

2024 Report GLOBAL MISSIONS

Mission Partnerships

Knowing a missionary is critical when it comes to engagement in missions. A close relationship and regular interaction with a missionary will excite your church about missions more than anything else.

Your church, through your association or the State Board of Missions, can connect with a missionary for this kind of relationship. Connecting with them can influence missions involvement, missions giving, and growth among your members.

Alabama Acts 1:8 Connections helps churches support Alabama missionaries through connections, crisis preparation, and Celebrations. 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

Numerous opportunities are available through the State Board of Missions partnership with Alaska. Week long projects, longer terms commitments, and other opportunities are all possibilities in this mission field. These opportunities and promotional aids can be found at www.alaskabrn.com.

Crisis preparation is essential for missions volunteers. Specialized training is needed not only to protect volunteers 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

Travel insurance is a must for all missions volunteers. 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/

Men's Ministries

Men and Boys Spiritual Development helps churches develop an overall strategy for discipling men and boys. Church consultations and assistance in strategy development are available for all levels. State-wide events for boys in grades 1-6 and for teen boys are key in this strategy.

More information can be found at: www.alabamamen.org.

Disaster Relief

Alabama Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers, also known as the "yellow shirt army" represent Jesus in a real and tangible way by loving and serving people during times of disaster. These volunteers receive training through the State Board of Missions in multiple areas which include: chainsaw, clean up/recovery, mass feeding, communications, administration, and chaplaincy. Training events can be found at www.sbdr.org

Chaplaincy

Chaplains are volunteers who receive specialized training to work in multiple 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.

Training is a key component of what the State Board of Missions provides to chaplains around the state. The training schedule can be found at www.sbdr.org.