

**Significant Activities of the Director of Appalachian Regional Ministry for 2008**

<b>Activities</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>AAEO<sup>1</sup></b>
Miles traveled	49,129	54,004	131,466
Churches visited or worked with directly	372	204	675
Associations visited or worked with directly	40	50	117
Ministry Centers visited and worked with	49	46	126
Meetings attended	262	307	750
Spoke on ARM/AAEO/Missions/Evangelism	118	152	353
Training Events taught	21	15	37
Nights on the road	156	152	385
Mission Conferences (OMC, GIC, other)	7	9	20
Major Display Events	12	19	43
Vision Trips	7	4	13
Estimated short-term volunteers	65,000	60,000	160,000
Estimated professions of faith (1 POF for every 10 to 12 volunteers)	5,400 – 6,500	5,000 – 6,000	13,350-16,000
Project locations	+/-500	+/-500	+/-500
Website hits per month	267,800	267,900	NA
Key hits were projects, culture information, and devotional material			
ARMTube hits per month (limited promotion)	1,030	NA	NA

**Growth of volunteerism in Appalachia through ARM<sup>2</sup>**

<b>Year</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Volunteers</b>	7,500	35,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	60,000	65,000	367,500

During this time project locations have grown from 75 to over 500

**Summary of Activities**

1. The Appalachian Regional Ministry (ARM) director's position became a NAMB national missionary position effective January 1, 2008.
2. Conducted the following Vision Tours into Appalachia with the goal of developing long-term partnerships.
  - a. Truett Baptist Association, Murphy, North Carolina to Mt. Sterling, Kentucky to look at a new church start and on a vision tour of Scioto Valley Baptist Association, Ohio.
  - b. South Carolina Baptist Convention to Northwest Baptist Association, Pennsylvania with the basic purpose of meeting with church planters.
  - c. York Baptist Association, York, SC to Conemaugh Valley Baptist Association, Pennsylvania to look at partnerships with existing churches and new church plants.
  - d. Georgia Baptist Convention to Southwestern Baptist Association, Pittsburgh and Conemaugh Valley Baptist Association, Pennsylvania to look at partnerships with existing churches and new church plants.

<sup>1</sup> The Annie Armstrong Emphasis for ARM ran from June 2006 to December 2008. As of November 2008 ARM continues to be contacted by SBC churches viewing the 2007 AAEO DVD for the first time and the director still being asked to speak on behalf of AAEO and home missions.

<sup>2</sup> Volunteers counts are estimated based on the number of projects filled, reports from the field, and on reports from partnerships through/with ARM.

- e. Traveled with Randy Tate, Church Planter Strategist across southern West Virginia meeting and talking with 24 church planters and discussing how to use volunteers, their needs, and how to develop long-term partnerships.
  - f. Lead the Georgia Baptist WMU to look at eight ministry centers in Eastern Kentucky and one in West Virginia.
  - g. Greenville Baptist Association, Greenville, South Carolina on a vision tour to look at four church planters and their works in the Wytheville, Virginia to Beckley, West Virginia area.
3. Spoke at numerous WMU events in local churches and at associational events. Frequently spoke with children and youth who attended the events.
4. Taught numerous training/educational events that related to ARM.
  - a. February – Georgia Baptist Associational Missionaries meeting – three conferences: 1) How to Plan a Successful Mission Trip and 2) Ministering in Appalachian Culture
  - b. February – Baptist Builders Round Table – one conference: Planning a Successful Missions Trip, Using the NAMB Logistic Manual.
  - c. April – four lectures at Southern Baptists Theological Seminary on Ministering/Missions in Appalachia.
  - d. April – workshop for the Petersburg Baptist Association, Virginia, on Understanding and Volunteering in Appalachian Culture.
  - e. May – at the Virginia Baptist Mission Board Pastor/Deacon Church Leadership Conference two conferences on Volunteer Missions in Appalachia.
  - f. May – workshop for the Southwestern Baptist Association, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on How to Use Volunteers.
  - g. Taught four workshops for the Virginia Baptist Mission Board in Southwestern Virginia on Ministering in the Smaller Membership Church – Wise, Abington, Basset, and Stanton
5. Developed and put ARMTube online. The purpose is for training, finding volunteers, and providing a venue for short term volunteers to tell their story. Website launched in June.
6. Worked with the South Carolina Baptist Convention to produce ten training videos related to doing missions in Appalachia. The videos can be viewed at <http://armtube.org/category/training-for-volunteers/>.
7. In April met with the Evangelism Team at NAMB to discuss evangelism in Appalachia.
8. In April met with John M. Bailey at NAMB to discuss Church Planting in Appalachia.
9. April 18 – commissioned as a Duke of Hazard, Kentucky by the mayor. An honor bestowed on all missionaries serving during the Three Forks Baptist Association OMC.
10. Helped with the planning and participated in the week of MissionsFEST (WMU), Boone Creek Baptist Association, Winchester, Kentucky.
11. June - Bible teacher/speaker for the Family on Missions (NAMB) week in Lynch, Kentucky.
12. July – Bible teacher/speaker for the Family on Missions (NAMB) week in Blue Ridge, Georgia.
13. Displayed at the national RA Rally during the Southern Baptist Annual Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.
14. Displayed at the Southern Baptist Convention Associational Director of Missions meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana.
15. Displayed at the Southern Baptist Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana sharing a booth with the Mississippi River Ministry.

16. Met with Terry Robertson, the Executive Director for State Convention of New York, on several occasions to discuss bringing in the Appalachian region of New York into ARM.
17. Met with Steve Neager with the Baptist Convention of New England and communicated with the state staff on several occasions to discuss bringing in the Appalachian region of New England into ARM.
18. Worked with the South Carolina Baptist Convention to focus on key areas in Ohio through using volunteers.
19. ARM was featured in several SBC publications – NAMB, WMU, and state papers.
20. ARM was the spring and summer missions project of the Southern Baptists Conservatives of Virginia featuring hygiene packs. The items were mailed to ARM and distributed to ministry centers in Central Appalachia. ARM received and distributed an estimated 10 vanloads of items.
21. ARM was featured by the WMU in Christmas in August. Received and distributed over 20 tons of school supplies and over \$9,000 of Wal-Mart Gift Cards to be used in ministering to children. The supplies were distributed to ministry centers, church planters, and associations in Central Appalachia.
22. Working with Millbrook Baptist Church, Aiken, SC was able to pick up and distribute ten vanloads of blankets, towels, and wash clothes to ministry centers in Central Appalachia.
23. Speaker at the South Carolina Senior Adult Mission Trip to Lynch, Kentucky on the “Revival that Came to Eastern Kentucky in 2002.”
24. Displayed at the Appalachian Bivocational Celebration. Also served as a member of the planning committee.
25. Displayed at the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists annual meeting.
26. Displayed at the Georgia Baptist Convention’s annual meeting.
27. Frequently was asked to speak on evangelism during this past year.
28. Proposed and received approval to develop in 2009 a website with helps for Smaller Membership Churches in Appalachia in relation to evangelism.
29. Delivered from Georgia to Eastern Kentucky enough unused and used VBS material to assist an estimated 30 churches with VBS in 2009.
30. Picked up and delivered over 100 vanloads of donated food, clothing, blankets, coats, school supplies, hygiene items, and Bibles into Central Appalachia.

**Note:** When the ARM Executive Director’s position was transferred from the Kentucky Baptist Convention to NAMB, the KBC gave the ARM director the 2007 Chevrolet Uplander van they had issued him to drive. The van has been used to transport over 200 loads of donated items into Appalachia. In February 2008, Millbrook Baptist Church, Aiken, SC donated a small box trailer (5X8) to ARM. The trailer has also been used multiple times to transport donated goods into Appalachia. If the ARM director is traveling in a given area and people call with donations of food, blankets, quality clothing, etc., he makes provision to pick up the items. For transporting goods, the seats are removed from the van.