**2021 Suggested Report**

**GLOBAL MISSIONS**

**Mission** **Partnerships**

In addition to partnering churches with Alabama missionaries through Acts 1:8 Connections, we now have opportunities through the State Board of Missions to partner in a formal way in Alaska. Alabama Baptists and Alaska Baptists entered into a formal partnership in the spring of 2021 and have many opportunities to work alongside each other. These opportunities and promotional aids can be found at www.a18c.org/alaska.

Alabama Acts 1:8 Connections helps churches support Alabama missionaries through prayer and partnership. Every church has 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)

Missions volunteers need specialized training not only to protect themselves but the people with whom they will work in international settings. Faith focused safe travel training is available to all Alabama Baptist mission teams. 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)

Even if a volunteer’s personal insurance is valid overseas, there is still a need for travel insurance. For a minimal cost, there is help to cover deductibles and other out of pocket expenses. 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**

Men and Boys Spiritual Development has as its focus the development of discipling men. This can be done through a number of intentional strategies--not a “one strategy” for every church. Your church can receive help to develop a strategy for how you can 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.