



Southern Baptists On Mission In Appalachia

Mission Opportunities for Volunteer Service

South Carolina

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Helpful Tips

1. Plan early. Many of the project sites use multiple groups of mission volunteers throughout the year. Call and secure your date as soon as possible.
2. Be flexible. The needs in Appalachia are great and the resources limited. Work closely with the requesting church, association, or ministry center. Ask them how you can assist them in what God has called them to do.
3. Call or email the contact person on the project you are interested in doing. Call and talk to the contact person listed with the project. Discuss their needs and your group's abilities. Also, if they indicate the project has been filled or they do not return telephone calls or emails, please let me know at bbarker@arministry.org or 606-316-4298. Usually the contact person should return your telephone call or email within 24 to 48 hours.
4. Read carefully the Project Planning Guide and the Top Ten Items.
5. If you need assistance in finding a project, please email Bill Barker at bbarker@arministry.org or call 606-316-4298.
6. Brochures and information about Appalachian Regional Ministry are available. Please email Bill Barker at bbarker@arministry.org or call (606) 316-4298 and share the number of brochures you need, a name, and a street mailing address.

The Top Ten Items in Planning Your Mission Trip

1. Pray - involve the whole church in the process through prayer from the dream stage to the celebration.

2. Discover - What are your skills? Where do you feel God is leading you to go? What is your interest? What is the size of your volunteer missions group? Read through the project requests, which are attached, and select one or more that fit what you feel God is calling you to do. If you do not find the area and or project you are looking for, call ARM at 606-316-4298 or email ARM at information@arministry.org

3. Read - Take time to read the Pre-Project and Mission Trip Planning Guide.

4. Contact - One you have selected one or more projects, call the contact person listed, and ask them

about the project. Be sure and ask if the project has already been filled. Also, ask them the questions that are essential for your mission volunteer group. Talk about the dates you have chosen to make sure that it is acceptable for all parties concerned.

5. Visit - Successful mission trips include a pre-site visit to review the site, to secure the housing arrangements, to discuss with the contact person the project, and to pray. This is an excellent time to do a prayer walk or a prayer drive.

6. Goals - what would you like to see accomplished through and on this mission trip. Write it down and share it with your prayer partners. Ask yourself this question, "What do we feel God wants to accomplish through us on this mission trip?"

7. Planning - Using the Pre-Project Planning Guide, will help make your mission trip a positive experience. Be sure and involve the church or ministry you will be serving in your planning. For example, if you are going to a small church in Appalachia to do a Block Party, involve their youth and adults in the activities you have planned. Let them work alongside your missions team. Be sure and ask what Bible Translation is acceptable for you to use in the area you are planning to take your mission trip.

8. Missions - Enjoy your volunteer mission trip. Let this be the mission trip where God uses you in a marvelous way to see many come to faith in Jesus Christ.

9. Report - Take a few moments, email ARM at information@arministry.org, and tell us about your trip. Be sure and tell us how many youth and adults participated in the trip, where you went, what you did, and how many decisions were made. Also, please tell us how we can improve and help make your mission trip next year another exciting adventure for Christ.

10. Celebrate - Work with your pastor and plan a time to share with your church about your mission trip.

START THE PROCESS ALL OVER AGAIN

Any church or persons desiring to make a financial gift to a church in Appalachia should send this gift to the State Convention of which the church is a member or to ARM, designated for the specific church for which it is intended.

Pre-Project and Mission Trip Planning Guide

How to Use This Directory

The directory contains brief outlines of volunteer service opportunities and projects in the Appalachian Regional Ministry multi-state region. The requests are grouped by state, and according to type. Find the project you or your group would feel led to undertake. Then call or write the contact person listed to see if the request has been filled and to get additional planning information. Projects and service opportunities must be negotiated with the sponsor church, association or missions organization.

Some Things You Should Know

The Appalachian Regional Ministry region is diverse socio-economically and culturally. **ALL** volunteers must be willing to work with all types of people in the community. **All** volunteers must work with the local sponsor leadership to support local ministry goals and development.

ALL VOLUNTEERS are personally responsible for providing their own liability and medical insurance. Both sending and receiving groups, organizations or individuals are responsible for their own planning, risks and liabilities.

Unless otherwise provided, volunteers must provide their own local transportation, housing, meals and materials. If housing is provided, be sure to ask if you need to provide your own bedding. Advance planning, frequent communications and fervent prayer between volunteers and sponsor group are essential to a successful missions experience.

Refer to request description for information on:

- description of what needs to be done
- dates and types of volunteers needed
- availability and type of housing and meals
- openness to accept youth and/or adults only
- type of materials and skills needed

Please review the following guidelines when planning for your missions experience.

Goals for volunteer missions are:

1. Meet the needs of the people in the area
2. Spiritually enrich the life of each volunteer
3. Enlarge the missions vision of the volunteer and of the volunteer's church
4. Serve in such a way that bears a positive witness for Jesus Christ

Other considerations include:

1. Age
The recommended age for all volunteers on a mission trip to another location is 15 or older. Exceptions might include children of sponsors, and unusually mature young people under the age of 15 who do not occupy leadership roles.
2. Ratio of sponsors to youth should be not less than 1 to 8.
3. Daily conduct
Orientation and pre-trip planning should help all volunteers understand conduct requirements. Daily conduct should include the avoidance of the use of tobacco products, drugs, alcoholic drinks, vulgar and lewd language, immodest dress, and reckless behavior, etc. All volunteers should conduct themselves daily so as to present a positive Christian witness to everyone around, including other volunteers.
4. Church membership
It is strongly recommended that all volunteers be active church members. Churches are responsible for the supervision, conduct and liability of all volunteers.
5. Local culture

The project area may be culturally diverse and distinct from that of the volunteers. Volunteers must be as sensitive to and appreciative of that culture as if they were in a foreign country. This means that all volunteers need to listen and learn, be open to new ideas, and be capable of making adjustments to the local culture.

6. Servanthood

The local churches, associations and missions organization are the primary ministers to their area. Volunteers must cooperate with and follow local leadership. Additionally, volunteers will want to comply and cooperate within their team.

7. Finances

Unless otherwise specified all volunteer groups will be responsible for: travel cost, food and lodging, supplies and equipment, materials for construction projects, and group insurance while in transit and while on site. (Information about travel and accident insurance is available from the ARM national office.)

8. Organization

Each volunteer group will want to organize in an effective and detailed manner. The following type leaders may be needed:

Project director – usually the pastor, other staff minister or an experienced mature lay person.

Coordinators – for large projects such as; VBS, surveys, health clinics, sports clinics, construction projects, and overall financial coordinator.

Drivers – only adults with current license, adequate insurance and good driving record.

Sponsors – for youth, group leaders, teachers, and persons with any needed specialized skill or certification.

9. Planning

All participants need to work together to develop schedules and activities that are mutually acceptable and workable.

A pre-project site visit is recommended if at all possible. Then frequent contact by phone, letter or e-mail with the project sponsor is necessary to assure the project will accomplish the desired results. Pre-project planning will help volunteers know how to adjust their plans and schedules to best meet the local ministry situation. This will also assure the volunteers that good planning is being done in advance of their arrival. (Some sponsor groups require pre-project orientation for volunteer group leaders.) The use of mission site videos in pre-project planning can enhance volunteers' understanding and excitement for the project.

10. Involving Your church

Once your church has selected and adopted a project, several actions should be taken.

a. Initial contact from the local project leadership should be established.

The church or association that made the request should provide you with additional project information and confirm your visit dates and project details. This should include name, address and phone numbers of your contact person.

b. Your church and mission team should begin praying for the project.

Team members will want to gather frequently for Bible study and prayer in preparation for the missions experience. The whole church will want to begin praying for the mission team, the project sponsor, and for the physical and spiritual project goals. All team members should be trained in personal witnessing.

c. You will want to make a pre-project visit to the project location.

This visit should be pre-arranged with the project sponsor and contact person. Expenses for this visit should be included as part of the overall mission trip budget. Church has responsibility for financial support including adequate insurance, dependable transportation, and needed materials. Details about the project including all materials and local housing arrangements should be discussed. You may find the check list below a helpful pre-project planning guide.

Pre-Project Planning Worksheet

Confirm the project dates _____

Sponsor _____

Contact Person _____

Phone Numbers _____

E-Mail _____

Location _____

In specific terms, what is your team being asked to do?

Local arrangements:

Motel? College? Church? Camp? Homes?

Sleeping quarters

For how many girls? _____

For how many boys? _____

For how many families? _____

Bedding and/or cots needed? _____

Can they be secured at the project site? _____

Restroom facilities

Separate & private for boys & girls? _____

Adequate for group size? _____

Kitchen facilities: what will you need to bring with you?

Pots? _____ How many _____

Pans? _____ How many _____

Cups? _____ How many _____

Glasses? _____ How many _____

Silverware? _____ How many _____

Plates? _____ How many _____

Food: better to bring or buy locally? _____

(plan to clean up and dispose of garbage daily)

Mission project location services?

Is water available? _____

Restrooms? _____

Sound system? _____

Trash cans? _____

What supplies do you need to bring/provide?

If the project is on public property or in a restricted area, has permission been granted?

_____ By whom? _____

How many volunteers do you need? _____

Preachers? _____ Teachers? _____

Drivers? _____ Sponsors? _____

Musicians? _____ Youth? _____

Nurse? _____ Medical Doctor? _____

Event Coordinators? _____

_____ How many? _____

_____ How many? _____

_____ How many? _____

Budget:

Travel? \$ _____ (Include \$250 for unexpected expenses)

Food in transit? \$ _____ (# of meals x # of people x cost of each meal = \$ _____)

Cost of supplies? \$ _____

Cost of teaching materials? \$ _____

Cost of construction materials? \$ _____

Cost of insurance? \$ _____ (In transit and on project site accident and travel)

Miscellaneous? \$ _____

Financing:

Church Budget? \$ _____

Fund-raising Projects? \$ _____

Special Offering? \$ _____

Participant Fees? \$ _____

Other? \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Notes: _____

Travel:

Highways and roads are generally good, but local travel can become congested and slow. Make adequate allowance for delays, regular rest stops, and time to enjoy the journey. Travel in the mountains is best measured in drive time instead of distance.

Accident Insurance:

You will want to make sure your church insurance will cover accidental injuries for anyone in your group.

Or, you can acquire travel/accident insurance information from the national ARM office.

Trip Permission and Medical Care:

Every child and youth must either be accompanied by or have permission from his/her parent/guardian to make the trip.

Every person making the trip should complete a medical form giving their name, address, age, medications currently taken; name, address, phone number of family physician; any known health problems; and permission to seek medical care on their behalf in case of an emergency.

Take a first aid kit prepared by a doctor or pharmacist. Be prepared for insect bites, dog bites, heat exhaustion, diarrhea and hygiene needs.

If possible take a doctor or nurse with you.

Lodging:**Motel/Hotel**

Have all reservations confirmed in writing two weeks prior to trip.

Make written room assignments before departure.

Have established curfew and behavior rules.

Start and end the day with prayer in room groups.

Church/Camp

Take restroom supplies, cleaning supplies, bedding, food, etc.

Leave facilities clean (pay for any damages)

Leave a love gift for utilities.

Private Homes

Be kind and express appreciation.

Take care of your own laundry and clean up after yourself.

Eat what is prepared unless medically prohibited.

Do not walk about in sleepwear.

Be sensitive to the family's schedule.

Restaurants

Try and secure a copy of menus and prepare orders in advance.

Except in fast food places, leave a tip of 15 to 20%.

Practice patience and understanding.

Follow The Leader:

Remember that the ministry belongs to the local churches and missions organizations. Follow their leadership and support their work and planning. Work hard every day. Be flexible. Be ready and punctual.

Lead your group in Bible study, prayer and discussion each morning and night.

Clearly identify and follow designated group leaders. Conflicts should be dealt with without disrupting activities or damaging Christian witness.

Team-building

Plan times in the pre-planning stage to develop your group as a team. Time spent together and shared information will strengthen the bond and readiness of all team members.

Team-building meetings should include such things as: information on the project, expectations of the sponsor and team leaders, spiritual readiness, personal cost, packing guidelines, special needs (diet, health care, etc.), witness training, other special training.

Report and Celebrate:

Share the excitement, results, disappointments and concerns with all of your partners: your church, association and state convention.

Reports should include information on who went, where did you go, what did you do, what happened as a result, what ongoing concerns do you have?

Seek opportunities for participants to share about their experiences and give testimonies of how God was at work during the project.

For use by volunteer teams
Appalachian Regional Ministry
Bill Barker

Appalachian Regional Ministry Projects in South Carolina

Place your mouse over the category below and left click to view projects within that listing.

Variety

Construction

Construction—Home Repair

VARIETY PROJECTS

Each mission site listed has two or more mission opportunities and offers a variety of opportunities for the missions volunteer team.

SC-0008-10 – River Street Baptist Church, Anderson, SC

Evangelism – Light Construction – BYBC – Nursing Home Ministry – Race Track Ministry

River St. Baptist Church needs summer mission teams in 2010. They have a ministry house that can house large groups, includes 30 beds, meeting rooms, full kitchen, close proximity to all stores, hospitals, ministry sites, etc. Teams would be doing evangelism, some light construction, BYBC's, nursing home min., VBS, race track min., Boys and Girls Clubs, etc. Ideal for families, young and older folks are needed.

Contact: Jim Evatt, CCM Coordinator

Address/Location: 708 East River St.
Anderson, SC 29624

Phone 864-369-0006 or 864-934-2924

E-mail: HabitatSupplies@aol.com

Housing: Church can house teams

Food preparation: Church has a full kitchen and close to stores.

Size of groups: 30

Available dates: **THIS PROJECT IS NO LONGER IN EFFECT.**

Materials for ministry: Cost is \$15.00 per day per person.

SC0001-10 – Saluda Association, Anderson, SC

Hispanic/English Work – Prayer Walking – Community Survey – Backyard Bible Club – Evangelism – Outreach Ministry

Saluda Association needs Spanish-speaking, as well as English-speaking, teams to help with outreach ministries in multi-housing areas, etc. Projects include BYBC, prayer walking, community surveys, minor repairs to emergency shelter for abused women and children, staff a boys' and girls' club for five days, block parties, food ministries, etc. Housing with kitchen is available in Southern Baptist Ministries Center at \$15 per person per day. NAMB missionary hostess will be working with you to make your trip a great experience. They especially need teams that are trained in Faith Evangelism to do Faith Surveys. A windshield survey of the needs of the area can be arranged.

River Street Baptist Church needs teams to help with Outreach Ministries in multi-housing areas, etc. Projects include: BYBC, Prayer Walking, community surveys, minor repairs to homes of disadvantaged and disabled, nursing home ministry, B YBC at a boy's and girl's club, block parties, food ministries, etc. Housing with kitchen is available in Southern Baptist Ministry Center at \$15 per day. Retired NAMB missionaries will host and hostess to make your trip a great experience. Housing in an old mansion, and a windshield survey of our needs of the area is highly recommended.

Contact: Jim Evatt, CCM Coordinator

Phone 864-369-0006 or 864-934-2924

E-mail: HabitatSupplies@aol.com

Housing: Housing with kitchen is available in Southern Baptist Ministry Center at \$15 per day.

Food preparation: Kitchen is available in Southern Baptist Ministry

Size of groups:

Available dates: **THIS PROJECT IS NO LONGER IN EFFECT.**

Materials for ministry:

SC0002-10 – Anderson Community Tool Bank Ministry Thrift Store, Anderson, SC

We are in dire need of clothes for infants through 12 yr. olds. You can drop them off at River Street Baptist Church, the location of the Anderson Community Tool Bank Ministry Thrift Store. Proceeds go to furnish free building materials and tools to churches for weatherization and repairs to homes of needy homeowners. We anticipate helping a large number of folks for late summer and fall weatherization projects.

Contact: Jim Evatt, CCM Coordinator

Phone 864-369-0006 or 864-934-2924

E-mail: HabitatSupplies@aol.com

Housing:

Food preparation:

Size of groups:

Available dates:

Materials for ministry:

SC0003-10 – Greer Baptist Association, Greer, SC

Home Repair – VBS – Community Ministry

MissionsQuest, a program of the Greer Baptist Association, requests teams for home repair projects, Quest Clubs – Vacation Bible School, and other community service projects. Praise and worship will be held each night.

Home Repair – VBS

Teams will be needed to do roofing, painting, vinyl siding, etc and Quest Clubs (VBS). Call for information about cost.

Contact: Tom Capps, Missions Mobilization Director

309 W Poinsett St

Greer, SC 29650

Phone 864-877-7670

E-mail: tcapps@greerba.org

Housing: Housing provided in a church with showers.

Food preparation: meals provided in a church

Size of groups:

Available dates:

Materials for ministry: The cost for this project is \$115.00 per person arriving on Sunday evening and departing on Friday morning. Cost includes all meals, lodging for the week, insurance, MissionsQuest t-shirt, and other items.

SC0004-10 – Shepherd's Door Community Center, Camp Croft, SC

Backyard Bible Clubs – Prayer Walking – Street Evangelism – Construction – Community/Ministry Evangelism – Mentors – Food/Supplies – Block Parties

Shepherd's Door Community Center (SDCC) located in Camp Croft, ministers to those in Spartanburg County working with drug addicts, prostitutes, and inner city youth. Their short term and long term volunteer needs include:

- Mentors- Men or women who can spend two hours a week with a Christian Women's Job Corps/Christian Men's Job Corps participants
- Construction- We need a room expanded on the back to hold more for services
- Cooking meals - We need hot meals for our weekly service
- Summer mission teams- Backyard Bible clubs or community service work (plant flowers, pick up trash)
- Prayer walking
- Street evangelism
- Collecting supplies (paper products, etc.)
- Sponsor a child or adult for Christmas or Easter
- Build picnic tables and park benches

Housing Options:

- Small groups (10-20) could stay here at the Community Center
- Many hotel options
- We have some individuals and churches willing to house mission groups

Contact: Leroy Sheppard, Director of SDCC or Marlaina Sheppard, Site Coordinator/NAMB MSC Missionary

116 Crest Circle

Spartanburg, SC

Phone: Office (864) 585-1773 or Cell (864) 621-4235

Email: shepherdsdoorctr@aol.com

Housing: Small groups of 10-20 can stay @ Community Center, many hotel options, with some individual and churches willing to house groups.

Food preparation:

Size of groups:

Available dates:

Materials for ministry:

CONSTRUCTION

SC0006-10 – SonRise Baptist Church, Spartanburg, SC

Construction

Volunteers needed to assist with new building. The building is a multipurpose building with classrooms as well as a gym/worship area. The pastor says, "We need a plumber for one day of work and someone to make return air covers. These are 2 ft x 4 ft and need to be expansion metal and a 2 inch angle metal frame. We also need someone with electrical experience to hook up two 5-ton HVAC units. These units are already hooked up for the duct work. We need seven boxes of drop in ceiling 2x4 blocks as well. Thanks for all your help in the past. The teams that have come have done a tremendous job." Call for more information. The pastor has a construction background.

Contact: David Moore

SonRise Baptist Church

101 Peach Valley Drive

Spartanburg, SC. 29303

Phone: 864-706-0734

Email: flomo@charter.net

Housing:

Food preparation:

Size of groups:

Available dates: **THIS PROJECT IS NO LONGER NEEDED.**

Materials for ministry:

CONSTRUCTION – HOME REPAIR

SC0007-10 – Central Community Ministries, Greenville, SC

Home Repair for Low-Income Homeowners – Various Other Ministries

Central Community Ministries (CCM) needs volunteer teams to do home repair work on the homes of low-income homeowners. The city of Greenville provides all materials and CCM provides all the labor. Skilled volunteers required for this project but we have other ministries for those who are not skilled in construction work. Go to our website at, www.ccmsc.org, and click on "opportunities" to see what we have to offer. CCM is a year round ministry. We especially cater to those who are looking for summer mission trips, fall breaks, and spring breaks. Please **Contact** Ellis for information on housing and meals.

Contact: Ellis Beddingfield, Director (MSC Missionary)

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 2392
Greenville, SC 29602

Physical Address: 601 Green Ave.
Greenville, SC 29601

Phone: (864)232-9797 (Office), (864)505-3438 (Cell), 864-232-9801 (Fax)

Email: ellis@ccmsc.org

Website: www.ccmsc.org

Association:

Housing: Church or Family Life Center available

Food preparation: Large kitchen available for volunteers to prep food

Size of groups: Small or large groups acceptable (15 – 150)

Available dates: **CCM is a year round ministry.**

Materials for ministry: The city of Greenville provides all materials.

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