



# It all starts with one drop.

One ripple.
One touchpoint can change the world.



Impact Missions strives to connect individuals and churches as they seek to serve Christ and thrive as disciples. It really is that simple – at least on the surface. We all know that thriving as a disciple of Christ is not something to be taken lightly or something that one merely dabbles in on occasion. Being a disciple is about who we are and who we are becoming. At Impact Missions we believe that serving Christ in very practical ways is one of the best avenues to grow toward that life we seek to attain.

Our goal is to provide meaningful, trusted experiences for individuals and churches that then lead to strong relationships with other disciples, resulting in the love of Christ being shared and the journey of discipleship continuing.

Impact Missions accomplishes this goal through a variety of hands-on mission experiences as well as opportunities for financial support, prayer, training, and relationship. We are all on this journey together and we gladly walk alongside you knowing that we are better together than we are alone.

We connect, serve, and thrive to change the world-one mission experience at a time!





# **Serve with Impact Disaster Response**

# Mobilizing Volunteers to Provide High-Quality Services to Meet Human Needs After a Disaster

When a disaster strikes a community, we all want to do something. But how we help is as important as being willing to help. With our training, partnerships, and experiences behind you, you and your church can help people facing all of the challenges a storm presents.

#### Ways we serve:

- · Feeding affected communities and responders
- Cleanup of flood-damaged homes tear-out and mold remediation
- Chainsaw work clearing downed trees
- Long-term Rebuild restoring families to their homes, in a condition as good as or better than it was before the storm
- Crisis care chaplains providing emotional and spiritual support to people impacted by the disaster.
- NEW! Tiny Home Initiative to provide temporary or permanent housing to those whose homes are completely destroyed by storms.



# **Serve in Community Missions**

#### **Equipping Disciples to Transform Communities**

Our Community Missions initiative invites pastors and lay leaders to reimagine how the local church engages its neighborhood—cultivating discipleship that includes learning and action, equipping disciples of Jesus to apply what they learn by investing in and strengthening their communities. By leveraging tools like Asset-Based Community Development, rethinking familiar programs, and exploring innovative approaches to building Christ-centered relationships beyond the sanctuary, our team equips churches to become active, compassionate participants in the lives of those who may never walk through the doors on a Sunday morning—but who deeply need the hope and healing of Jesus.

#### We are developing tools to help:

- Bridge the gap between traditional church life and communitybased ministry.
- Find a network of support with others pursuing similar missional goals.
- Offer training and resources for effective ministry outside the sanctuary.
- Understand Asset-Based Community Development to identify and leverage community and congregational strengths and potential partnerships.
- Reimagine building disciples inside and outside the building through sustainable community engagement.
- Make missional living in everyday spaces part of what it means to be a follower of Jesus.



#### **Serve with Youth Missions**

#### Ways we serve:

• Impact Mission Camp - Impact Mission Camps are a construction-based mission experience for youth in middle and high school. During camp, youth and their leaders work on projects to help keep homeowners safe, warm, and dry. In the evenings, participants are engaged in worship and activities to foster spiritual growth and deepen relationships within their church groups. • Camp Staff Positions - Impact Mission Camps invite college-aged adults to make service a part their summer through a five-week paid position as camp staff. Young adults will have the opportunity to grow in faith and leadership through a summer of leading students, engaging with community members, and leaning into their God-given gifts and talents. • Retreats for Youth - Every fall, churches are invited to bring their middle and high school students to an engaging weekend retreat experience at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center in Lynchburg, VA. Students will participate in worship, breakouts, and fun free time with other students. This experience will be an opportunity for participants to grow in faith and make fun memories with their youth group. impactmissionsmovement.org/ youth-missions/what-we-do/

# **SERVE YEAR-ROUND WITH US!**

Participate in a different mission focus every month of the year using the guide below.





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DISASTER RECOVERY

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**READY TO SERVE:** Spend time in Bible study, consider what God may be calling you to do, and prepare as a church to serve together.



COMMUNITY MISSIONS: There is a mission field just beyond your Sanctuary doors. Go on a prayer walk in the neighborhood surrounding your church and ask God to show you where you can meaningfully engage your neighbors.



**3 CHURCH PLANTING:** Your church can plan a Zoom prayer meeting together with one of the indigenous church planters we support.



**04 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION:** Express appreciation for the people who volunteer their time in your church to serve within and outside the walls.



**DISASTER PREPAREDNESS:** Hurricane Preparedness Week is May 1-7. Your church can train and form local partnerships so you're ready to respond wherever disaster strikes.



**Pocus: Focus:** Focus: Focus



PARTNERING WELL: Partnership strengthens ministry—generations within the church can serve and learn together, and churches and organizations can unite to make a greater impact. Find a partner this month and serve together!



**Q3** YOUTH MISSIONS: Focus on ways to involve youth in community mission and service opportunities in August.



DISASTER RECOVERY: September is National Preparedness Month, and we focus on long-term recovery. When a disaster happens, long after the initial outpouring of support, our teams remain—rebuilding homes and restoring lives.



HUNGER: Food scarcity is unfortunately a common concern across the world, including in Virginia. BGAV's Hunger Offering provides funds to dozens of partners who are working to eliminate hunger in the communities.



**THANKFULNESS:** Give thanks for the gifts of the God and the opportunity to share God's love in your community and around the world.



**GENEROSITY:** During this season of giving, celebrate the ways we can embody the hope, peace, joy and love that we are called to share with the world.

#### **Serve in International Missions**

# Transcending Geographical, Cultural, and Political Boundaries as Part of the Global Church

International Missions provides ways for us to connect with our sisters and brothers from around the world, so that we can help each other address community needs, support ministries, and pursue the unity which is central to our Christian witness.

Learning from each other in mutually transformative relationships is foundational to our approach to International Missions. We focus on long-term partnerships that allow us to appreciate each other's gifts, develop trust, and share insights into each other's situations.

We would like to see every local church collaborating with an international partner in their ministry efforts. We believe that sharing spiritual and physical resources helps all of us to discover new ways to more fully respond to God's call to bless our respective communities.

#### focus:poverty

We want to help communities develop capacity to provide for their children and build a thriving future. Your church can invest in sustainable change through prayer, church-to-community partnerships, and several Nourish To Flourish initiatives that combat malnutrition, increase water security, and provide training in income generation.

#### Ways we serve:

- Nourish To Flourish in Guatemala
  - More Than Nets in Ghana
    - Source of Light Center in Haiti

#### focus:refugees

Over 82 million refugees in the world have been driven from their homes by conflict, persecution, and famine. We partner with the European Baptist Federation to support their refugee assistance in Lebanon, Austria, and Greece. We also support ReEstablish Richmond and other refugee integration organizations in Virginia.

#### Ways we serve:

- Lebanon
  - All4Aid
  - ReEstablish Richmond





#### focus:churchplanting

For over 20 years BGAV has sponsored indigenous church planters in Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and the Middle East. Your church can personally engage with the planters we support, encouraging them and energizing your congregation. In addition we are involved in indigenous church planting in Ghana and in Kenya.

#### Ways we serve:

- European Baptist Federation
- Ghana
- Kenya

#### going deeper

When churches collaborate, they can encourage and inspire each other in identifying mission roadmap, as well as provide constructive assessment and suggestions. In our international mission partnerships we get to compare experiences across cultural and geographical boundaries. Sometimes that helps us better understand what is faith and what is a cultural habit. It is also a valuable resource in identifying ways to live out our faith in our own community, and an expression of our unity in Christ around the globe.

#### Ways we serve:

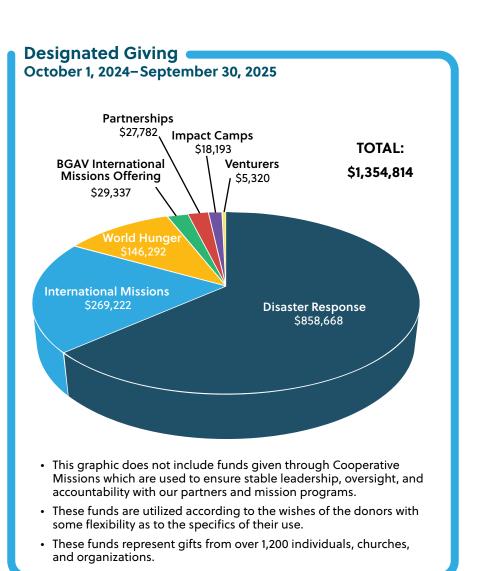
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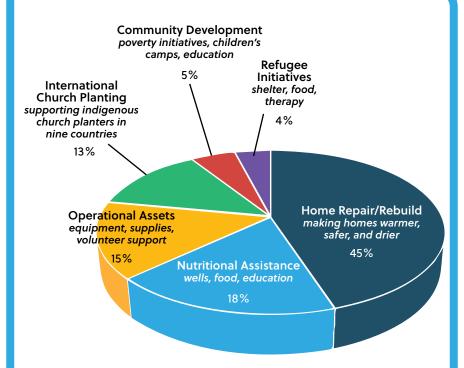
### Not all impacts can be measured.

Our **IMPACT** is more about stories and relationships than finances. But we believe it to be important that people to see how the gifts entrusted to us are utilized. If you want to discover the stories and relationships then we invite you to sign up for our newsletter, visit our website, or go with us on a mission experience to see your gifts in action.

Visit IMPACTMISSIONSMOVEMENT.ORG to learn more.



#### **Areas of Impact**



- This graphic shows how these designated gifts were utilized to generate impact through a wide variety of areas of concern. The gospel message is shared throughout all the encounters funded by these gifts thus providing a message of hope, salvation, and healing to those searching and in need.
- You will notice that the majority of these gifts were given to our disaster response ministry following the destruction from Hurricane Helene which affected the western part of Virginia on September 27th, 2024.
   Virginia Baptists have been very generous with these specific gifts and the clean-up and rebuild continued throughout 2025.



# **Give to Impact Missions**

Online: ImpactMissionsMovement.org

#### **Gift Catalog:**

Visit our gift catalog and choose through a list of specific items you can "purchase" and we will make sure those items are given to the selected area.

#### By Check:

Impact Missions 2828 Emerywood Pkwy Henrico, VA 23294 (please include a note to indicate purpose)

#### What to Donate

Funds tend to be the best resource that can be offered to support Impact Missions and our partners in the field. Funds allow for flexibility and creativity which tends to enhance the mission and bring about the best work that can be accomplished.

**Gifts In-Kind** such as building supplies, food, books, etc. are accepted ONLY when specifically requested. Unrequested Items sent to our office will not be accepted.

For **Special Gifts** such as vehicles, trailers, property, stock, or to discuss estate planning or endowments, please contact Dean Miller at dean.miller@bgav.org.





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