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To: Baptist Leaders in Pennsylvania

From: Mark Abernathy, Partnership Coordinator, Baptists on Mission (BOM)

Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

Greetings to you from North Carolina! I hope you and your family are faring well through what has been a challenging time for all. In past years, God has blessed North Carolina congregations with the opportunity to serve alongside congregations and church leaders in Pennsylvania. We feel so blessed to play just a small part of what God is doing in your state! We look forward to partnering



with you again for mission service in 2022. I am writing to encourage you to request a volunteer mission team (or teams!) from North Carolina in 2022. Our desire is to partner with you in reaching your community for Christ. Here are some ways our volunteer teams participated in missions in the past:

Vacation Bible Schools Backyard Bible Clubs Leadership Training Community Surveys Music/Drama Outreach Sports Camps and Clinics Block/Park Parties Servant Evangelism

Construction/Renovation .....and More!

The process for requesting a North Carolina mission team is simple:

- 1. Pray about how you might have a volunteer team partner with you in ministry.
- 2. Fill out a NC Volunteer Request Form, including as much description as possible about the project include housing and meal options, materials costs (if any), etc..
- 3. Send the request to Mark Abernathy, Baptists on Mission (BOM)
- 4. Your requests will be promoted among our churches here in North Carolina in a variety of ways.
- 5. When a church shows interest, the team leader will be put in direct touch with you to mutually determine if it is a good "fit", and, if so, to work out all the logistical details.

I have enclosed a copy of the 2022 NC Volunteer Request Form. I realize this summer is not yet over, but many of our churches begin their planning early. We will be making an initial list of projects available to our churches in late-September and would like to have as many requests in as possible by September 15, 2021. (Of course, I will gladly receive your requests at any time, and throughout the year, but the sooner we get them, the better.)

Returning Teams. We encourage mutually beneficial partnerships between churches. If you have made direct contact with a North Carolina church or individual, and are already planning to invite them to return to work with you in 2022, please fill out a NC Partnership request form for them and send it to me. There is a place on the form for designating a certain individual or church team. This helps us keep track of the great things God is doing in Pennsylvania through NC congregations, and gauge the effectiveness of our Partnership. It also helps us provide important insurance and background check information to the team. If you do not have a team in mind, that is fine. North Carolina Baptists have Pennsylvania on their hearts. We will promote your request and see what God does!

God bless you and your family as you serve Him in Pennsylvania! Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions about the Partnership or about the status of a specific request. My contacts are – 919-459-5607 – or- <a href="mailto:mai