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Dear Pastors and Mission Leaders:

Mobile Baptists are partnering with the Alabama State Board of Missions (ALSBOM) to encourage simultaneous outreach events entitled *Making a Difference Mobile*. The partnership allows participating Mobile Baptist Association (MBA) churches to receive a **small grant (\$100-\$1,500)** to provide one or more outreach events **any weekend (or weekday) during March 2024**. The events will lead to your harvest service on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024.

Begin by visiting alsbom.org/makingadifference web portal for the resources available to plan, conduct and receive a grant for MBA simultaneous evangelistic events. Since Covid, **we desperately need to follow Jesus in Luke 19:10** to seek and to save the lost in Mobile County.

We encourage you to create an outreach event that lost people will attend so you can introduce them to Jesus and your church. Volunteers also can register at that link.

Follow the link on the portal to **request a demographic study** of your community, then download the provided discussion guide to review the data you receive. Download and conduct the **provided community survey**. Plan the event(s) based on what you learn. Consider using the included graphics, prayer guide, evangelism training and upcoming sermon outlines from Dr. Rick Lance.

Print and review the online application form. Then **complete the application form online for each event by October 5, 2023**. David Gill, Jerrod Brown, Gerald Burch and I can help you complete the application and chat about evangelistic ministry options. We encourage multiple churches collaborating. Be creative with an outreach event (as opposed to the easier service projects). Reach out to your community, local schools, first responders, senior citizens and ethnic groups. Include sports or professional-themed clinics, banquets, block parties, prayer walking and evangelistic ministry.

To help your planning, the information needed on the **grant application form** includes: describe the type of event and date, list the other churches collaborating, request the training needed to prepare, identify other resources needed, a proposed budget including the requested grant amount, request volunteer teams from across the state and describe the follow up plan. Churches in good standing will receive priority approval.

The MBA Evangelistic Ministries/Missions Committee, Moderators and ALSBOM missionaries will review the applications and **award the grants by the end of October 2023**. The grant amount will **reimburse event expenses** that have receipts. These resources are no charge to you because of your financial support of the Mobile Baptist Association and the Myers-Mallory State Missions offering.

Churches of course can conduct any event at any time they choose. The application process is to coordinate limited resources available for *Making a Difference Mobile*.

Together we can make an eternal difference across Mobile County.

In the Lamb,

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