting. **(For logistical scheduling, all requests must be received by October 26, for pick up the week of November 6.)**

**Q: Can I put a Bible in the backpack?**

A: Absolutely. (Recommended version: God's Word. Other versions: Holman Christian Standard, NEW King James, any easy to read version, or King James.)

**Q: Where can I find a list of ministry sites to consider adopting? How do I adopt a ministry site?**

A: Go to the *Resources* tab to view the "Ministry Sites to Adopt" list. When you have chosen a ministry site, register your participation and choice through the online registration found on the *About* tab.

**Q: I want to adopt a ministry site, but can't fill the quota they are asking for. Is that okay?**

A: Yes. When registering your participation, list how many backpacks you can supply for that ministry site.

**Q: Other than putting a copy of "The Christmas Story" and the "A.R.M. Mailbox Bible Club" postcard in each backpack, tying the backpack tag to each bag with string or yarn, and packing and sealing them in medium size packing boxes (18x18x16"), is there anything else we need to do on our end?**

A: No. All other processing will be done at the ministry sites.

**Q: Can I help receive backpacks at the Georgia Baptist Annual Meeting?**

A: Absolutely. Please let Patty Ficarra know of your interest at [backpacks@gabaptist.org](mailto:backpacks@gabaptist.org).

**Q: What time can backpacks be dropped off at the Annual Meeting?**

A: Sunday, November 12: 2:00 – 7:00 PM  
Monday, November 13: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM  
Tuesday, November 14: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Q: Where are the other collection sites in Georgia and when may I take backpacks to them?**

- A: • Belmont Baptist Church (Gordon Memorial Baptist Association)  
275 W Belmont Drive, Calhoun  
Monday – Thursday, November 6-9: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- First Baptist Church Statesboro (Ogeechee River Baptist Association)  
108 N Main Street, Statesboro  
Monday – Friday, November 6-10: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
*(Perry Fellowship Hall main entrance at the rear of the facility – covered round-about)*
- Kilpatrick Baptist Association,  
1784 Wrens Hwy, Thomson  
Monday – Thursday, November 6-9: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Mt. Yonah Baptist Church (White County Association)  
882 Asbestos Road, Cleveland  
Monday – Thursday, November 6-9: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- North Metro Baptist Church (Gwinnett Metro Association)  
1026 Old Peachtree Road NE, Lawrenceville  
Monday – Thursday, November 6-9: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- Northside Baptist Church (Mell Baptist Association)  
4605 Murray Avenue, Tifton  
Monday – Wednesday, November 6-8: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
*(Steeple side of church – Foyer. Please call ahead for large deliveries.)*

*Note: Other sites may be added and will be available on the FAQ tab.*

**Q: Who do I contact if I have any questions about the Backpacks of Hope Project?**

A: Please email all questions and needs to [backpacks@gabaptist.org](mailto:backpacks@gabaptist.org). Your email will be routed to the appropriate person. If after you have emailed you feel you need to speak to someone, please contact either Patty Ficarra (General/Logistics) at 770-936-5254, Emily Hill (General) at 770-936-5219, or Jackie Cooper (General) at 770-936-5222.

Printables and lists available at [missiongeorgia.org](http://missiongeorgia.org)



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