

## 2024 Woman's Missionary Union Report

Alabama Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) was honored to join the Alabama Baptist State Convention in celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the convention last November. For 135 of these 200 years, Alabama WMU has faithfully come alongside the State Board of Missions in serving our Alabama Baptist churches helping them learn about missions, pray for missions, give to missions, and go on mission.

As the 2023 Summer ended, participants at the Biennial Meeting gave thanks to God for our five years of praying daily for the people of Pakistan. Missionaries and participants were moved to tears as they acknowledged the powerful hand of God over the 1,633 days that we had prayed daily for God to move in Pakistan. He accomplished immeasurably more than all we could hope or pray for. Our mission representative from the area acknowledged that when Pak Prayer began our personnel were discouraged. Participants learned the mission force has quadrupled and weekly we are hearing of people coming to faith. While this place of service is hard, personnel are encouraged at the movement of God.

Fifty-three mission and ministry leaders participated in a new training effort called Missional Leader Training (MLT). MLT will be a multi-level training with additional levels offered each year. The first year took participants back to the basics of missions. The second level of MLT is Mission Leader Training: Generations.

Eight missionaries serving in various parts of the world participated in Great Commission Conversations (GCC). GCC's are zoom calls held during 8 months of the year that introduce participants to our Alabama missionaries. Participants were encouraged by stories of God's work and learned to pray more specifically. In addition, mission personnel give firsthand accounts of what is happening in real time through this ministry. GCC is open to everyone.

In its ninth year the collection of Christmas Backpacks grew to 15,023 collected and distributed across the Mississippi River Delta and parts of Appalachia. Nearly 38,000 people heard the Gospel with 346 responding with a profession of faith. Alabama Baptists have collected a grand total of 88,296 Christmas Backpacks during the history of this ministry.

Missions Adventure Camp (MAC) at WorldSong reopened in 2022 following the pandemic. MAC has grown from 0 to 325 campers who come from associations all over Alabama. MAC is unique in that it is mission focused. Campers are taught to pray, go, and give. Campers gave more than \$2,800 to assist with work of one of our IMB workers they studied. MAC hears glowing testimonies of its focus on missions, Jesus, and being intentional with her campers.

WorldSong is home to several other mission focused weekend camping experiences that happen throughout the year. One such camp is Student Missions Weekend. In January more than 100 teenagers camp together to focus on God's heart through missions. How powerful to watch students absorb this message.

There is much to celebrate as God works through the ministries of Alabama WMU. We are grateful for how God moves through her members all across the state.

We continue to be thankful for the generosity of Alabama Baptists as they support the work of missions by gifts given through the Cooperative Program and to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, and to the Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering. To God Be The Glory!