

Hello Dear Friends,

You are all in our prayers often as you serve so faithfully. Thank you for the support, encouragement, friendship, and training you offer the churches you serve.

It is a joy for Baptists on Mission to serve you. While the Baptist Building has been closed since mid-March, the staff of Baptists on Mission has been able to continue to work a good bit from our offices. For March and April we rotated our staff so that about half of us were in Cary each day and the others worked from home.

Farmers to Families Food Boxes

On May 1 we applied for the USDA Farmers to Families Food Program. This program is designed to help farmers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic move their products to those in need rather than have it wasted because of a lack of delivery options. You saw many reports in March and April of produce, milk, and animals being destroyed. We were notified on May 8 that we had been awarded the grant and began delivery of food boxes on May 15. Since then, it has been all-hands-on-deck and nearly all Baptists on Mission staff have worked from the office as we coordinated the delivery of 13,000 food boxes per week (8000 produce boxes, 2000 meat boxes, 2000 gallons of milk, and 1000 boxes of cheese. Many of you have covered "the last mile" in getting these boxes into the hands of families with nutrition needs. Last week we heard that we had the grant renewed for July - August, so we will deliver 12,000 boxes per week from July 6 - August 29.

Rebuild Sites

Our rebuild sites in Rose Hill, Lumberton, New Bern, Pender County, Wilmington, and Kelly are all still assisting families whose homes were damaged by Hurricane Florence. If you can encourage your churches to send a team, or lead one yourself, we would be delighted to have you serve. You can register teams at:

<https://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/By-Mission-Type/Disaster-Relief/Hurricane-Florence>

NC Missions Offering Time is Coming Soon!

This is a challenging time for all churches as they adjust when, how, and where they gather. For some the different opportunities to meet have been rewarding and for some this has been a tremendously difficult time. We certainly understand that and are praying that God renews churches passion for serving and that the connections with local communities and beyond expand exponentially.

In the next week or two you will receive the NC Missions Offering certificates that we give annually to the Top 3 churches in each association plus the Top 100 in NC for their generosity to the NC Missions Offering. These certificates are being sent to you so that you can celebrate these generous churches and honor them for their faithfulness.

As you know, the NCMO provides the entire budget of Baptists on Missions. Without your great faithfulness to pray, give, and go, the opportunity I mentioned above to distribute Farmers to Families Food Boxes would never have happened. NCMO also provides about half of the funds used for church planting in NC plus 10% of contributions are used by your associations for mission needs you identify.

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In His service,

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