**2020 Suggested Report**

**GLOBAL MISSIONS**

**Mission** **Partnerships**

When you “missionary support”, financial is typically what comes to mind. Baptists have the best system of financial support of any missions sending organization through Cooperative Program and Lottie Moon.

However, supporting our missionaries is more than financial. Alabama Acts 1:8 Connections helps churches support Alabama missionaries at a personal level. Through prayer and partnership, every church can have an opportunity to encourage and work alongside our missionaries and in turn impact the world through missions. Information can be found at [www.a18c.org](http://www.a18c.org)

As our missionaries are going into areas that are at a higher risk, so must our volunteers.

These volunteers need specialized training not only to protect themselves but the people with whom they will work. Faith focused safe travel training is available to all Alabama Baptist mission team. Personalized trainings are available and should be done approximately four weeks prior to the trip.  More info can be found at [www.a18c.org/ffst](http://www.a18c.org/ffst)

Travel insurance is a must for volunteers. Even if a volunteer’s personal insurance is valid overseas, there are still deductibles and other out of pocket expenses that can be covered by an inexpensive travel policy. Not all policies are equal. A recommended coverage plan can be found at [www.a18c.org/patriot/](http://www.a18c.org/patriot/)

**Men’s Ministries**

Over the past few years, Baptist Men’s Ministries has shifted it’s focus toward developing a culture of discipling men.   Men and Boys Spiritual Development, our primary focus, can be done through a number of intentional strategies. It is not a “one strategy” for every church. Your church can receive help to develop your own strategy for how you can better disciple men and boys from spiritual infancy to spiritual reproduction. We offer a variety of ways to create an atmosphere of Christian growth for men.

More information can be found at: [www.alabamamen.org](http://www.alabamamen.org)

**DisasterRelief**

Ministry volunteers represent Jesus in a real and tangible way by loving and serving people. Alabama volunteers have served at length to assist survivors this past year. Alabama Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers have fed the hungry, cleared trees and debris from houses and yards, as well as cleaned houses from flood debris. DR Chaplains have had opportunities not only to share the gospel, but to listen to people as they deal with catastrophic events. Alabama Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers are ready to serve wherever needed with the hopes to not only meet physical needs but to share Jesus.

Training information can be found at [www.sbdr.org](http://www.sbdr.org)

**Chaplaincy**

Training is a key component of what the State Board of Missions provides to chaplains around the state. These trained volunteers work to establish relationships and overcome barriers prior to disasters. They serve in many settings:

\*Public safety/first responder chaplains care for the men and women on the front lines of protecting our communities.

\*Disaster Relief chaplains are trained in ministry to persons in crisis.

\*They offer their skill set to areas of need in their local community.