HEART for the KINGDOM TGBC Missions Newsletter

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ON MISSION HERE & NOW

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and North American Missions Emphasis *www.anniearmstrong.com*

The North American Mission Board (NAMB) exists t

The North American Mission Board (NAMB) exists to help every church take its next step in missions and encourage every believer to live on mission.

NAMB's mission field is the United States, Canada and the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa. This region contains diverse ethnic groups, languages and religions. Approximately 269 million people in North America do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Through your gifts to the **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®** and the **Cooperative Program**, NAMB supports more than 5,000 missionaries and more than 3,800 chaplains who serve in difficult places where the gospel is often not welcome.

Through **Send Network**, we help Southern Baptists plant new churches. In the last 100 years, SBC churches in proportion to population has dropped. By partnering with churches to train and deploy church planting missionaries, NAMB's goal is to help Southern Baptists plant 1,200 new churches annually in cities, small towns, college campuses and military communities.

In 2016, NAMB launched **Send Relief**. Just as Southern Baptist Disaster Relief matches urgent needs with volunteers bringing help, Send Relief is expanding that to equip churches in addressing poverty, refugees, foster care and adoption and human trafficking. We're establishing Send Relief regional ministries to meet needs and offer long- and short-term volunteer opportunities.

We are sincerely grateful for the prayer support and sacrificial giving of every Southern Baptist. You can be assured that we are committed to being the very best stewards with every dollar we receive.

The 2018 Week of Prayer for North American Missions is March 4-11 to kick off our North American Missions Emphasis and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Prayer guides will be available in our bulletins. This year the national goal is \$70 million. Our TGBC church goal is \$16,500. Be in prayer for our missionaries and your gift!

100% OF YOUR GIFTS GO TOWARD SUPPORTING MISSIONARIES WHO SERVE IN COMPASSION MINISTRIES AND CHURCH PLANTING.

BECAUSE YOU GIVE...

- \$10 a missionary can purchase gospel tracts to engage his community in Toronto.
- \$20 a North American missionary is able to buy lunch and build a relationship with her Muslim neighbor.
- \$50 a Send City missionary has bus fare for a month to travel in an unreached area of his city.
- \$150 a church plant's community group is resourced with Bibles, books and other discipleship materials in Oregon.
- \$400 a GenSend student missionary is able to spend time mentoring underprivileged children in the inner city.
 - \$450 a Vancouver missionary can receive a semester of coaching from a church planting mentor.

- \$500 a block party starts gospel conversations in a community in Maine.
- \$1.100 a church planter is able to attend a two-day orientation training at NAMB.
- \$1,200 a North American missionary can pay half a month's rent for a New York apartment.
- \$2,000 a new children's ministry can be resourced with curriculum and equipment in Colorado.
- \$2,400 a bivocational church planting missionary can receive a seminary scholarship.
- \$2,500 a church plant in California can rent a worship facility for a month.

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TULIPGROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

MISSIONS PROJECTS

LOCAL/ONGOING:

Begin Anew (CWJC) Coordinator: Renee Mathis

Dodson Elementary Coordinators: Nancy Andrews, Eric Boswell

Human Trafficking Ministry Team: Dan Wilson, La Rita Gillispie, Lisa McIntosh, Liz Sutherland, Joy Wilson, Charlene Allen, Ernie McAninch, David Shirey

> Men of Valor Coordinator: La Rita Gillispie

Neely's Bend Baptist Church Coordinator: Ann Donahoe

Pregnancy Care Center Coordinator: Lisa McIntosh

NATIONAL:

Kentucky October 17-21, 2018 Coordinator: Nancy Andrews

INTERNATIONAL:

Cuba Feb 23 – Mar 2, 2018 Coordinator: Todd Capps

Dominica

March 9-17, 2018 Coordinator: Jeff Gilliam

Cuba April 21-28, 2018 Coordinator: Janet Darden

Uganda Aug 16-28, 2018 Coordinator: Jeff Gilliam

Macau December 8-19, 2018 Coordinator: Todd Capps

Other 2018 Trips To Be Determined:

St. Vincent, Guatemala, Suriname, Colombia, Moldova, Summer College Intern Trip, Qualifying Partnerships

Please contact the coordinator for each mission trip or ongoing missions opportunity or the Missions Pastor for more information.

Cuba Mission Trip One

By Todd Capps

Dates: February 23 – March 2, 2018

Team Members: Pastor Gerald, Pastor Todd, Estri Britton, Bill Johnson, David Elliott (FBC, Mt. Juliet), Janet Darden, JP Kirkham, Dan Wilson, Joy Wilson

Our team has three purposes: Pastor Gerald and Estri will lead a pastors' conference encouraging and providing support for pastors and their wives. Pastor Todd will teach at the seminary for children's ministry leaders. The rest of the team will participate in evangelistic efforts of reaching people in the Santiago metroplex. Please keep the team in your prayers!

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By Janet Darden

Dates: April 21-28, 2018



This mission trip is a first ever **retreat for women** and will include conferences, small groups, guided prayer sessions, games and crafts. **The focus will be on the Proverbs 31 Woman.** While the conferences are in session, we will have teams working with guides and translators, visiting in homes and sharing Christ.

The team is limited to ten members and is full. Please be in prayer for the team as they prepare to serve in **Ciego de Avila**.

Uganda Mission Trip

By Jeff Gilliam

Dates: Aug. 16-28, 2018



We will be returning to Uganda for our third mission trip in the area of Tororo. The trip is scheduled for August 16 – 28. We will be planting churches and doing evangelism work with our Ugandan and Kenyan brothers and sisters. If you are interested in this trip please contact Jeff Gilliam at, jeff.gilliam01@comcast.net. The approximate cost of the trip is \$2,800 (the finial cost is determined by the airline ticket cost). The two previous trips were great with 16 churches planted and hundreds accepting the Good News of Jesus Christ. We will need a commitment to this trip by the end of March.

Kentucky Mission Trip



Dates: October 17-21, 2018

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The dates for this trip coincide with both Wilson County and Metro Nashville fall break dates. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve as a family alongside your children.

We will be doing light construction and a variety of family-friendly projects for all ages. Our ladies crafters will be making hats again this year, and we have been asked to bring blankets and gloves for distribution to families in need in this economically depressed area. Please contact Nancy Andrews at <u>nma0626@tds.net</u> for more information.



Disaster Relief Mission Trip to Dominica

By Pastor Gerald Bontrager

Tulip Grove was the first church from the Tennessee Baptist Convention to send teams to Dominica to help with disaster relief from Hurricane Maria. Our team left Friday, January 26, and returned very late Saturday, February 3. The team consisted of nine members from Tulip Grove and one from FBC Donelson—three women and seven men. We ministered in La Plaine, a small village where the waves from the Atlantic Ocean kiss the battered shoreline. The eye of Hurricane Maria went directly over this village. The members of the church tell their stories of God's protection from the category 5 storm. Everyone in the church of 80 people lost something in the storm, and many lost everything! And yet, to see the smiles upon their faces, to hear them praising God, to see them rejoicing over people who have come to faith in Christ since the storm—every team member was deeply touched by their commitment to Christ and their trust in God.

God ordained this ten-member team. He brought together the exact skills that were needed. Through the help of God our team was able to make improvements on the guest house where future teams will stay. We like to say that we took the guest house from a one star to a three star! The other huge accomplishment was we were able to roof the church and get it dried in (see photo). We also framed and roofed a small building that will be used for storage and an outreach center to the men in the village. In addition to organizing the guest house and the supplies, the ladies ministered to adults with special needs and to school children. It was a full week of blessing the people of La Plaine, Dominica.

The most difficult part of the trip? Leaving! Our hearts grieved when we left on Saturday morning. We returned to electricity; they have none. We returned to warehouses of supplies; they have little. We returned to the comfort of our beds; most of them sleep on the floor. We have solid roofs over our heads; they have tarps that leak when it rains.

Please pray for future teams from Tulip Grove and our State Convention that will head to La Plaine. May God use our efforts to encourage the brothers and sisters in the church and share the gospel with the lost.

The next trip to Dominica is scheduled for March 9-17. This team includes Jeff Gilliam, Malcolm Helton, Ron Chandler, Lonnie Wilkey, Elbert Ross, Roger Nash, Chuck Collins, Jon Zeiller, Kevin Corkern, and Doug Morris. We will be putting tin roofs on buildings that were damaged during the storm. Please be in prayer for us and the people of Dominica as we minister alongside of them in the name of Jesus Christ.



Destroyed electric pole; not a pole on the Island stood straight



Once a home, now rubble



Rebuilding with hope



Kathy Rodgers and Vicki Sullivan going to help at the church





Spring 2018 Heart for the Kingdom



April 26, 2018

Time: 7pm

Location: Victory Baptist Church

Please plan to join us for our annual fundraising banquet. Come learn how we are making a difference and offering hope to families in our community.

Dinner is complimentary. An opportunity to partner financially will be extended.

www.pregnancycarecentertn.com

615-773-4673

Formal invitation to follow. RSVP required.

2017 Missions Offerings

Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions Church Offering: \$20,976.68

Mother's Day Offering for TN Baptist Children's Homes Church Offering: \$14,476.75

Father's Day Offering for TN Baptist Adult Homes Church Offering: \$9,081.00

Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions Church Offering: \$12,895.80

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions Church Offering: \$61,258.47

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Dodson Elementary

By Nancy Andrews

We have had several opportunities to minister at Dodson Elementary over the last few months. One of our **Sunday School classes adopted a Dodson family** for Christmas and was able to connect them with the church Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes. Our **Father's Heart Ministry** has been contacted several times about urgent needs. We have had the opportunity to **read to a classroom of English learners** comprised of refugee children who have been resettled in Hermitage. We are currently working to start the **Good News Club** back up for the fall. Volunteers will be needed to serve in various roles.

If you have a heart for children who need the gospel, and would like to serve in a gospel ministry in the public schools, please contact Eric Boswell or Nancy Andrews for more information. Please be praying about how God can use you in this important ministry to Impact our neighborhood for Christ.

Pregnancy Care Center

By Desha Hearn

God is good. Through the PCC we are able to share His gospel with clients from over 25 countries, praying in His name.

2017 Year-end Review:

- 44% increase in new/initial visits in 2017
- 40% of the new classes were clients with non-English backgrounds.
- 63% increase in pregnancy tests and pregnancy decision information consultations
- 425% increase in ultrasounds!!!
- 71% increase in babies born to PCC clients
- Clients represented over 25 countries & 8 different faith groups
- 1,115 Students were reached in our public school with our Sexual Risk Avoidance (abstinence) presentations at Wilson Central, Mt. Juliet High School, NSA, and McGavock High School
- Over 1,200 website visits just since September due to ads online

Ministry Need:

We have a need for Ultrasound RV drivers. It would just be once a month.... no special license needed. Please contact the PCC at 615.773.4673 for more information.

Save The Date:

Annual Fundraising Banquet, Theme "The Light of Life" – Thursday, April 26 at Victory Baptist

Room in the Inn

By David and Janet Konig

The 2017-18 season for Room in the Inn is fast approaching its end. **Our last** date to serve this season will be March 26. We have had a wonderful year of providing love, encouragement, gifts and a feeling of home for our guests.

Each Monday we have hosted 12 men with an average of 28 volunteers. Our guests were served a delicious hot meal, received new clothing, shower and laundry services, McDonald's gift cards, fellowship, a warm bed and a hot breakfast and lunch to go the following morning - ALL provided by you, Tulip Grove family.

New this year we also welcomed the love and involvement of our Mission Friends, RAs, GAs and Youth. What a blessing they were to these men and to us. We are already eagerly looking forward to our next season beginning November 5. Blessings to each of you as you have so freely given.

<u>Rescue 1 Global:</u> Madison Community Outreach

By Miranda Oldham, Rescue 1 Global Contact

This local missions opportunity is being coordinated at TGBC by our Human Trafficking Ministry Team. Please contact any member of the HTM Team if you have any questions about this ministry.

Coordinador/Contact: Miranda Oldham (miranda.oldham@yahoo.com)

Description: Hot meals are prepared and taken door to local motels as a means of building relationship and identifying possible trafficking activity or at-risk individuals.

Need: A meal prep team on certain Wednesdays of the month. A group/team of volunteers who love to cook and would enjoy prepping and boxing meals for the outreach team. They would be working behind the scene and not so much on the street level.

Description:

We have a team of about 8-12 volunteers that deliver meals every Wednesday night to 2 motels in Madison. We all come from different churches but **meet at First Baptist Madison to coordinate and load up the meals**.

Various groups from different churches provide the meals each week, most of the time a group will volunteer to pick up a specific week of each month. **We currently need meals to be provided on the first Wednesday of each month**, so the next available date would be March 7. Occasionally there will be a fifth Wednesday in a month, and that meal is not covered either. A fifth Wednesday occurs pretty much once a quarter.

Upcoming dates for which we need meals to be provided: March 7 April 4 May 2 May 30 (this is a 5th Wednesday)

Our team leaves to take the meals to the hotel at 6:30, so **most** groups get to the church at 5-5:30 to start boxing up the food.

If a group is interested in helping, they can do a meal once, or sign up monthly. It's completely up to them!

Meals provided are typically hot, but we have done cold meals like sandwiches before as well. We have done pastas, BBQ, casseroles, hamburgers, hot dogs, etc. it's completely up to the people preparing it! Most groups do a meat, side, and dessert. We don't worry about drinks.

We serve 100 meals. There is a kitchen at the church where meals can be cooked, prepped, or boxed up. Most groups cook their meals at home, and then meet at the church to box them up.

We prefer groups to bring Styrofoam to-go containers and plastic forks for boxing up the food, but we can provide those things if needed. We have large coolers that we place the boxed meals in to keep them warm.

I (Miranda) am typically the person that meets the group at the church to let them in, get the coolers out, and help box up meals.

If anyone from the group would like to go out with our team to deliver the meals, they are always welcome, but not expected to.



Saturday, March 3

8:30am - 12:00 noon | TGBC Youth Basement

This training will be provided by Tracy Tolar of Rescue 1 Global.

Human Trafficking 101: Rescue 1 Global presents community awareness training through our Human Trafficking 101 program, where participants learn the basic inner workings of the industry, how to recognize a potential victim, the proper authorities to inform, and steps they can take to prevent another human trafficking victim.

Human Trafficking 201: This training builds on knowledge gleaned from the 101 training and focuses more deeply on screening for trafficking and appropriate responses for victims. By the end of the training, participants will have a higher level of understanding of sex and labor trafficking; gaining intermediate level knowledge of HT dynamics and a matching skill set.

Everyone can do something to prevent victims of human trafficking.







Join Us For A Women's

Event Unlike Any Other!

Missions Get-Together is the perfect event for women to be encouraged and challenged by the power of God's Word.

What makes Missions Get-Together different from other women's events?

• Worship with other women from TN in beautiful Gatlinbura!

• Choose from a wide variety of breakout conferences.

• Be radically challenged to be involved in God's mission.

• Meet and learn from missionaries from Tennessee and around the world!

Breakout Conferences Include:

- Achy Breaky Heart
- Across the Street and
- Around the World
- Freedom to Move
- God's Goodness in our Grief
- Intergenerational Ministry for Women
- Our Anchor in a Stormy Sea

• Seeking Refuge: A Refugee Simulation

• Standing Firm through Depression

and Anxiety • Stepping Up to the Life

You Were Made For • Too Busy for Bible Study?

• Why Me?

• ... and many more!

http://www.tnbaptist.org /mgtcon2018

Registration costs are covered by TGBC WMU! Contact Renee Mathis to register.

Women On Mission

By Charlotte Maynard

Our WOM ladies were blessed at our **December** and **January** meetings by having Jeff Audrain come share pictures and talk to us about the "Love on the Homeless" ministry. This ministry takes place downtown once a month. Jeff told us about all the people being loved on and blessed through this great outreach. Our WOM ladies collected and brought in several items that were to be taken downtown. We were also encouraged to make this an ongoing project by continuing to bring in similar items along with clothing to donate. Jeff encouraged all of us to "pray" and also come with "his team" some Saturday to "watch". It is an unforgettable experience!

February is the "Love" month so this past week we talked about "**who is our neighbor**"? After reading the Good Samaritan story in Luke and discussing who our "neighbor" might be, each of our ladies took a Valentine bag and filled it with not only a New Testament, Valentine card, and candy, but with many other items and treats everyone had brought in. Our goal was to go out and "see" with the eyes of Jesus and "see" who He would lead us to give our "Valentine Bag" to. I can't wait to hear all the exciting stories next month.

We would love for you to come join us the second Monday of each month at 10am in Room 223. Our next meeting is March 12. We will have another exciting ministry to share with you then.

Mats and Hats

By Charlotte Maynard

Our mats made from plastic bags for the Mats and Hats Ministry have now reached over the 200 mark. Great job ladies! This project has slowed down due to a lack of ladies who crochet, though, so if any of you out there can crochet, we need you! Ms. Sylvia from Charter Living (formerly Provision Living) is now working on her 69th mat. She is so excited to be so near mat number 70. (Did I mention that she is legally blind?) She has found her "niche" as they say and we are so thankful for her help and enthusiasm.

The third Monday of each month we meet in Room 223 anytime from 10am to 2pm to work on mats and hats. We are concentrating more on the hats now. The Pregnancy Care Center, fall mission trips to Kentucky, and cancer patients at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital are the biggest recipients of our hats.

Our ladies are turning them out like clockwork. We DO have some hardworking ladies and for that we are extremely thankful!! Most of the ladies use different sized looms to make their hats, but then we also have those ladies who knit or crochet the regular way. The looms are inexpensive and easy to use.

Please come see what's happening the third Monday of each month. We would love to teach you how to help.



Mission Friends

By Linda Sharp

Our Mission Friends have been BUSY, BUSY little bees over the last few months. Each Wednesday night has been packed full of service projects for Room in the Inn or special visitors sharing with us about mission trips that have been taken through our church.

In **November** we made 48 place mats for Room In The Inn (RITI), and we decorated 48 lunch bags for them as well. We also learned about Mrs. Rebecca Jane Daniel's mission trip to Russia as we were learning about missionaries serving in that country during this month.

In **December** we made another 48 place mats for RITI and decorated 48 more lunch bags for the guests packed lunch to go, as they left TGBC. We also enjoyed a "Happy Birthday Jesus" party which included games, crafts and yummy cupcakes.

In **January** we prepared 60 place mats and 60 lunch bags for Room In The Inn, and Mrs. Janet Konig visited with the preschoolers to tell them what RITI is all about and to thank them for all of their hard work this year.

In the month of **February** we heard from Hannah and Ben Clark who shared about their recent trip to Israel. They brought five smooth stones from the Sea of Galilee to show us as they talked about David and Goliath, and then they taught us a really fun song they learned while there. We had SO much fun!!! We also celebrated Valentine's Day with games, crafts and a "decorate-your-own" donut bar. YUMMY!!!! We plan on making one more set of placemats and lunch bags for RITI for the month of March before February is over.

In **March** and **April** we look forward to hearing from some of our church members who have been to Dominica and Cuba. We will have our end of year celebration in **May**. It has been a GREAT year in Mission Friends!!!



December placemats for RITI





Ben and Hannah Clark share about their trip to Israel



Janet Konig shares about Room in the Inn



Happy Birthday Jesus Party



January placemats for Room in the Inn (RITI)

Valentine Party



2017-2018 Missions Leadership

Senior Pastor: Dr. Gerald Bontrager

Missions Pastor: David Shirey

Missions Ministry Team Coordinator: Jeff Gilliam

WMU Coordinator and Missions Newsletter Editor: Renee Mathis

WOM Coordinator: Charlotte Maynard

Mission Friends Coordinator: Linda Sharp

Girls in Action (GA) Coordinator: Ashley Byrd

Royal Ambassador (RA) Coordinator: Eric Boswell

Women's Ministry Coordinator: Laurie Abel

Men's Ministry Coordinator: Ryan Hayes

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar		
2/24-3/3	Cuba Mission Trip #1	Santiago, Cuba
3	Human Trafficking 101 and 201 Training	8:30am-noon, Youth Basement
4-11	Week of Prayer for North American Missions	
	and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Emphasis	
9-18	Dominica Mission Trip #2	Dominica
12	WOM Celebrators Meeting	10am, Room 223
16-18	Stand Firm Missions Get-Together & Connection	Gatlinburg
19	Mats & Hats	10am-2pm, Room 223
21	Ladies' Craft Day	10am-3pm, Room 220
25	Men's Ministry Breakfast	7:15am, CLC
Apr		
1	Easter	
6	PCC Annual Fundraising Banquet	Victory Baptist Church
9	WOM Celebrators Meeting	10am, Room 223
16	Mats & Hats	10am-2pm, Room 223
18	Ladies' Craft Day	10am-3pm, Room 220
21-28	Cuba Mission Trip #2	
26	NBA WMU Annual Meeting	5pm-8pm
29	Men's Ministry Breakfast	7:15am, CLC
May		
13	Mother's Day Offering for TN Baptist Children's Home	
14	Men's Ministry 6 th Annual Golf Tournament	Old Hickory Country Club
14	WOM Celebrators Meeting	10am, Room 223
16	Ladies' Craft Day	10am-3pm, Room 220
20	RA Derby	CLC
20	Men's Ministry Breakfast	7:15am, CLC
21	Mats & Hats	10am-2pm, Room 223